

ADHHA KEURING RULES

ALL HORSES MUST BE REGISTERED OR RECORDED WITH ADHHA.

In-Hand: It is recommended that handlers wear white shirts and casual slacks. No jeans. Handlers may carry one whip. Assistant (trailer) may carry a whip with bag attached and carry a small can or clicker. Handler may hand off to a second person if needed. Assistant should remain in arena until horse is excused.

Foals: To be shown in an appropriate halter. To enter the arena at a walk toward the judge(s) with foals being led with or without their dams. Foals will be turned loose and their dams led in a clockwise direction at the trot. Foals without their dams must remain on a lead at the trot, travelling in a clockwise direction. All foals will receive a score sheet listing scores for conformation, motion and harness horse type.

Yearlings: To be shown in an appropriate halter. To enter the arena at a walk toward the judges. After conformation evaluation yearlings will be led in a clockwise direction to be evaluated at the trot. All yearlings will receive a score sheet listing scores for conformation, motion and harness horse type.

ADHHA Keuring Advice (Two-Year-Olds & Older): Professional advice will be offered for harness horse breeding.

ADHHA Ster: (stallions, mares and geldings): Horses are to be measured and shoes inspected on a hard surface and then shown in hand individually before the judges. Horses will enter the arena at a walk toward the judges. After conformation evaluation horses will be led in a clockwise direction being evaluated at the trot and then excused or retired. A minimum score of 70 must be attained to become Ster. All horses will receive a score sheet and scores for conformation, motion and harness horse type.

ADHHA Stallion Approval Eligibility:

Harness stallions can become eligible for approval after receiving a ster predicate in hand and a minimum score of 75 in the Show Test.

ADHHA Keur Eligibility:

- Harness mares with a ster predicate are eligible for Keur predicate upon achieving 75 points in the Show Test.

ADHHA Elite Predicate:

- Keur Mares with a score of 75 or more in hand (ster) and 80 or more in the Show Test receive an Elite predicate.

ADHHA Driving Test:

Driving Arena: Minimum arena size of 70 feet x 140 feet.

Equipment:

- Hackney or Traditional Dutch Harness style Harness is recommended. Normal size crupper, four wheel show style cart. The use of aids such as double shoes, tail elevators, martingales, side checks, over checks and ginger are prohibited.
- Horses will individually complete the driving test, showing the basic gaits and a number of tempo changes. The walk, trot, agility and obedience are evaluated. If the average score of categories in the driving test is six (6) or more, horses will come back for the Show Test. Results of the individual driving test serve as a qualifier for the Show test and must have a minimum average of six (6) points.

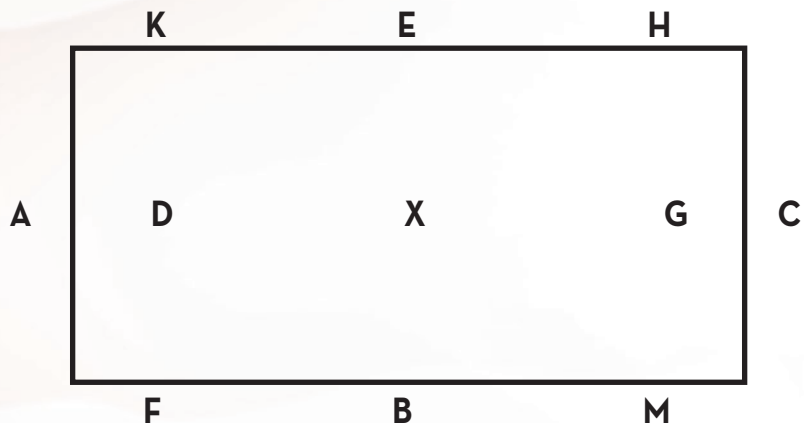
1. ADHHA Driving Test:

The individual driving test will be evaluated on the following:

- Walk**
- Trot:** square, suppleness and self-carriage
- Maneuverability:** correct posture during turns
- Obedience:** positive reaction to the aids

INDIVIDUAL DRIVING DRESSAGE TEST EXAMPLE:

- Enter at A
A-Go down center line
X-Halt, Salute (whip salute)
- X-C Proceed working trot
C Track left
Between H & K - More action
Between F & M - More action
- M-E working trot
E-80 foot circle (full arena width)
- F-H Change direction
- Between M & F - More action
Between K & H - More action

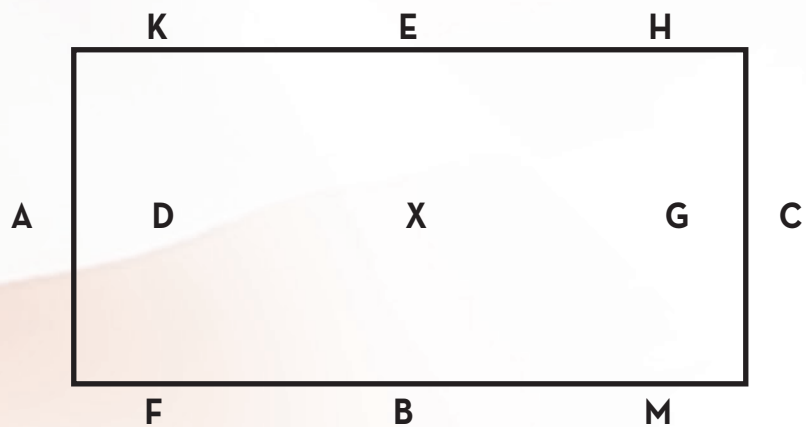


6 H-B Working trot
B-80 foot circle (full arena width)

7 A-Working walk
K-M Change direction

8 C-Working trot, serpentine (3 loop)

9 A-Go down center line
X-Halt, salute (whip salute)



SHOW TEST EXAMPLE:

This is a free-style presentation with one or two horses in the ring at the same time. Horse(s) will enter the arena and halt on the center line between A & C to be inspected by the judges. After inspection horses will proceed to the right and go two times around at the trot, reverse and go around two times to the left at the trot and then line up on the center line.

AUDIENCE SHOW:

Horses will be presented for evaluation by the audience and judges by circling the arena one time in both directions and return to center line up for final inspection.

Judging the Show Test:

A. Self-Carriage (x2)

- Use of the head & neck, climbing in the forehead and sitting in the hindquarter.

B. Suspension (x2)

- The moment when all four feet are off the ground. An extended foreleg, engagement of the hind leg, moving with balance without speed.

C. Use of the foreleg (x2)

- High and Open motion

D. Use of the hindleg (x2)

- Powerful engagement of the hind leg presented under the mass.

E. Enthusiasm

- Showing happiness, eagerness and being forward. Attentive ears and loose tail.

F. Overall picture of a harness horse

Sections A through F will be awarded a score from 0 to 10 points with A - D multiplied by two.

Horses can earn a maximum of 100 points, with 75 points needed for a passing score.

Premiums: (2 years old and younger)

Gold: 70 or more

Silver: 60-69

Bronze: 59 or less

Predicates: (3 years old and over)

Ster: 70 or more

Keur mares: Ster mare with 75 or more in harness Show Test

Elite mares: 75 or more in hand (ster) and 80 or more in Show Test (keur)

Approved stallions: 70 or more in hand (ster) and 75 or more in Show Test

Shoeing:

Weanlings and yearlings: Barefoot

2 year olds: one even weight shoe. 3/8" x 3/4" maximum measurement

3 years and older: One even weight shoe 1/2" by 1-1/4" maximum measurement.

Minimum Height: 15 hands (horses three years old and older)