

Rocky Mountain Horse Association RULES FOR LIVE CERTIFICATION Exhibit C – 2

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

- √ RMHA Certification Form
- √ Veterinarian's Certification of Inspection (if required)
- √ Original Certificate of Registration
- √ Four (4) Full Body Photos (front, rear, left side, right side)
- √ Appropriate 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 have an area of at least 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 of the examiners.

HALTERED VIEWS: Thoroughly clean and groom the horse before presenting for certification. Three examiners must view the horse in all four positions. (front, left side, rear and right side) Lead the horse through the four positions. Ensure that all markings are clearly shown on the RMHA Certification Form.

DEMONSTRATIONS UNDER SADDLE: Place the saddle on the horse along with the bridle. A horse can be certified in a bitless bridle, but not in 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 caulk only) the total thickness of the shoe, borium (or drill tech) and the caulk 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 examined by the examiners. Mount and ride the horse in either direction around the circle. 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, page 1 of Rules of Registry. Have the horse ridden directly away from the examiners and return back towards the examiners.

Mail to: RMHA Headquarters, 4037 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 160, Lexington, KY 40511