



Equine Conformation Comparison Leader Guide

This conformation comparison tool is used to help youth identify the key components in judging a conformation class beginning with the most important to less important criteria. Balance and structure have the highest rankings 10-1 with descriptive text to help paint a picture of the horse and 2-1 scale for muscle and breed characteristics. In the rows, I have added a few key notes to help youth remember what they are looking for in the category. In the competition, they will not be allowed to bring this pre-printed. In the top columns, you will find a place to take note of the horse's description and a final score. Additionally, in the lower columns, youth will have a place to write the score given for each of the rows (ie balance, structure, muscle, and breed characteristics) along with any notes on grants or faults about the horse. At the end, they add up the boxes and arrive with a final ranking of the class for their placings.

Coaches can adapt the scoring system still placing most of the importance on balance and structure then muscle/breed characteristics. Coaches may have the opportunity to adapt the quick notes section or leave it off the chart.

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Conformation Comparison: Class name _____ Final Placing _____

	Horse 1 Score _____ Describe: _____	Horse 2 Score _____ Describe: _____	Horse 3 Score _____ Describe: _____	Horse 4 Score _____ Describe: _____
<i>Quick notes</i>				
<u>Balance</u> *divide into equal parts	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:
<u>Structural Correct</u> *trapezoid shape *straight legs	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:
<u>Muscle</u> *forearm *gaskin *chest	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:
<u>Breed Characteristics & Movement</u>	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:	Score _____ Notes:

Scoring for balance & structure

10 awesome
7 good
5 average
3 poor
1 not ideal

Scoring for muscle/ breed

Some-1
Awesome-2