

## 2023 PRE Horses BASIC GRADING – PASS or FAIL CRITERIA & FAULTS LIST



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### THE INFORMATION BELOW IS FULLY UPDATED FOR 2023 ANCCE GRADING CRITERIA

#### 2023 HORSES WILL BE DECLARED APPROVED FOR BREEDING (APTO)

##### If they have:-

NO SERIOUS DEFECTS + NO VERY SERIOUS DEFECTS

NO SERIOUS DEFECTS + 1 VERY SERIOUS DEFECT

1 SERIOUS DEFECT + 1 VERY SERIOUS DEFECT

2 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 0 VERY SERIOUS DEFECT

3 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 0 VERY SERIOUS DEFECT

#### 2023 HORSES WILL BE DECLARED NOT-APPROVED FOR BREEDING (NON-APTO)

##### If they have:-

1 DISQUALIFYING FAULT

2 OR MORE VERY SERIOUS FAULTS

4 OR MORE SERIOUS FAULTS

3 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 1 or MORE VERY SERIOUS FAULTS

2 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 1 or MORE VERY SERIOUS FAULTS

1 SERIOUS DEFECTS + 2 or MORE VERY SERIOUS FAULTS

#### DISQUALIFYING FAULTS - 2023

Height at Withers - LESS than 152cm (59.85inches or a fraction under 15.0hh) Females,

LESS than 154cm (60.63inches or a ¼" under 15.1hh) Males

Body too Long or too short in proportion to Height at Withers = Proportionality Index less than 95 or more than 105 (Divide Height by Body Length to get the Proportionality Index)

Fallen Crest – classes 5 & 6 – Incipient; class 7 – Crest Falling; 8 – More than Falling; 9 – Crest Fallen

Ewe Neck - classes 6 & 7 – Inverted Neck, 8 – More than Inverted, 9 – Very Inverted

Head Forehead Profile - class 1-Ultra Concave, class 2- More than Concave, class 3 - Concave, and class 9-Ultra-Convex

Poor Fidelity to Breed Type – **Awarded Less than 5 points**

Monorchid – not accidental (Only One Testicle descended)

Cryptorchid – not accidental (NO Testicles descended)

White marking on Front Right Leg - class 6 - Over Most of the Knee to class 9 - Up to the Elbow

White marking on Front Left Leg - class 6 - Over Most of the Knee to class 9 - Up to the Elbow

White marking on Hind Right Leg - class 6 - Over Most of the Hock to class 9 - Up to the Stifle-joint.

White marking on Hind Left Leg - class 6 - Over Most of the Hock to class 9 - Up to the Stifle-joint.

Roundness of Croup - sideview - class 1 - not at all rounded

Roundness of Croup - rearview - class 1 - roof-ridge, and class 9 - so fat it has a split-profile

Blue Eyes not appropriate to the genetic coat colour

Eyes of Different colours.

White Marks on the Body (not accidental) 3cm or greater in diameter.

White Marks that Invade Most of the Orbital arcade (arch) .

#### VERY SERIOUS DEFECTS - 2023

Fallen Crest – class 4 – Slightly Incipient

Ewe Neck – class 5 – Slightly Inverted

Head - Forehead Profile – class 4 - Slightly Concave

Neck - Head/Neck union - class 1 & 2 - very poorly marked

Neck - Lower Trunk union - class 1 - very Low, and class 9 - very High..

Angle of Knee Side View – class 1 - Over at the Knee, & class 9 – Back at the Knee

Angle of Knee Front View – class 1 - Bench Knee, & class 9 – Knock Kneed

Angle of Hock Side View – class 1 - Very Closed, class 8 – More than Open , & class 9 – Very Open  
Angle of Hock Rear View – class 1 - Very Convergent, class 8 – More than Divergent, & class 9 – Very Divergent  
Dorsal-Lumbar line (backline) – class 1 – Convex (arched) , & classes 7, 8 & 9 – Concave to Very Concave (hollow)  
Direction of Front Hoof – class 1- Very Turned Out, class 8 – worse than Turned In, & class 9– Very Turned In  
Direction of Rear Hoof – class 1- Very Turned Out, class 8 – worse than Turned In, & class 9– Very Turned In  
White marking on Front Right Leg - class 5 - To the Knee.  
White marking on Front Left Leg - class 5 - To the Knee.  
White marking on Hind Right Leg - class 5 - To the Hock.  
White marking on Hind Left Leg - class 5 - To the Hock.  
Roundness of Croup - sideview - class 2 - not rounded  
Roundness of Croup - rearview - class 2 - semi-almond shape, and classes 7 - double bum & class 8 - semi split-profile

### **SERIOUS DEFECTS - 2023**

Neck - Head/Neck union - class 3 - poorly marked  
Neck - Lower Trunk union - class 2 - quite Low, and class 8 - quite High.  
Fallen Crest – class 3 – **Not Straight**  
Ewe Neck – class 4 – Slightly Inverted  
Poor Overall Harmony – Awarded Less than 5 points  
Angle of Knee Side View – class 2–Somewhat Over , class 7–Slightly Back, & class 8–Somewhat Back at the Knee.  
Angle of Knee Front View –class 2–Somewhat Bench Kneed, class 7–Slightly Knock Kneed, & class 8 – Somewhat Knock Kneed.  
Angle of Hock Side View – class 2 - More than Closed, & class 7 – Open  
Angle of Hock Rear View – class 2 - More than Convergent, & class 7 – Divergent  
Dorsal-Lumbar line (backline) – class 2 - slightly arched, class 6 - somewhat Concave (This was previously much more lenient at Class 7 – Concave).  
Direction of Front Hoof/s – class 2 – worse than Turned Out  
Direction of Rear Hoof/s – class 2 – worse than Turned Out  
Quality of Walk – Less than 5 points (out of 9)  
Quality of Trot – Less than 5 points (out of 9)  
Quality of Canter – Less than 5 points (out of 9)  
Height of Croup – croup more than 5cm higher than the wither  
Melanomas – class 9 – A Large Number present.

### **FAULTS ADDED to PRE Breed Standard April 2017 which will affect Breed Fidelity Marks**

Rounded and protruding nostrils,  
Thick upper lip,  
Chunky upper lip with limited mobility,  
Over-shot and under-shot jaw,  
Head-neck union is chunky, hardly differentiated and very deep  
Lack of harmony and a disproportion between body areas and dimensions  
Higher at the point of the croup than at the withers  
Presence of melanomas in the perineum  
Movement with poor elevation  
Movement - irregular  
Movement with poor extension  
Movement - dishing  
Movement - ambling.