

# Horse Conformation

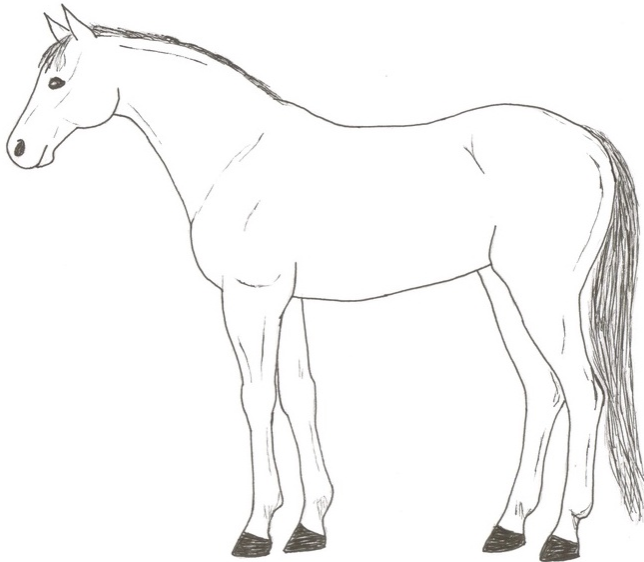


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1) Get out your coloured pencils, ruler, and judging cap. Draw lines on this horse diagram to measure the proportions of the stated body parts. Then, circle whether the horse has the ideal conformation for that body part.

a) Heart girth

b) Throatlatch

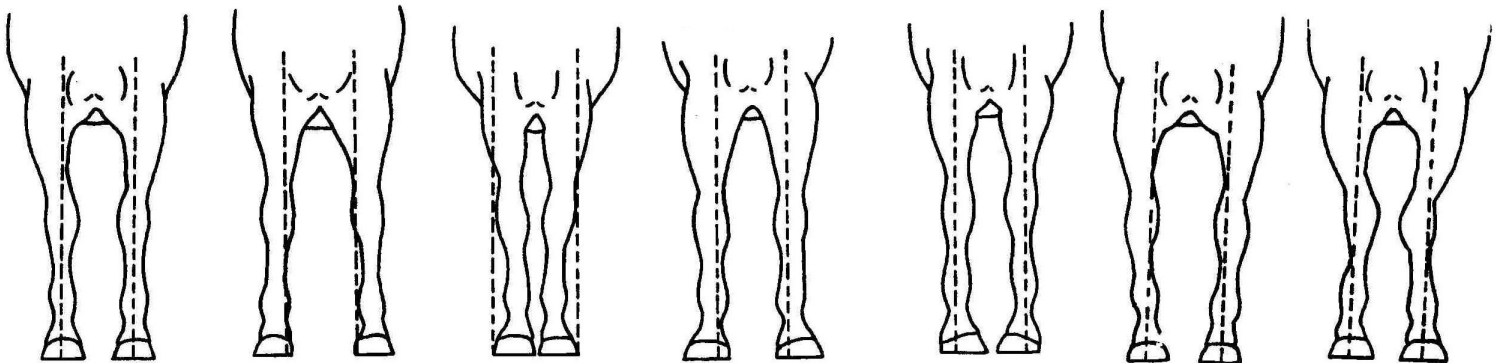


Perfect conformation?

Heart girth: **Yes / No**

Throatlatch: **Yes / No**

2) This horse's front legs are being viewed from the front. Label each conformational fault.



Normal

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**Options:** bow-legged, knock-kneed, base-wide, base-narrow, pigeon-toed, toes out

3) Circle whether the length or angle of the first body part should be greater than, equal to, or less than the second length or angle.

a) Neck topline                      **greater than / equal to / less than**                      Neck underline

b) Front cannon bones              **greater than / equal to / less than**                      Rear cannon bones

c) Slope of pastern                      **greater than / equal to / less than**                      Slope of shoulder

# Horse Conformation - Answers

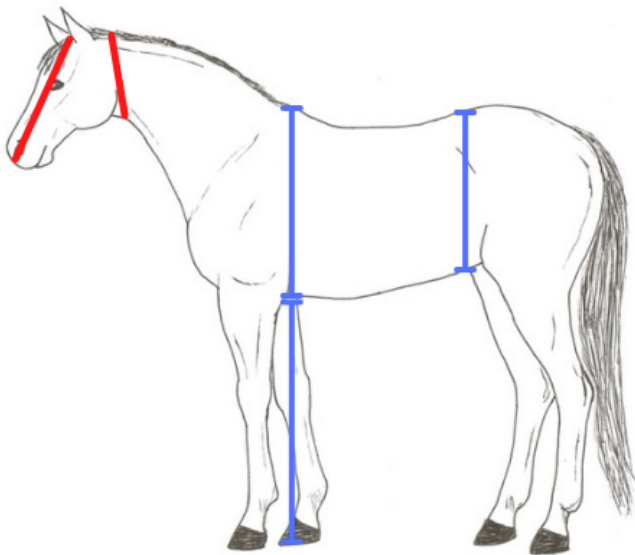


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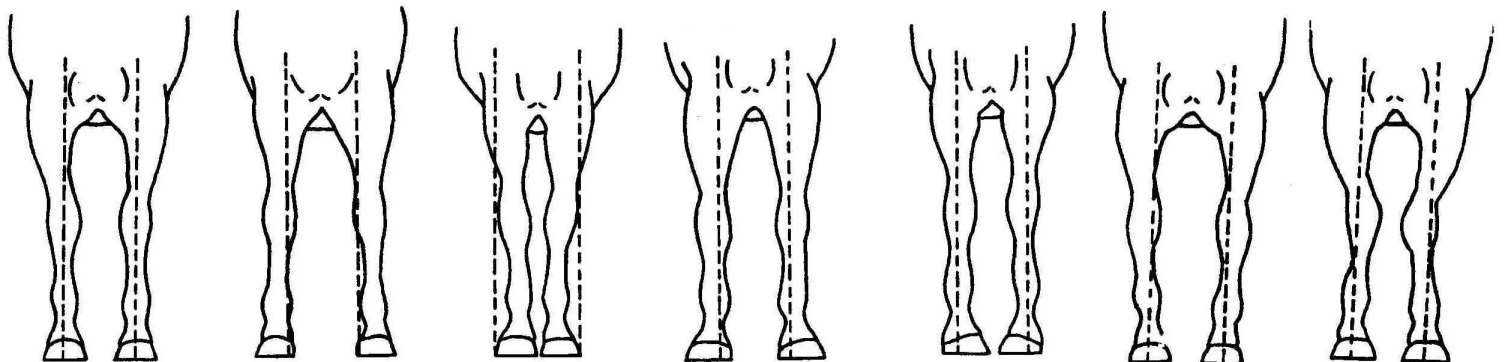
Heart girth: Yes / **No**

*This horse's heart girth is longer than its depth of flank but too short compared to the distance from its chest floor to the ground.*

Throatlatch: Yes / **No**

*This horse's throatlatch is a little thick compared to the length of its head.*

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Normal

Base-wide

Base-narrow

Toes out

Pigeon-toed

Bow-legged

Knock-kneed

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