

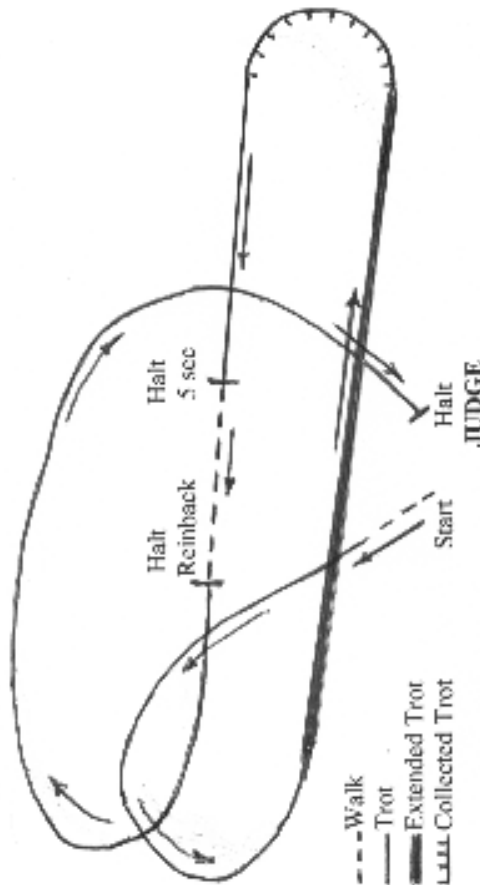
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SHOW DRIVING PANEL

A GUIDE TO
JUDGING HARNESS CLASSES AT SHOWS



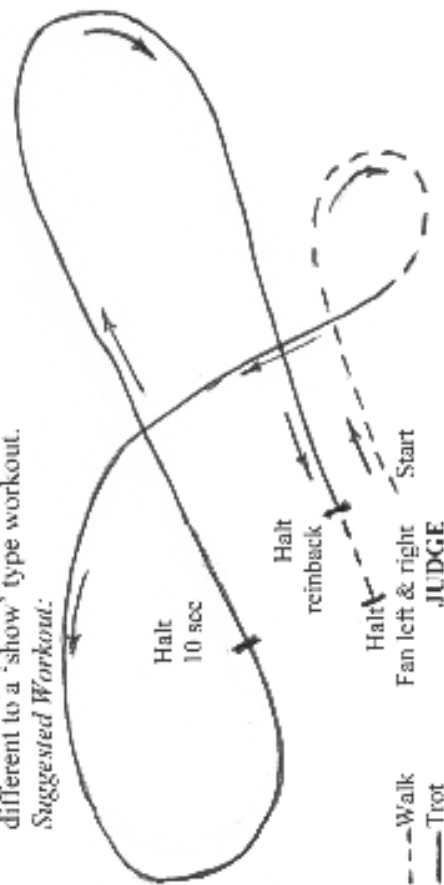
DRIVER CLASS Consider the position of the driver on the seat, their attire (should have hat, gloves, driving apron or knee rug), rein handling, control of the horse and ability to show the horse to its best advantage. Should be holding the whip and demonstrate its correct use if required. Doing an incorrect workout should be penalised.

Suggested Workout:



PLEASURE HORSE IN HARNESS Look for a horse which would be comfortable to drive on a club pleasure outing, in company with other horses. It should be obedient, have impulsion in the trot and a ground covering walk, but not pull, and be able to relax on a relatively loose rein at the walk. It should be happy to stand for long periods of time. The workout should be different to a 'show' type workout.

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This pamphlet is designed to assist judges, especially those who are not familiar with carriage driving, when judging the most common harness classes in the show ring.

Examples of suitable workouts are also provided.

Note: It is not compulsory to use these workouts – they are examples only. However it is recommended that the different paces and tasks used in the suggested workouts are incorporated into the workouts that are used. Flexibility will always be necessary to adapt to the size and shape of the area allocated to the harness ring in the show arena.

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