CLEVELAND BAY HORSE PUREBRED STANDARDS

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**HEIGHT**
- 16.0 hh to 16.2 hh height outside this range is acceptable if height, weight and bone are in balance. Historically 16.1 to 16.2 1/2 hands.

**BODY**
- The body is wide and deep. The back is not too long, and is strong with muscular loins. The shoulders are sloping, deep and muscular. The quarters are level, powerful, long, and oval with the tail springing well from the quarters. Good sloping shoulder, a short back, powerful loins, long quarters.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE**
- Denotes activity and strength, combined in manner not seen in any other breed.

**ACTION**
- Action must be true, straight, and free. Not remarkably high but is the kind of action for getting over the ground.

**COLOR**
- Cleveland Bays are bay with black points*. (Occasionally grey hairs in mane and tail are known to occur). Bay, light or dark, black legs clear of hair, black zebra like stripes on the arm and hock are sometimes seen. Known as black points and are supposed to denote especial of breeding. White to include a small star* and few white hairs in the heel allowed.

**SERVICEABLE QUALITIES**
- Adapted for plough, a heavy conveyance, slow saddle work what Americans call "a general utility horse". For artillery purposes: docility, strength, and endurance admirably qualify breed. These qualities remain useful for many of today's needs.

**HEAD, EYES, and EARS**
- The head characteristic of the breed is bold and not too small. It is be well carried on a long, muscular neck. (Roman nose is common). Rather plain than otherwise, on the large side but is well carried. Ears tend to be large and fine. Eyes are large, well set and kindly in expression.

**LIMBS**
- Arms and gaskins are muscular. The knees and hocks are large and well closed with normally a minimum of nine (9) inch bone** on a 16.0 hands mature male (usually over six years old) less on a mature female. Outside this range is acceptable if height, weight, and bone is proportional. The pasterns are strong, sloping and not too long. The legs at the knee, hock, and below would feel very firm, solid, and strong, and are clear of superfluous hair.

**FEET/HOOVES**
- One of the most important features of the breed; the feet must be of the best and blue in color. Feet that are shallow or narrow are undesirable. "NO FOOT - NO HORSE".

CLEVELAND BAY HORSE PARTBRED STANDARDS

The designation of Cleveland Bay partbreds was not coined until the late 1970s when the Cleveland Bay Horse Society began recognizing and documenting CB crosses. Today Cleveland Bay Partbreds, also known as Cleveland Bay Sport horses with 1/8th CB blood or more, are accepted by all Cleveland Bay registries and organizations. Specific conformation descriptions of the ideal partbred/ sport horse hasn't been described until the past few years (CBHS Australasia).

When judging partbred/sport horses, ALL colors and markings are acceptable. Body type or conformation should strive to conform to the purebred standard with final emphasis on a sound, athletic animal with a pleasant disposition and movement, again with height, bone, and weight in balance.

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**Purpose:** To evaluate potential, suitability and qualities as Cleveland Bay horses against the CBHSNA established Breed Standard.

**Participation:** Open to all ages pure and partbreds/sporthorses up to 1/8 blood. Classes may be divided by age, or by pure and partbred/sporthorse.

**Name of Competition/Show:**

**Date of Competition:**

**Name of Horse:**

**Name of Handler:**

**Name of Judge:**

**Final Score**

**Points:** _______ **Place:**_________
### Cleveland Bay Breeding (In-Hand) Classes

**Guidelines**

1. Most Cleveland Bay classes are held within a larger show or event. Turnout and dress requirements should be appropriate for the occasion or show. Examples include the disciplines: Hunter breeding, Eventing, Dressage sport horse in hand, Western. Use attire (appointments) listed in show documentation.
2. Safety is always paramount. Protective headgear is encouraged.
3. Braiding is optional.
4. Competitors are encouraged to enter open classes at any event to support the show and further promote the Cleveland Bay breed.
5. Judging sheets to be used with the CBHSNA current breed standards (2015).
6. The judge(s) may excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger handlers, officials, other exhibitors or their entries.
7. A copy of the CBHSNA breed standards should be made available to the judge prior, and at any time during judging.
8. A copy of the score sheet will be made available to competitor by the end of the show day.
9. Horses should be judged against the CBHSNA breed standard as included with this pamphlet.

These judging sheets may be used by anyone at any event or competition where the Cleveland Bay Horse is being judged.

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### Cleveland Bay (In-hand) Individual Score Sheet

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<td>Conformation:</td>
<td>Cleveland Bay type as specified in CBHSNA breed standard. Suitable for producing Cleveland Bays with substance, condition and durability. Heritable faults which affect soundness, trainability or breeding and weaknesses that lead to limitations in correctness will be penalized. Blemishes are not to count unless resulting from conformation faults. Color is used only as determining factor if total score is equal.</td>
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**Movement:**

- **Walk:**
  - Criteria: Regular, four even beats, straight, active & even strides, with correctly aligned steps, articulation of joints, freedom of shoulders & haunches, balance, elastic & swinging back, overstep, reach, ground-covering steps with marching quality.
  - Purity & quality: clear rhythm, regularity & relaxation (judged mainly in profile); correctness (judged mainly coming to & going from judge).

- **Trot:**
  - Criteria: see above and include natural engagement & impulsion from hindquarters, ground-covering steps typical of history of covering uneven ground.
  - Quality: see above.
  - Movement should be active, light & springy, with clear cadence. Should have scope & volume, maintaining balance.

- **General Impression:**
  - Criteria: Includes masculinity (stallions) or femininity (mares); development related to age, harmony (relationship of conformation to movement); athleticism & condition. Demonstrates good character, presence & temperament.
  - Breeding horse type. Shows potential to produce competitive Cleveland Bay horses in chosen discipline.

**Decimals may be used in scoring.**

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**Additional Remarks:**

Please send any questions or comments to: info@clevelandbay.org

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Judges Signature: ______________________________