

## ***DEPARTMENT 17 – DRAFT HORSE DIVISION***

Classes in this department will be evaluated based on videos only. Videos should be no longer than 90 seconds and should be continuous in nature with no narrative. The exhibitors should utilize the camera person as the judge, moving the animal away and around the camera person as they would in a show ring. The video should include all angles of the animal in order for a judge to make an evaluation. Exhibitor should be always in the video. Show clothes typical for industry is recommended (see the Michigan 4-H Horse & Pony Rules & Regulations link below). More information on how to take a good video can be found at the MSU Extension [Virtual Learning Showcase](#) website. All videos must be uploaded to Youtube and link entered into the system. Youtube channel should be set to unlisted.

### **Rules:**

- 1. Please find patterns below for ALL classes in draft horse division.**
2. All animals must be under the control of the exhibitor and the exhibitor must show awareness of correct procedures.
3. Classes will be judged according to the current [Michigan 4-H Horse and Pony Project/Show Rules and Regulations](#).

To register for the classes listed below, please go to the [Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase fairentry site](#).

Department	Division	Class
17:Horses	03:Draft Horse	01: Fitting & Showing 8 - 14
17:Horses	03:Draft Horse	02: Fitting & Showing 15 – 19
17:Horses	03:Draft Horse	03: Decorating 8 – 14
17:Horses	03:Draft Horse	04: Decorating 15-19
17:Horses	03:Draft Horse	05: Single Horse Pleasure Driving 8- 14
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## Draft Horse Division

3 Classes: Fitting and Showing, Decorating and Single Horse Pleasure Driving

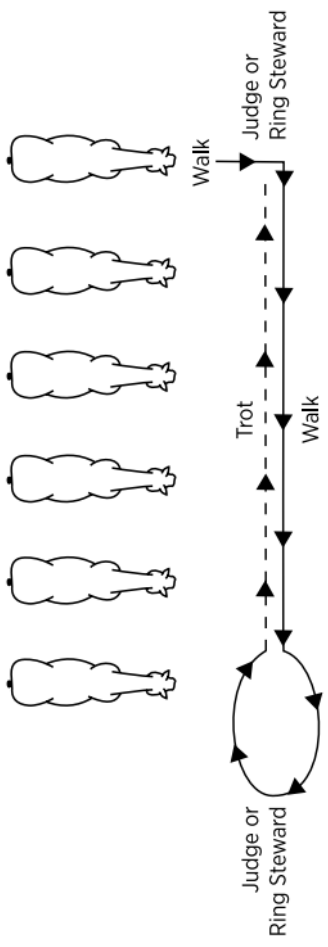
### Fitting and Showing requirements:

#### Fitting & Showing Criteria Points

Appearance of horse .....	40
Condition & thriftiness (15)	
Grooming (20)	
Tack (5)	
Showing the horse.....	50
Ring deportment/Leading (25)	
Actions (10)	
Posing (15)	
Exhibitor presentation .....	10
Attitude (5)	
Appearance (5)	
Total .....	100

*4 Photos- Front, Left Side, Right Side and Back*

*Video- Show exhibitor performing the traditional keyhole pattern. Which includes walking away from the judge, maneuvering a keyhole shape and trotting back to the judge.*



**Decorating:** Participants are to decorate their horses unassisted, taking no more than 20 minutes for seniors and 25 minutes for juniors to do so.

#### CRITERIA EXPLANATION

Appearance (50 points) The mane and tail are completed with attractive braiding, plaiting and combing of the hair. The mane and tail enhance the animal's overall image.

Creativity (25 points) Effective use of color, braids, plaiting, scotch straws and sprigs, rosettes, flowers and ribbons.

Technique (25 points) The mane and tail maintain their appearance due to proper, firm application of skills in the decorating process. The tail stays up, the mane roll stays straight with rosettes in proper position.

*4 Photos- Close up of Face, Close up of neck/mane Left Side, Close up of neck/mane Right Side and Close up of tail.*

## Single Horse Pleasure Driving:

### Draft Horse Pleasure Driving Criteria Points

Movement.....	60
The walk (10)	
The trot (30)	
Backing (20)	
Manners.....	20
Responsiveness .....	20
Total .....	100

*3 Photos- Front, Left Side, Right Side*

*Video- To imitate a rail class, show at least one lap of each direction with a walk and trot element in both directions. Show a reverse and back. Use a pattern similar to this for the reverse.*

