



Roadster Division

Judging Specifications
2010



Important Points to Remember...

- Inappropriate or dangerous behavior of driver, rider, horse or pony whose actions would in any way threaten the safety of any other exhibitor, their entries or the safety of the class officials will be ordered from the ring.



Important Points to Remember...

- **Trot the turns** – must trot around turns without side reining. Pacey or mixey gaited horses that pace and rack the turns or break and run on the turns shall be penalized
- **Shown on the Rail** – at all times except when passing and should go to the far end of every corner



Important Points to Remember...

- **Three distinct speeds** – judges must emphasize that Roadsters are to be shown at three distinct speeds
- Keep in mind that some horses/ponies can trot faster than others but they still must exhibit three speeds
- Exhibitors executing gaits not called for must be penalized



Proper Appointment

- Exhibitors must be correctly attired
 - **Bike or Under Saddle:** stable colors, cap or protective headgear and jacket to match
 - **Road Wagon Classes:** business suit with hat of choice
- Correctly fitted harness
 - **Bike classes:** shown to a road bike of standard size of at least 48” with a double seat
 - **Wagon classes:** shown to a road wagon or buggy of Caffrey style
- *Boots are allowed Effective 4/1/10*



Two Types:

- **WAGON ROADSTERS:**

- Have more **scale** and **height** than Bike Roadsters
- Must have strength to comfortably pull a wagon without losing form
- Good looking horses or ponies that compliment the appointments of the wagon



Two Types:

- **BIKE ROADSTERS:**

- Have the look of a *refined* race horse or pony
- Able to strongly perform 3 distinct speeds at the trot

* Occasionally there are horses or ponies that are suitable for both Wagon and Bike sections



Roadster Ponies

- Bike Roadster Ponies must be 13 hands and under.
- Wagon and Under Saddle Roadster Ponies must not exceed 54" (13.2 hands)



Class Specifications

- Each section has different class specifications, listed in order of importance.
- Check the specs for your division to see what criteria you will be judged on.



**Open and Maiden/Novice/Limit Classes
judged on...**

Performance

Speed

Quality

Manners



Amateur classes judged on..

Manners

Performance

Speed

Quality



Ladies and Youth Amateur Classes judged on...

Manners

Performance

Quality

Speed



Gait Requirements

- Principal gait is the trot, executed at 3 different speeds:
 - **Jog-trot:** must have animation, brilliance, and presence (both ways of ring)
 - **Road Gait:** must have animation, brilliance, and presence, must be faster than jog-trot (both ways of ring)
 - **Drive on (full speed):** must show speed and go in form (counter clockwise only)
- * **Judges must emphasize that Roadsters are to be shown at three distinct speeds**



Gait Requirements

- Should work in form at all gaits:
 - chin set and legs working beneath them, going collectedly
- Balanced trot:
 - action features folding of knees, flexing of hocks
 - Straight true action of front legs
 - Hocks carried close together and with motions coordinated



Gait Requirements

- Unbalanced trot:
 - Long sprawling action in front
 - Dragging or trailing hind legs
 - Straddle gaited action behind
- PENALTIES:
 - Pacey or mixey gaited horses that pace and rack the turns
 - Breaking or running on the turns
 - Exhibitors executing gaits not called for
must be penalized



Showing Procedures

- Very important that horses must trot solidly down the straightaway as well as around the turns.
- Should be shown on the rail at all times except when passing
- Should go to the far end of every corner without side reining.
- Should be light mouthed and capable of being taken up at any time.



The Line Up

- Horses must stand well when being judged in the center of the ring.
- No attendant is permitted and driver shall not leave his vehicle (except for necessary adjustments).
- Header is permitted in Amateur, Ladies Amateur, and Juvenile Road Horse classes (header must not touch entry except for safety reasons).



The Line Up

In all Ladies, Amateur, and Junior Exhibitor roadster pony classes, the judge(s) must walk the line up. If a judging panel is being used to officiate these classes, all judges must comply with this rule.



Appointments Classes

- Shown to a Road Wagon
- Horses shall be well mannered with extreme *brilliance*, style and presence
- Outstanding conformation and quality required
- Bold and classy trot with action shown at all gaits when requested
- Well broken and mannered when lined up for judging



Required Appointments:

- Must include the following items:
 - Rasp, scrapper, hoof pick, screwdriver, farrier's knife, farrier's hammer, knife, goggles, matches, washers, spool wire, wrench, wire pliers, nippers, punch, oil can, horse shoes, horse shoe nails, blanket pins, whisk broom, flask, cooler, halter, rain coat/cover, curry comb, brush, lead strap, clock, and light.



Appointment Kit





