

Heavy Shod Slow Gaited Pleasure 2013

1. This class is open to all gaited horse breeds and no preference will be given to one particular gait.
2. Riders must wear and use western tack only. One or both hands may be used on the reins. Horse will be shown with split reins and with two (2) reins. No colored brow bands or ribbons are permitted. Nosebands of the western type, this noseband may have silver on it. Cavessons are allowed, Cross Chain Cavessons are prohibited. Exhibitors are expected to present themselves in a professional manner.
3. Horses in Slow Gaited will not be asked to back.
4. Horses to be shown at a show walk and favorite gait. Horses will enter the arena at a show walk.
5. Shoeing of the horse is allowed as permitted by the HPA and SHOW regulations. Shoes will be steel to hoof (flat shod). Shoe may be attached to the foot with shoeing adhesive. Horses will be shod with the frog exposed. Minimum shoe size 1/2" thick X 1" wide with the Maximum being 1 1/2" X 1/2" wide. Hoof Bands are allowed, and must be placed at least one half inch below the cornet band.
6. Any standard horse bit may be used, except for gag bit with no shanks. Bits with shanks in excess of 9 1/2" in length are prohibited. Shanks are measured from the very top of the metal to the very bottom of the metal including the rings to which the cheeks and reins are attached.
7. Required Gaits for Heavy Shod Slow Gaited Pleasure:
 - A. **SHOW WALK:** This is a smooth four-beat gait that should be performed in a relaxed manner. The horse should be alert, but not nervous.
 - B. **FAVORITE GAIT:** This gait is to be performed at moderate speed where the horse extends its stride and covers more ground with each step and can be a variation of any gaited horse breed; with no preference given to any particular gait over another. The gait should be consistent and balanced and should appear easy and comfortable to ride.