

Judges Points of Emphasis! Please know!

ROADSTER:

RD102 Type and Conformation 1. The Roadster should be attractive in appearance, balanced in conformation, and must have manners which make a safe risk in the ring. 2. **The roadster horse should have the look of a refined race horse.** The roadster should have a refined head with a broad forehead, large nostrils and shallow mouth. He should have smart well placed ears and a fine throat latch. Neck is fine but muscular and show depth through the chest. The roadster should be a good full made horse with refined solid legs, powerful shoulder and hindquarters. The roadster should have a full mane and tail and may be of any color. Tail should be carried outright while performing. 3. There are three types of Roadsters for competition-those suitable for bike, under saddle, and road wagon. Occasionally there are horses or ponies that are suitable for all purposes.

RD104 Gait Requirements 1. **The principal gait assignment for Roadsters is the trot. They shall be asked to trot at three different speeds; the jog-trot, the Road Gait, and then at full speed.** At all speeds they should work in form; that is their chins set and their legs working beneath them, going collectedly. At the trot a horse whose action features folding of the knees, flexing of hocks, with straight true action of front legs and with hocks carried close together and with motions coordinated, is executing a balanced trot. Long sprawling action in front, dragging or trailing hind legs and straddle gaited action behind makes a balanced trot impossible. 2. Animation, brilliance, and competition ring presence should characterize the Roadster in working at a jog-trot or Road Gait. 3. When asked to drive on, the horse must show speed and go in form. 4. Labored way of going, pacey gaited or mixey gaited horses that pace and rack the turns or break and run on the turns shall be penalized. 5. **Judges must emphasize that Roadsters are to be shown at three distinct speeds.** Exhibitors executing gaits not called for must be penalized.

CLASS PROCEDURE

RD105 General

1. Roadsters must enter the ring clockwise at a jog-trot then show at the Road Gait; turn counter clockwise at the jog-trot, show at the Road Gait and then trot at speed. **Judges must emphasize that Roadsters are to be shown at three distinct speeds.**

3. It is very important to emphasize that Roadster horses must trot solidly down the straight away as well as around the turns. **Horses must be shown on the rail at all times except when passing and should go to the far end of every corner without side reining; should be light mouthed, capable of being taken up at any time, and stand well when being judged in the center of the ring. Any horse not in compliance, that is determined by the judge (s) to be a safety risk must be excused.**

4. Any driver, rider, horse or pony in the Roadster division exhibiting inappropriate or dangerous behavior or whose actions would in any way threaten the safety of any other exhibitor, their entries, or the safety of class officials will be ordered from the ring. (See GR1033.11 and .12)

RD110 Roadster Horse to Bike 1. OPEN OR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP. To be shown first at a jog-trot and road gait, then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait, and then at speed. **To be judged on performance, speed, quality, and manners.**

2. **AMATEUR OR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.** To be shown first at a jog-trot and road gait, then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait, and then at speed. **To be judged on manners, performance, speed, and quality.**

3. **AMATEUR/YOUTH NOVICE/LIMIT DRIVER:** To be shown first at a jog-trot and road gait, then reversed and show at a jog-trot, road gait and then at speed. **To be judged, on manner, performance, speed and quality.**

4. **LADIES OR LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP.** To be shown first at a jog-trot and road gait, then reversed and shown at a jog-trot, road gait, and then at speed. **To be judged on manners, performance, quality, and speed. Suitable for and driven by a Lady.**

5. **YOUTH AMATEUR.** **Manners for the horse will be emphasized as a major requirement to ensure safety.** Judges must immediately excuse any horse that acts as if he may be more horse than the driver can handle. Protective headgear is required.