



Guidance for submission of videos for Virtual Mare Grading 2025.

In order to enable the judges to fairly assess your mare for grading it is important to submit clear video clips as per the guidance below. Each video should be a maximum of 90 seconds so that the file sizes are not too large to share. Remember the judges can only judge what they see in the video so please give your mare the best chance by preparing a good video in landscape format. Video taken with a mobile phone is acceptable.

The mare should be well presented and plaited as she would be for a show.

7 Marks are awarded out of 10 for the following:

Type, Conformation (body), Conformation (legs), Walk, Trot, Canter, Overall Impression.

1: Type and Conformation:

Video showing mare stood up and walk slowly with camera around the mare so judges can see the whole horse from side, then directly in front, then to other side, then the view from behind. Stop for a few seconds on each view.

2: Conformation of Limbs and feet:

Video showing a close up from the front of horse showing the front legs when stood up. Then walk around to back of horse to show hind legs from side and rear.

3. Correctness:

On a hard level surface, Video showing the mare walking directly away from the camera for at least 10 strides. Turn around and walk back to the camera. Repeat this in trot. Try to keep the mare moving in a straight line so the judges can clearly see the correctness of the movement.

4. Paces

In an arena where the mare can be loose. Each with a separate short video

Walk: Firstly walk in hand on left rein and then the right rein.

Trot: Show trot loose with good forward movement on both reins. Please try to show the best movement of the mare.

Canter: Show canter loose on both reins.

5: Overall Impression

Finally Show a good view of the mare, Stood up to show the conformation.

Please complete an entry form for each mare that you wish to submit for grading. The virtual grading entries close 30th August 2025.

The video submissions must be received by the TBF by the end of September 2025. The video submissions will be assessed and marks awarded. Results will be emailed to the owner as soon as possible.

The files can be transferred using WeTransfer to susan.attew@me.com If you need guidance with this please contact me on this email address or call on +447803 271110