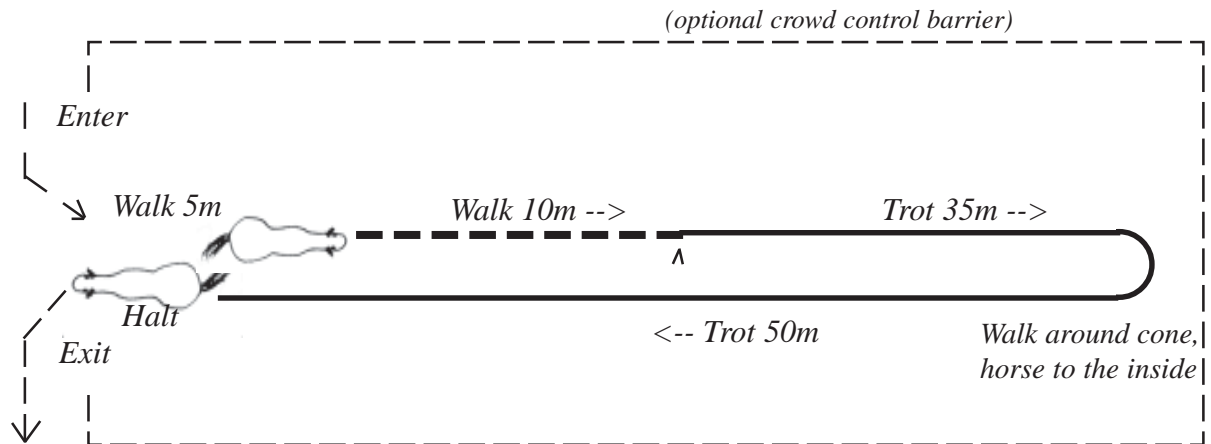


# The Horse Inspection

The First Inspection is an important part of any competition. This is the first opportunity you and your horse have to meet the Ground Jury. Making a good impression is the best way to begin an event.

Your horse must be clean and well groomed. Braiding the mane is optional, but sometimes every little detail can lead to a good impression and be well worth the effort. The horse must be presented in an bridle (open or blinkered), complete with a lead shank or reins attached to the bit. Don't forget your number! If you are given a bridle number, it must be on the nearside(left) of the horse. If you are given a carriage number only, it must be pinned on the handler's back or carried in the left hand, visible to the Ground Jury. The Driver or Handler should be neatly attired in clean clothes suitable for presentation, and be wearing a hat and gloves. Unclean animals or may be denied inspection.

The entry package or official notice board will specify the order of inspection - perhaps on a first come, first served basis, perhaps in numerical entry order, perhaps by division. If in doubt, ask the show Secretary. Be ready, and be on time!



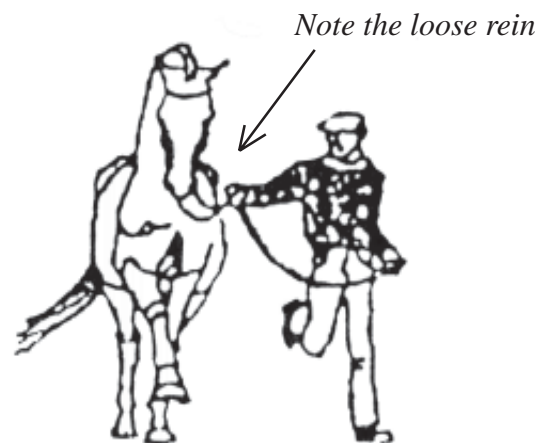
*Holding area*

*The inspection site should be set upon level ground offering a firm, but good footing. A secured area is preferred over an open site. The area set for horses to standby before inspection should be sufficient to allow proper safe spacing. A designated holding area must be set for horses/ponies requiring a re-inspection.*

Once your number is called, enter the inspection area, walk 5 meters to the Halt zone, and salute the panel (President and members of the Ground Jury, and Veterinarian). Upon the signal from the President of the Jury, walk ahead 10 m and then trot on a loose rein 35m to the end of the area, circle the cone at the walk (horse on the inside, always visible to the panel), and trot back 50m and halt. The Veterinarian will complete his or her inspection. The President of the Jury will advise if your horse has been accepted, or must step into the holding area for a further inspection.



*The Ground Jury inspects the Horse/Pony at the halt.*



*It is important that the horse/pony is correctly jogged on a loose rein so as to not mask any soundness problem.*