# VETERINARY ASSESSMENT

**Mark 1** (the veterinarian's assessment of the foal or horse as it is currently presented)

**Mark 2** (the veterinarian's prognosis of the horse at its competition peak)

| Trait | Description | Obvious | Average | Obvious | Description | Veterinary Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stance of Forelegs | over at the knee | | | | back at the knee | |
| Stance of Forelegs | carpal valgus | | | | carpal varus | |
| Stance of Forelegs | offset laterally | | | | offset medially | |
| Stance of Hindlegs | acute hock angle | | | | straight hock angle | |
| Stance of Hindlegs | tarsal valgus | | | | tarsal varus | |
| Stance of Fetlocks (front) | over-extended | | | | upright | |
| Stance of Fetlocks (back) | over-extended | | | | upright | |
| Shape of Feet | wide | | | | narrow | |
| Heels | high | | | | low | |
| Symmetry of the Shoulder Girdle | symmetrical | | | | asymmetrical | |
| Symmetry of the Pelvic Girdle | symmetrical | | | | asymmetrical | |
| Quality of Legs: Tendon Sheaths | no effusions | | | | effusions | |
| Quality of Legs: Joints | no effusions | | | | effusions | |
| Correctness of Walk: front legs | toed in | | | | toed out | |
| Correctness of Walk: hind legs | toed in | | | | toed out | |
| Correctness of Trot: front legs | toed in | | | | toed out | |
| Correctness of Trot: hind legs | toed in | | | | toed out | |

| | Description | | | | Description | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Muscle Development | overmuscled | | | | poor | |
| Body Condition Score | underweight | | | | overweight | |

| | | Right Front | Left Front | Right Hind | Left Hind | Comment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Growth Plate Development: knee | O Normal | O | O | | | |
| | O Abnormal | O | O | | | |
| Growth Plate Development: hock | O Normal | | | O | O | |
| | O Abnormal | | | O | O | |
| Growth Plate Development: fetlock | O Normal | O | O | O | O | |
| | O Abnormal | O | O | O | O | |
| Foot Balance | O No issues | O | O | O | O | |
| | O Attention needed | O | O | O | O | |

**HOW TO INTERPRET YOUR SCORE**

Your linear score sheet is colour coded to help you with the interpretation of your score. The aim is to get as many ticks as possible in the dark green areas of the sheet. Red fields indicate areas that will present problems to the long term soundness of your horse or foal.

Your veterinary numerical score will make up 20% of your final Futurity mark. It will consist of two equally weighted elements:

1. The way your foal or young horse presents himself or herself now (worth 10% of the final mark)

2. The way the vet prognosticates the horse or foal to present himself or herself at the age for optimal performance (also worth 10% of the final mark)

**The Grade Boundaries:**

0 - not presented; 0.5 - 2.5 serious issues; 2.5 - 5 issues that prevent a successful sporting career; 5 - 7.5 manageable issues; 7.5 - 9 minor manageable issues; 9 - 9.5 very few very minor manageable issues; 10 no issues