

## Flat Shod Standards Chart

	<b>Ideal</b>	<b>Faults</b>	<b>Unacceptable/Elimination</b>
<b>Flat Walk/ Running Walk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Distinct level 4-beat gait</li><li>*Long ground covering stride with ample overstride</li><li>*Smooth and fluid motion</li><li>*Up &amp; down headshake originating from the shoulders in rhythm with footfall</li><li>*Clear distinction in change of gait from Flat Walk to Running Walk</li><li>*Quite and mannerly</li><li>*Riding on a lighter rein</li><li>*Balanced</li><li>*Horse and rider well suited</li><li>*Horse should be bright and looking forward through the bridle</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Pacing, trotting, racking or any other variation in gait</li><li>*Unlevel with either the front or hind legs</li><li>*Cramped or artificial and labored gait</li><li>*Stumbling</li><li>*Side to side headshake</li><li>*Lack of headshake</li><li>*Bumping/Pumping/See-sawing of the horses mouth</li><li>*Excessively tight rein</li><li>*Gaping mouth or fighting the bit</li><li>*Any bouncing, swaying or undulating motion by the rider</li><li>*Break of gait</li><li>*Pinning ears/Tail Wringing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Excessively abnormal gait</li><li>*Refusal to go forward</li><li>*Unruly/Rears</li><li>*Loss of control by the rider/ runs off</li><li>*Lameness</li><li>*Fall of horse; ref Rule 13B</li><li>*Blood</li></ul>
<b>Canter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Correct leads</li><li>*Distinct 3-beat gait</li><li>*Driving deep with the hock while lifting through the shoulder</li><li>*Relaxed while performing the canter</li><li>*Smooth transition into the canter</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Cantering on the incorrect lead</li><li>*Cross-cantering</li><li>*Refusal to canter</li><li>*Excessive speed</li><li>*Bumping or pumping of the reins</li></ul>	
<b>Back</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Backs readily 2-3 steps minimum</li><li>*Quiet</li><li>*Mannerly</li><li>*Yields to the riders cue</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Refuses to back</li><li>*Refuses to stand quietly</li><li>*Backs with resistance to rider</li></ul>	