



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE ASSOCIATION

Certification by DVD/Video

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Use a tripod for steady videotaping.
- Exercise and warm horse before the demonstration.
- Use an area of about 50 feet to 60 feet in diameter (circle) with firmly packed ground, pavement or sod.
- Avoid grassy area that will prevent full view of horse's hooves.
- Thoroughly clean and groom the horse before taping.

HALTERED VIEWS:

- Tape a full view of at least 30 seconds at each of four positions—front, left side, rear and right side.
- Lead the horse through the four positions.
- Clearly show all markings.
- To provide 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, then slowly move to the neck area.
- Have an assistant lift the mane out of the way to clearly view and tape the neck.
- Move to the rear and again hold the tail out of the way to clearly view and tape the rear and legs of the horse.

DEMONSTRATION UNDER SADDLE:

- Saddle and bridle the horse.
- Horse may be certified in a bitless bridle but not in a halter.
- If using a bit, it must meet RMHA standards of shank length not to exceed 8 inches measured from top of top ring to end of the metal at the bottom, not including the bottom ring.
- Shoes must be factory made keg shoes and not exceed 3/4 inch in width at all locations on the shoe nor may they exceed 3/8 inch in thickness (5/8 inch when including borium or drill tech).
- If using caulk (factory caulk only) shoes, the total thickness, including borium or drill tech, along with the caulk, must not exceed 7/8 inch.
- Natural toe length may not exceed 4.5 inches including the shoe.
- Shoes must be on all four feet, or horse must be barefoot on all four feet.
- Videotape bottom of all four feet to show bare foot or shoe.
- Mount and ride the horse to the right or left around the circle.
- Camera must continuously follow the horse.
- Keep the horse and rider centered and in entire view.
- Horse must travel in one direction for two minutes, then turn and go in the opposite direction for another two minutes.
- Regulate the speed of the horse to demonstrate gait.
- Gait **MUST BE A LATERAL FOUR BEAT GAIT**—not a fast walk. (See Gait Section in Rules of Registry.)
- Tape **MUST be CONTINUOUS**. Do not stop video then restart for any reason. If you must restart, then start demonstration from the beginning.

Submit the following items:

- _____ DVD or Videotape
- _____ Original Certificate of Registration
- _____ Veterinary Certificate of Inspection (Form Located on forms & applications page)
- _____ Four Full Body Photos (front, rear, left and right sides) (Use photo quality paper)
- _____ Certification Fee

Mail to: RMHA Headquarters
71 South Main Street
Winchester, KY 40391

VISA/MC: _____ Expiration Date: _____ 3 Digit Code: _____
Signature _____