HORSE/PONY MEASUREMENT FORM

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

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MARKINGS

1. In order to compete in a performance class at a Federation licensed competition in any division or section that requires a measurement card:
   a) The owner or person presenting the horse/pony on behalf of the owner is in possession of a measurement card issued by the Federation. The owner or person presenting for Saddlebreds, Hackneys and Roadsters only, may present an Equestrian Canada measurement card bearing the date of 1982 or later.
   b) The owner or person presenting the horse/pony on behalf of the owner possesses a copy of a valid measurement form.
   c) Management confirms measurement electronically with the Federation Office.
   d) Any Hackney Roadster or Roadster Pony possessing a permanent measurement card dated 2003 and prior must be re-measured for a new permanent measurement card. If the pony has a permanent measurement card dated 2004 or later, the pony does not have to be re-measured each year for a new measurement card.

2. Measurements must take place at a Federation licensed competition in which the animal is entered to compete. Once the animal has been measured the measurement is effective whether or not the animal does or in fact compete, whether or not the animal competes, it is also subject to drug testing.

3. Animals can be measured with or without shoes. It is suggested that the animal be familiarized with the measurement process prior to its formal measurement by getting it accustomed to the application of the measurement stick. Once a Hunter Pony, Children’s Hunter, Junior Hunter, Small Hunter, Pony Jumper or Welsh is presented for measurement, the owner/agent must present and sign the form in order to receive a standard or temporary measurement card.

4. The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal’s quarters. Exception: Hackney Division, see HK103.4. A handler may cover the animal’s eyes, but may not have any other physical contact with the animal. Blinkers are allowed.

5. Hunter Pony, Children’s Hunter, Junior Hunter, Small Hunter, Pony Jumper or Welsh: the poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and no lower, and the head should be in a normal position. All others. The head must be held low enough to reveal the highest point of the withers and no lower.

6. Measurement cards will be processed within 45 days of receipt by the Federation of a properly completed measurement form. The card will be mailed to the address of the owner. If the card is not received within 45 days of the date of the measurement, the owner or trainer of the animal should contact the Federation.

7. In the case of a lost or mutilated measurement card, the owner or trainer must submit a written request and the appropriate fee to the USEF office for a duplicate measurement card. If you attend a competition and do not have a measurement card or a valid measurement form, the animal will be measured for the purpose of that competition only. Animals with a valid card may be re-measured once per competition year without penalty, however, there is a fine for each subsequent re-measurement.

8. A measurement can be protested by an owner or trainer competing against your animal.

9. An owner or trainer who questions the accuracy of an initial measurement, or an owner or trainer of an animal declared ineligible for a division on account of height may appeal the measurement. A written request must be submitted to the Federation within 14-days of the initial measurement along with the appropriate fees. Each animal submitted for an appeal measurement must be tested for drugs and medications in accordance with Chapter 4.

10. An owner may request a re-measurement of a horse or pony to a larger or lower height section by either letter or e-mail to the Federation office. If the animal measures into a smaller height section it will be ineligible to show in either section for 90 days. Please see subchapter HU-10/Re-measurement.

MARKINGS

The characteristics of all white marks must be described, starting with the head and continuing with the limbs and the rest of the body. A white mark can be regular or irregular and can be bordered by a band of black skin that shows under the white hair at the edge of the mark (the area appears bluish). It can be mixed with the hair of the coat, completely or in part, or at the edge.

HEAD
• Star – on the forehead, above the imaginary line drawn between the top of both eyes. Designate size, shape, position, and any colored markings on the white.
• Stripe – narrow white marking down the face, not wider than the flat anterior surface of the nasal bones; often the star and stripe are continuous and should be described as star and stripe combined.
• Blaze – a white marking covering almost the whole of the forehead between the eyes and extending beyond the width of the nasal bones, usually to the muzzle.
• White face – white covers the forehead and front of face, extending laterally towards the mouth.
• Snip – an isolated white marking, independent of those already named, and situated between or in the region of the nostrils.
• Flesh mark – lack of pigmentation; indicate any black spots within the flesh mark.
• White muzzle – where the white embraces both lips and extends to the region of the nostrils.

LIMBS
Start with left front followed by the right fore and continue with the left hind and then the right hind. Any variation in the hoof pigment should be noted, especially if the horse has no other special characteristics.

• White coronet
• White pastern
• White fetlock
• White half cannon
• White to knee, to hock, to hind quarter, etc.
• White patch on coronet; specify location
• White ring around limb; does not extend to the coronet

BODY
List all white markings and any other markings such as permanent scars, etc. Examples of peculiarities of the coat.

• Grey-ticked – white hairs sparsely distributed through the coat or any part of the body.
• Flecked – small collections of white hairs distributed irregularly in any part of the body.
• Black or dark marks – small areas of black or dark hairs among the basic (lighter) body color.
• Spots – small, more or less circular, collections of hairs differing from the general body color, distributed in various parts of the body.
• Leopard – many more or less circular collections of hairs differing from the general body color.
• Patch – any larger well defined irregular area (not covered by previous definitions) of hairs differing from the general body color.
• Zebra marks – dark or black striping on the limbs, neck or quarters.
• Withers stripe – stripe across the withers.
• Dorsal stripe – band of black hairs extending from the withers backwards to the base of the tail.

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