



Points of Emphasis for 2017

- Communication with show management
- Communication in multiple/concurrent formats
- Tails
- Awareness of new shoeing regulations
- Increase awareness
 - Showmanship
 - Horsemanship
 - Trail



Communication with show management

- **To competition management**
 - Return phone calls and emails (*check spam folders*)
 - Sign and return contracts – negotiate if any issue
 - Ask for additional contact info for travel days if problems
- Choose patterns appropriate to arena and to expected level of exhibitors
- Submit patterns when requested
- Be prepared with score sheets, notebook
- Be proactive
- Dress appropriately
- Thank everyone, including volunteers



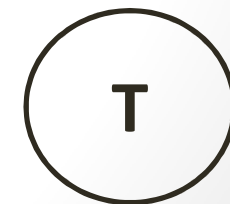
Communication in multiple/concurrent formats

- Know the rotation of call judge position
- If call judge planning to stop and back exhibitors on the rail, let the rest of the panel know in advance
- Be aware of position in ring
- Call judge make sure everyone has completed judging in-hand entries
- Share patterns in advance if at all possible; talk about any concerns
- Respect differences of opinion



Tails

- Unnatural tails are to penalized
- If sufficient entrants in class, leave entry with unnatural tail off your card
- If not enough entries, entry should be last on your card
- In-hand
 - Reduce type score
- Scored performance classes
 - Assign ½ point penalty, add a T within a circle





New Shoeing Regulations

- **Effective 1/1/17**
- Read the entire new rule!!
- Tungsten carbide shoes prohibited
- Straight bar allowed
 - Located anywhere within circumference of shoe
- Egg bar allowed
 - Uninterrupted, oval shaped shoe
- Bar shoe prohibited on horses three years old and under
- Overall hoof length
 - 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " - PB
 - 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " - HA/AA
- Measurement from **hairline**



Increase awareness

- Showmanship
 - Read new showmanship notebook chapter on AHA website
 - Study tack requirements
- Western Horsemanship
- Trail
 - Western
 - English
 - In-hand