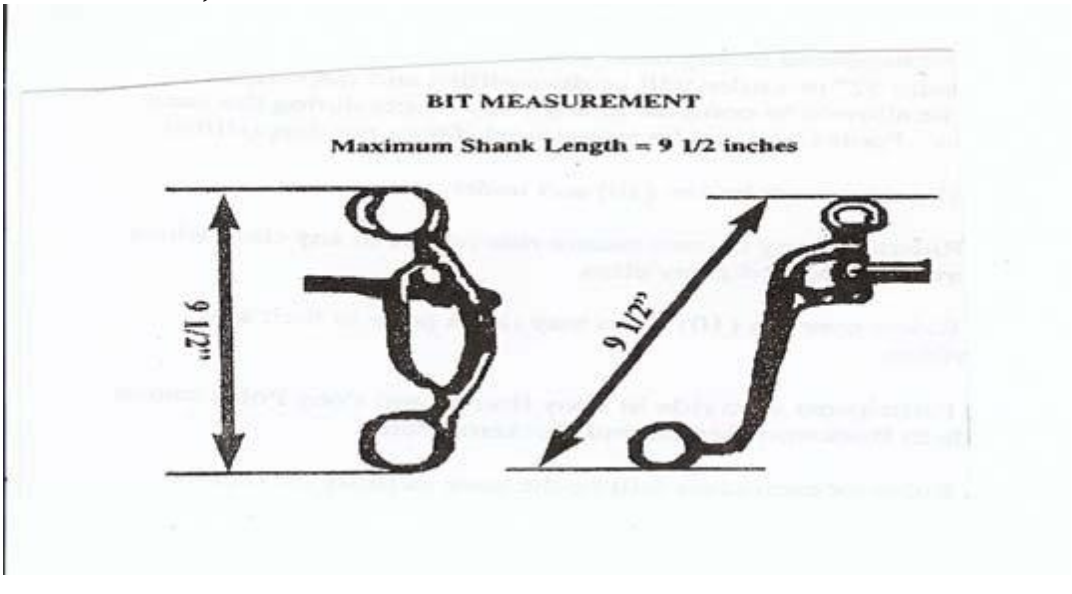
GAITED PLEASURE

1. S.H.O.W RULES **6B** (SHOW PLEASURE) WILL APPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:
2. THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL GAITED HORSE BREEDS
3. BRAIDS ARE OPTIONAL FOR THIS CLASS.
4. OPEN SHOEING OF THE HORSE IS ALLOWED, AS PERMITTED BY THE HPA AND SHOW REGULATIONS.
5. A REST PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 10 MINUTES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE LAST WORK OFF.
6. HORSE TO BE SHOWN AT A WALK AND FAVORITE GAIT. HORSE WILL ENTER THE ARENA AT A WALK.
7. ENGLISH OR WESTERN EQUIPMENT MAY BE USED.
8. THE CLASS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE PERFORMANCE AND CONFORMATION OF THE HORSE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.
9. THE WEARING OF HATS IS OPTIONAL FOR THE LADIES; THE WEARING OF HATS IS MANDATORY FOR MEN.
10. ONE OR BOTH HANDS MAY BE USED ON THE REINS.
11. GAITED HORSES WILL NOT BE ASKED TO BACK.
12. BEGINNING THE 2005 STATE SHOW A DQP WILL BE USED TO CHECK ALL GAITED HORSES PRIOR TO BEING SHOWN IN THEIR CLASS.
13. BITS WITH SHANKS IN EXCESS OF 9 ½" IN LENGTH ARE PROHIBITED. SHANKS ARE MEASURED FROM THE VERY TOP OF THE METAL TO THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE METAL INCLUDING THE RINGS TO WHICH THE CHEEKS AND REINS ARE ATTACEHD. SEE BIT DIAGRAM.
14. TIME OUTS WILL BE GOVERNED BY S.H.O.W. RULE **F-10** (SHOW RULE BOOK JUDGES SECTION)
15. **REQURIED GAITS FOR GAITED PLEASURE:**
    - **a. FLAT WALK (WALK)**: THE FLAT WALK SHOULD BE BOLD AND FOUR-CORNERED WITH AN EVENLY TIMED 1-2-3-4 BEAT. IN THE FLAT WALK THE HORSE SHOULD BREAK AT THE KNEES, REACHING AND PULLING WITH THE FRONT LEGS WITH THAT MOVEMENT ORIGINATING FROM THE SHOULDER. THE HORSE SHOULD HAVE IMPULSION AND EXHIBIT STRIDE AND DRIVE WITH THE HIND LEGS. THERE SHOULD BE NO WRINGING OR TWISTING OF THE HOCKS, NOR ANY EXCESSIVE HOCK ACTION. THE HORSE SHOULD DEMONSTRATE A LOOSE WAY OF GOING WITH PLENTY OF MOTION. OVER STRIDE IS IMPORTANT BUT SHULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THE CONFORMATION AND LENGTH OF THE BACK AND LEGS OF THE HORSE. A HORSE WITH A GOOD FLAT WALK WILL NATURALLY HAVE A STRAIGHT, UP AND DOWN HEAD MOTION TIMED WITH THE OVERALL RHTYM OF THE WALK.
    - **b. RUNNING WALK (FAVORITE GAIT):** THE RUNNING WALK HAS THE SAME BEAT OR EVENLY TIMED FOOTFALL (1-2-3-4) AS THE FLAT WALK BUT IS MUCH SMOOTHER WITH GREATER STRIDE, RHYTHM AND NATURAL MOTION. THE INCREASED REAR LEG STRIDE AND INCREASED REACH IN THE SHOULDER CREATE THIS SMOOTHER RIDE AND PROPEL THE HORSE AT A FASTER SPEED WITHOUT CHANGING THE CADENCE OF THE LEG MOTION. AS WITH THE FLAT WALK, THE HORSE WILL NATURALLY HAVE A STRAIGHT UP AND DOWN VERTICAL HEAD MOTION TIMED WITH THE OVERALL RHYTHM OF THE RUNNING WALK. A CORRECTLY PERFORMED RUNNING WALK IS TRULY A GAIT OF EASE, PRODUCING A CLEARLY HEARD AND EASILY COUNTED 4-BEAT TEMPO.

16. S.H.O.W. RULES **3-D** (GENERAL REQUITEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HORSES) WILL APPLY, **EXCPET RULE NUMBER 5; NO COMMUNICATION DEVICES MAY BE USED.** 11



SLOW GAITED PLEASURE

1. S.H.O.W RULES **5-D** (COUNTY PLEASURE) WILL APPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCPETIONS.
2. THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL GAITED HORSE BREEDS.
3. RIDERS MUST USE WESTERN TACK ONLY, AND THE RIDER MAY USE TWO HANDS.
4. THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO ALL GAITED HORSE BREEDS.
5. OPEN SHOEING OF THE HORSE IS ALLOWED AS PERMITTED BY THE HPA AND SHOW REGULATIONS. SHOES WILL BE STEEL-TO-HOOF (FLAT SHOD). HORSES WILL BE SHOD WITH THE FROG DISPOSED; BANDS ARE OPTIONAL.
6. HORSE IS TO BE SHOWN AT A WALK AND FAVORITE GAIT. HORSES WILL ENTER THE ARENA AT A WALK.
7. DRESS WILL BE WESTERN, WITH EXHIBITORS EXPECTED TO PRESENT THEMSELVES IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER.
8. HORSES IN SLOW GAITED WILL NOT BE ASEKD TO BACK.
9. ANY STANDARD HORSE BIT MAY BE USED, EXCEPT FOR GAG BIT WITH NO SHANKS.
10. BITS WITH SHANKS IN EXCESS OF 9 ½" IN LENTH ARE PROHIBITED. SHANKS ARE MEASURED FROM THE VERY TOP OF THE METAL TO THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE METAL INCLUDING THE RINGS TO WHICH THE CHEEKS AND REINS ARE ATTACHED. SEE BIT DIAGRAM.
11. THE HORSE MUST DISPLAY A WALK AND A SMOOTH, EASY, COMFORTABLE INTERMEDIATE GAIT WITH EXCESSIVE SPEED IN THE INTERMEDIATE GAIT (FAVORITE GAIT) TO BE PENALIZED.
12. **REQUIRED GAITS FOR SLOW GAITED PELASURE:**
    a. **WALK:** THIS IS A FOUR-BEAT WALKING GAIT WITH A CADENCED HEAD MOTION. (THIS IS A GAITED HORSE WALK, NOT A QUARTER HORSE WALK). TRANSITION FROM THE WALK TO THE FAVORITE GAIT SHOULD BE SMOOTH AND EFFORTLESS. MANNERS AND SUITABILITY AS A PLEASURE MOUNT ARE PARAMOUNT. ALL FLAT SHOD PLEASURE ENTRIES SHOULD HAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION IT IS AN AGREEABLE MOUNT TO RIDE. EASY, GROUND COVERING ACTION IS DESIRED. FLAT SHOD PLESAURE ENTIES SHOULD NEVER APPEAR CRAMPED OR UNCOMFORTABLE. THEY SHOULD BE EFFORTLESS IN THEIR MOTION AND FOR THE RIDER.
    b. **FAVORITE GAIT:** THIS GAIT IS TO BE PERFORMED AT MODERATE SPEED AND CAN BE A VARIATION OF ANY SADDLE HORSE GAIT WITH NO PREFERENCE GIVEN TO ANY PARTICULAR GAIT OVER ANOTHER. THE GAIT SHOULD BE CONSISTENT AND BALANCED AND SHOULD APPEAR EASY AND COMFORTABLE TO RIDE.
13. S.H.O.W RULES **5-B: 1-10** (GENERAL RULES FOR ALL FLAT SHOD ENTRIES) WILL APPLY.

Please Note:

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