



JUDGE'S CHECKLIST FOR A REINSMANSHIP CLASS AND LINEUP

In all Reinsmanship classes the judge must walk the line up, inspect each entry and ask for the rein back.

GENERAL FOR BOTH THE RAIL AND LINEUP

1. Overall impression of the driver throughout the class
2. Is the driver seated comfortably on the box seat
3. Is the driver relaxed and effective with their aids in the lineup
4. Is the driver balanced and have good posture on the box seat; or are they over posing; tipping back, etc.
5. Check the fit of the harness and vehicle to the horse and driver
6. Are their clothes clean and neat/wrinkle free, or does the driver have dirty shoes/boots, clothes
7. Does the driver's hat or helmet fit properly, or is the hat floppy, not fitted
8. Does the lap robe fit properly
9. Is their hair neat or messy; can you see their entry number well

HANDS

1. Are they held in an easy, relaxed position
2. Are the elbows and arms close to the body
3. Does the driver have soft hands, sympathetic, adaptability and control
4. Does the driver display a steady hand, enabling a consistent feel with the horse's mouth
5. Are they holding the whip correctly and effectively
6. Are they consistent with the style of holding the reins

REIN BACK IN THE LINEUP AND TEST

To be performed in two parts:

1. The horse must move backward at least 4 steps in an unhurried manner with head flexed and straight (watch the horse's hips). The driver should use quiet aids. (Count strides from the front legs of the horse(s))
2. Move forward willingly to former position using the same quiet aids