

The Vibram®/F&HRC Co-Op Shoeing Challenge Guidelines

The Challenge: Shoe a horse to Manage High/Low Hoof Conformation

The winners of this Challenge will be the shoeing jobs chosen by a panel of independent judges, which in their opinion best demonstrate a high level of technical expertise in the application of the shoes (and any related aides), combined with the expectation, again solely in the judge's opinion, that the high/low condition has been best managed by the application of the shoeing package.

To be eligible, an entrant must be a F&HRC Co-Op member.

The methodology/protocol of shoeing used is completely at the discretion of the entrant. Shoes may be of any material (steel, aluminum, rubber, plastic). Pads, if used, may be of any shape or material. Shoes may be nailed or glued. Packing, if used, may be of any material.

All photos submitted must be taken using a digital camera with a resolution of at least 4 megapixels. Photos taken with phones will not be accepted. Photos must be in focus.

All photos in which the hoof is on the ground must be taken with the hoof on a solid, flat surface, such as concrete or asphalt.

Photography protocol

1. Cannon bone must be vertical to the ground and the horse standing squarely but relaxed. (Solar view excepted.)
2. Camera must be at the same level as the anatomical part being photographed. IE: If you are photographing the hoof, the camera must be on the ground. (Solar view excepted.)
3. Camera must be at a right angle to the hoof (no oblique shots will be accepted).
4. Photos must be large enough (close enough) so that detail is easily seen.
5. All photographs must be of current work.
6. Photographs must be named so as to make it easy to determine which photo it is. An example is: `left_front_before_cleaning_solar.jpg` (Preferred photo format is .jpg or .jpeg)
Leave photos "full size" as taken by the camera. No compression or cropping.
7. Photos and essay must be submitted on a CD (not a DVD) or a USB Flash Drive (also known as Thumb drives). (Please submit the essay as a text (.txt) file so it may be opened easily.)

To enter the Challenge an entrant must submit the following:

A completed and signed Checklist/Questionnaire form (the last page of this document).

At least one photo of the entrant, bust shot preferred (similar to a passport photo).

Prior to beginning the shoeing, four photos of the overall conformation of the horse must be taken: One photo of each side of the horse and one photo taken from in front and one behind the horse that clearly shows the shoulder conformation.

Photos of the two hooves involved (the high/low hooves) **before any work is done**. Five photos must be taken of each hoof:

- From the front (hooves on the ground)
- From behind (hooves on the ground)
- From the lateral side (hooves on the ground)

- From the medial side (hooves on the ground)
- Solar view (obviously with the hoof being held up)

Photos of the two hooves involved (the high/low hooves) **after they have been cleaned, but before trimming**. Five photos must be taken of each hoof:

- From the front (hooves on the ground)
- From behind (hooves on the ground)
- From the lateral side (hooves on the ground)
- From the medial side (hooves on the ground)
- Solar view (obviously with the hoof being held up)

Photos of the two hooves involved (the high/low hooves) **after they have been trimmed and are ready for shoeing**. Five photos must be taken of each hoof:

- From the front (hooves on the ground)
- From behind (hooves on the ground)
- From the lateral side (hooves on the ground)
- From the medial side (hooves on the ground)
- Solar view (obviously with the hoof being held up)

Two photos of the shoeing packages (one for each hoof) before they are applied to the hooves.

If any packing materials are being used, photos of the packing materials in place, before the pads/shoes are applied. If injectable packing material is being used, a photo of the material being injected will be acceptable. (If packing materials are not used, do **not** check box on the Checklist.)

Photos of the two hooves involved (the high/low hooves) **after the shoeing has been completed**. Five photos must be taken of each hoof:

- From the front (hooves on the ground)
- From behind (hooves on the ground)
- From the lateral side (hooves on the ground)
- From the medial side (hooves on the ground)
- Solar view (obviously with the hoof being held up)

After completion of the shoeing, four photos of the overall conformation of the horse must be taken: One photo of each side of the horse and one photo taken from in front and one behind the horse that clearly shows the shoulder conformation.

Only one entry per entrant. All entries must be postmarked no later than January 18, 2010. Entries received without a completed, signed and dated Checklist/Questionnaire will be ineligible. Entrants must submit all photos on a CD or USB Flash Drive to be eligible.

Mail entries to:

**The Vibram/F&HRC Co-Op Shoeing Challenge
c/o The Farrier & Hoofcare Resource Center Co-Op
160 Five Point Road
Robesonia, PA 19551**

All photos/materials and information submitted become the joint property of Vibram and the F&HRC Co-Op, and may be used for educational and publicity purposes.

1st Prize: A pair of Work One External Metatarsal Guard Work Boots

- 8" Black Walnut Badlands Oil Tanned Leather
- **Comfort** Weave Lining
- Removable Dual Density Ultimate **Shock Absorption**[™] Insole on **Poron 4000 Comfort** Cushion
- Rubber Midsole
- Fiberglass Shank
- Goodyear Welt Construction
- HEAT RESISTING **Vibram Alpha + Comfort** Outsole
- Oblique Steel Toe
- Metatarsal Guard
- Steel Toe Rated ASTM F2413-05 M/I/75/C/75/MT/75
- Electrical Hazard
- Made Assembled in USA



2nd prize: 12 pair of Vibram Hoof pads (assortment to include full, rim and wedge) or 6 Norzon sanding belts.



3rd prize: 6 pair of Vibram Hoof pads or 3 Norzon sanding belts.

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The Vibram/F&HRC Co-Op Shoeing Challenge Checklist/Questionnaire

Instructions: Place a check mark in each box as the task is completed. When completed, sign and date and submit this form with the CD or USB Flash Drive containing your photos.

- Bust shot (of you)
- Four pre-shoeing conformation photos (as designated in the guidelines)
- Before any work is done, 5 photos (as designated in the guidelines) of hoof #1
- Before any work is done, 5 photos (as designated in the guidelines) of hoof #2
- After cleaning but before trimming is done, 5 photos (as designated in the guidelines) of hoof #1
- After cleaning but before trimming is done, 5 photos (as designated in the guidelines) of hoof #2
- After trimming and ready for shoeing, 5 photos (as designated in the guidelines) of hoof #1
- After trimming and ready for shoeing, 5 photos (as designated in the guidelines) of hoof #2
- Photos of shoeing package before application to hoof (as designated in the guidelines) for hoof #1
- Photos of shoeing package before application to hoof (as designated in the guidelines) for hoof #2
- Photos of packing material in place or being injected (as designated in the guidelines) for hoof #1
- Photos of packing material in place or being injected (as designated in the guidelines) for hoof #2
- After the shoeing is done, 5 photos (as designated in the guidelines) of hoof #1
- After the shoeing is done, 5 photos (as designated in the guidelines) of hoof #2
- Four post-shoeing conformation photos (as designated in the guidelines)

Please answer the following questions:

- Age of horse: ____ Sex of horse: _____ Primary use of horse: _____
- Lameness problems (if any) according to Owner:

- Lameness problems (if any) observed by you (the Entrant):

- Previously tried methods (if any) to manage the high/low hoof conformation:

- Why did you shoe the horse in the manner you did, and what is the desired outcome?

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date: _____
Full address (street, city, state, zip) _____
Phone: (____)-____-____ Email: _____@_____