

## **EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

Evaluations are to be done individually with no communication among evaluators once the procedure has started.

Each pony should be given sufficient time to settle in the evaluation area before any inspection commences. After which, the pony will then be presented for walk and trot inspection first in a circle then on a triangular course with the evaluators positioned one at each apex.

The pony will then be presented to each evaluator in turn to allow individual 'hands-on' inspection referring to the SPS-BS BREED DESCRIPTION. The evaluators will each issue their own instruction to handlers.

During the evaluation handlers will be expected to show their ponies at walk and trot on a hard surface.

On completion, marked-up forms are then returned by the steward to the area organiser for results collation.

Only now is discussion permitted among the evaluators.

Pony's name will be added to the sheet by the organiser on completion of evaluation.

**See Page 2 for a sample Stallion Evaluation Form**

**STALLION EVALUATION FORM** (In accordance with the SPS-BS Breed Description)

Points to be allocated out of 10 for each section. Evaluation to be carried out independently and results to be presented when complete to the Area Organiser. Comment on each section is required.

**1 INITIAL IMPRESSION:** The most salient and essential feature is the general air of vitality (presence), stamina and robustness;

**Consider:** Masculinity, maturity, outline, proportion and balance, stance, energy, liveliness and movement.

Comment: .....  
..... **Points:** ..... **/10**

**2 BODY:** **Neck** – properly set on to the shoulder; should be sloping, not upright and end in well defined wither;  
**Body** – strong with plenty of heart room; well sprung ribs and loin strong and muscular;  
**Quarters** – broad and long with tail set well up on them;  
**Coat** – in winter, double coat with guard hairs; in summer, short coat with silky sheen; mane and tail should be long, straight and profuse; feathering of fetlocks straight and silky.  
**Colour** – any colour known in horses except spotted.

Comment: .....  
..... **Points:** ..... **/10**

**3 HEAD:** small, carried well and in proportion;  
**Ears** – small and erect, wide set, pointing well forward;  
**Forehead** – broad with bold, dark, intelligent eyes;  
**Muzzle** – broad with nostrils wide and open;  
**Teeth and jaw** must be correct.

Comment: .....  
..... **Points:** ..... **/10**

**4 LEGS:** **Forelegs** – well placed with sufficient good, flat bone, strong forearm, short, balanced cannon bone, springy pastern;  
**and Hindlegs** – thighs strong and muscular with well-shaped, strong hocks, neither too hooky nor too straight, not set too widely apart nor should the hocks be turned in;  
**FEET:** **Feet** – tough, round and well shaped – not too short, narrow, contracted or thin.

Comment: .....  
..... **Points:** ..... **/10**

**5 ACTION:** Straight, free action using every joint; tracking up well.  
[Signs of lameness may be referred to the vet.] **Walk --- /5 Trot --- /5**

Comment: .....  
..... **Points:** ..... **/10**

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**PONY'S NAME:** ..... **Reg No:** .....