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SUFFOLK HORSE SOCIETY

The Charity that cares for the Suffolk Punch

Founded 1877

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Colour	Chesnut. No other colour is allowed. Historically 7 shades of chesnut were defined Dark Liver, Dull Dark, Light Mealy, Red, Golden, Lemon and Bright. However The Society will accept Liver, Dark, Red, Light, or Bright chesnut. Note When referring to Suffolk horse chestnut is always spelled chesnut Whole-colour is preferred but a certain amount of white on the face is acceptable. A scattering of silver or white hairs on the body is allowed. White to the fetlock is allowed but is regarded as a fault and is not acceptable for stallions being used for breeding. Hoof colour is not prescribed so will be either pigmented or unpigmented.
Height	Height range at maturity is between 15¾ hands and 17 hands. Note There are instances of individual animals exceeding 17hh.
Head	Big with broad forehead but elegant, shapely and well proportioned.
Eyes	Well set, full, bright and intelligent.
Neck	Deep in collar tapering gracefully towards the setting of the head.
Shoulder	Long and muscular, well thrown back at the withers.
Girth	In proportion to height.
Back	Wide and level. Graceful outline in back, loin and hind quarters with tail well set up.
Fore-End	Broad in front. Great depth of heart with every appearance of strong constitution.
Hind-Quarters	Broad behind with good second thighs
Ribs	Deep round ribbed from shoulder to flank
Legs	Legs short in proportion to body. Fore legs straight. Pasterns well sloping at the same angle as the hoof, big flat knees and long clean hocks on short cannon bones. Elbows turned in are a serious defect as are straight hind legs.
Bone	Good flat bone with strength below the knee and hock.
Feet	Large strong feet circular in form protecting the frog. Wide coronet. Strong open heel.
Hair	Clean legged. Minimal hair allowed at heels
Action – Walk	Smart and true. Quick springing action with hocks kept fairly near together.
Action - Trot	Well balanced level movement with good straight action.

HBLB 2018 Codes of Practice

PRESS RELEASE

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Horserace Betting Levy Board Publishes Codes of Practice for 2018

The Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) has published the 40th edition of the Codes of Practice on equine disease, in preparation for the 2018 equine breeding season.