

# Rocky Mountain Horse Association

## RULES FOR CERTIFICATION BY VIDEO Exhibit C – 1

The following is to be mailed to the RMHA National Headquarters:

- √ Videotapes and DVDs will remain on file with the RMHA and will be archived.
- √ Veterinarian's Certification of Inspection
- √ Original Certificate of Registration
- √ Four (4) Full Body Photos (front, rear, left side, right side)
- √ Certification Fee.

If digital photos are used they must be on photo quality paper

Certification Fees are as set forth on the attached fee schedule.

It is recommended that you use a tripod to steady your camera. Warm the horse up before taping. It is recommended that you have an area about 50' to 60' in diameter for a riding circle with firmly packed ground, pavement or sod. Please avoid a grassy area that will prevent the horse's hooves from being in full view. **NOTE: THE FINAL SUBMITTED VIDEO MUST BE CONTINUOUS AND WITHOUT THE CAMERA BEING STOPPED FOR ANY REASON.**

At the beginning of the video the horse is to be orally identified by registered name, RMHA registration number, color and sex.

**HALTERED VIEWS:** Thoroughly clean and groom the horse before taping. There is a full view requirement of at least 30 seconds at each of the four positions (front, left side, rear and right side) Lead the horse through the four positions. Ensure that all markings are clearly shown. For close-up views, pan the camera slowly to the horse. Working from the head of the horse, begin panning with the head in full view, slowly move to the neck area, have an assistant lift the mane out of the way so that the neck under the mane can be clearly seen. Moving to the rear, hold the tail out of the way so the legs can be clearly viewed directly from behind.

**DEMONSTRATIONS UNDER SADDLE:** Place the saddle on the horse along with the bridle. A horse can be certified in a bitless bridle, but not a halter. If a bit is used it must meet the standards of the RMHA. Bit shank length may not exceed 8 (eight) inches and is to be measured from top of top ring to the end of the metal at the bottom, not including the bottom ring. Shoes must meet the standards of the RMHA, and must be factory made keg shoes and must not exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-fourths) inch width at all locations on the shoe, and must not exceed  $\frac{3}{8}$  (three-eighths) inch in thickness at all locations on the shoe. Total thickness of the shoe may go to a total of  $\frac{5}{8}$  (five-eighths) inch when including borium or drill tech. If calk shoes are used (factory calk only) the total thickness of the shoe, borium (or drill tech) and the calk must not exceed  $\frac{7}{8}$  (seven-eighths) inch. The horse's natural toe length must not exceed 4.5 (four and a half) inches including the shoe. Shoes are to be on all four feet, or the horse is to be barefooted on all four feet. The bottom of all four feet are to be on the video to show the bottom of the bare foot or shoe. Mount and ride the horse in either direction around the circle. The camera should be continuously following the horse around. Try to keep the horse centered and filling the entire view but do not cut the view of the rider's head or the feet of the horse. The horse should travel in one direction for two (2) minutes (timed), then turn and go in the other direction for an additional two (2) minutes. The speed of the horse should be regulated to demonstrate the gait. **IT MUST BE A LATERAL FOUR BEAT GAIT, not a fast walk.** (Refer to Gait section 1st page of Rules of Registry)

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