AWWA Longe Line

These guidelines are to be used for the Longe Line class as part of the requirement for holding an AWWA 2-year-old Performance Horse Prospect Exposition.

Purpose: The purpose of showing a 2-year-old on a longe line is to demonstrate the horse has the movement, manners, attitude, and trainability to become a useable performance mount.

Judging Criteria:
a. Quality of Movement
b. Manners, Expression, & Attitude
c. Trainability & Willingness

Equipment: Horse to be shown in a good working halter (plain leather, nylon, or other synthetic materials are acceptable). Clean, workmanlike equipment is encouraged. Retractable longe line is prohibited.

The only attachment to the halter is one longe line, no longer than 30 feet. Attached with a snap. Longe line must hang free from the halter and not be attached to the horse in any way. No side lines are allowed. No chains are allowed. A longe whip may be used; however, disqualification will occur anytime a handler strikes the horse during the presentation.

Attire: Clean, workmanlike attire is required.

Class Procedure:
1. Exhibitor walks horse to designated marker (i.e. cone) and pauses.
2. A whistle (or other audible indicator) will signal to begin. Each exhibitor is allowed 1 and ½ minutes to present the horse at all three gaits in both directions. Time does not begin until horse reaches the perimeter of circle. Exhibitor may begin work in either direction.
3. A "half-way" signal will be made at 45 seconds.
4. Whistle (or other audible indicator) will call end of time.

Following completion of work, the judge may walk to horse for closer inspection.

Entries are disqualified for
- Lameness,
- Fall to the ground of horse,
- Any sign of abuse, or
- Striking the horse with whip.