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CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

The Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse (the Registry) was incorporated under the

Livestock Pedigree Act (Animal Pedigree Act) at the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa Canada in 1982. People using the services of the Registry must not only abide by the rules and regulations of the Registry, but also the rules and regulations of the Animal Pedigree Act.

Although a member association with an elected Board of Directors, all Registry work is subcontracted to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The Board sets the direction for the Registry, but is not involved in the day to day work regarding the registration or transfer of horses. In addition, full membership is available only to those who own a TWH registered in the Registry.

Objects of CRTWH according to the CRTWH Constitution

- to establish standards of breeding and to develop and maintain a system of identification and registration for purebred Tennessee Walking Horses through the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation".
- to encourage ongoing improvement in the quality of the Tennessee Walking Horse.
- to co-operate and co-ordinate with other Breed Associations and agriculture groups to develop the interest of the Light Horse Industry of Canada for domestic and international markets.
- to promote the Tennessee Walking Horse as a versatile breed by promoting the Tennessee Walking Horse for general family enjoyment; to foster friendship, good-will and understanding between Tennessee Walking Horse owners; and to establish a friendly accord between the Association members, the public, and other Tennessee Walking Horse Association.

MISSION, VALUES AND VISION

Our Mission: To register and record purebred Tennessee Walking Horses, both in Canada and internationally, with accuracy and integrity. We are dedicated to preserving the historical attributes of the breed, while encouraging ongoing improvement in the quality of the Tennessee Walking Horse.

Our Values: To foster the respectful and humane treatment of Tennessee Walking Horses through increased public awareness and education, and to encourage the enhancement of each animal's natural gait through good horsemanship.

Our Vision: We envision riders of all ages, in all applicable disciplines, having the opportunity to appreciate the smooth ride, strong build and mild disposition of the Canadian registered Tennessee Walking Horse.

‘THE CANADIAN’ PROGRAM FOR EXCELLENCE

The Canadian Program for Excellence was unveiled at the 2006 AGM. It replaces ‘The Canadian’ Futurity and extends the benefits of the Futurity to all Canadian registered TWH. In addition, it provides other advantages to supporters of the Canadian registered TWH. The Canadian Program for Excellence requires no change to current registration requirements. Participation is voluntary and available to all CRTWH members/owners with; horses registered in the Canadian Registry of the TWH. The Program comprises evaluation of individual horses against a standard. The evaluation is done by qualified people through electronic submission. A video is either produced at home or at a ‘gathering’. At all levels of award, horses must meet minimum age requirements. CRTWH will recognize horses that meet the established standards through evaluating conformation and gaits and will award: BRONZE – which is evaluation of conformation and flat walk at halter; SILVER – which is evaluation of conformation, plus of the flat walk and running walk under saddle: or GOLD – which is evaluation of conformation, plus flat walk, running walk and canter or lope. The PLATINUM award is reserved for superior sires and dams. All awards will be recorded on CRTWH registration papers.

VOLUNTARY

With the introduction of ‘The Canadian’ Program for Excellence, there is no change in the Standards for Registration and Rules for Entry as outlined in the Constitution. The current Standard for Registration and Rules of Entry remain in effect.

EVALUATIVE

1. Entry will be submitted (either by video or DVD) to qualified TWH expert or experts.
2. Entry will be evaluated individually against a written standard of performance.
3. This written standard shall include evaluation for conformation and/or disposition and/or gait or a combination thereof, depending upon the test being evaluated.
4. Credit will be given for positive attributes and penalty for negative attributes. Major and minor faults will be penalized. A disqualifying fault will result in disqualification.

STANDARDS

1. In the future maximum age limits and/or rule changes may be imposed for Bronze, Silver and Gold Tests.
2. Every horse currently registered or eligible for registration in the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse is eligible to participate in ‘The Canadian’ Program for Excellence.
3. CRTWH reserves the right to change or modify the Program for Excellence. Change or modification to the Program will not be instituted without notice to all members of CRTWH. Notification of change will be given at least one year in advance of the proposed change. Any change will be publicly advertised.
4. Standards of performance for each test will be established and made public.
5. Standards of performance will be established for conformation and/or disposition and/or gait or any combination thereof.
6. Standards of performance are identifiable.
7. Standards of performance are established by people with knowledge of horses in general and of the Tennessee Walking Horse in particular.
8. Potential unsoundness related to conformation inadequacies will be penalized, but unsoundness related to injury will not be penalized.
9. In general some conformation faults may have effects on soundness or performance – others may not. When soundness or performance is affected, penalties will be imposed in the Program.
10. A disqualifying conformation or movement fault shall mean that the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for any Test. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
11. Excessive faults shall mean the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for any Test. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
12. An overall score of less than 70 percent in Conformation or Movement will mean the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for any Test.

FEES

A fee schedule for the Program has been established. Fees have been kept to a minimum. The Schedule reflects a cost recovery principle. Fees may change from time to time. See the Entry Form for current fees (Appendix 5)

ADDITION TO REGISTRATION PAPERS

1. Upon the successful completion of the requirements for either Bronze, Silver or Gold tests, the award will be recorded on Registration papers issued by CRTWH.
2. This record of achievement will become a permanent and public record on the CRTWH registration papers for the Entry.
3. Upon completion of the requirements for the Platinum test, the award will be recorded on the Registration papers issued by CRTWH.
4. The Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse recognizes that the performance of a horse is tied to the ability of the handler. Bronze, Silver and Gold Tests are evaluated by electronic submission. Awards are based upon this evaluation. While CRTWH will make and retain copies of all submissions, CRTWH can not guarantee that the animal will perform the same way in the future as it did in the past.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

1. Electronic submission may be Video or DVD format.
2. Electronic submissions must be formatted as outlined in Guidelines for Electronic Submission.
3. Filming may occur at the home of the Entry or at a gathering. (Guidelines for Gatherings).
4. Filming may be done by an amateur or professional.
5. All submissions must be received by CRTWH by October 15 of any given year.
6. All submissions must include:
 - A signed official Entry Form
 - The applicable Entry fee.
 - A copy of the Registration certificate for the Entry
 - The electronic submission of the test
7. CRTWH will copy all electronic submissions for a permanent record.
8. Electronic submissions will be returned to the owner after evaluation.
9. With permission from the owner of the Entry, CRTWH may place a video clip on the CRTWH web site and may identify the owner.

TESTS AND AWARDS

1. A TEST relative to each level of award has been established.
2. **Bronze, Silver and Gold Tests are included as supplements to this package.**
3. Subject to the individual requirements for each TEST, upon payment of the appropriate fee and submission of an electronic TEST, all horses registered in CRTWH and owned by a CRTWH member are eligible to take the tests for the Bronze Silver or Gold award. Only breeding animals are eligible for the Platinum award.
4. When an Entry satisfies the standard of performance for any TEST, the appropriate award will be granted and recorded.
5. Bronze, Silver and Gold Award are achievement awards. They are pass/fail awards with no distinction for ranking.

GENERAL RULES REGARDING ALL TESTS

1. Appropriate fees must accompany the entry form (see Appendix 5).
2. Entry must be registered in CRTWH.
3. Entry must be owned by a member of CRTWH.
4. Entry may be handled by the current owner of the horse or by a person designated by the owner of the horse.
5. Entry must be submitted by the current owner of the Entry.
6. Entry must be submitted in the format as outlined in Guidelines for Electronic Submission.
7. The actual date of birth of the Entry (horse) is used to determine age.
8. Entries under the age of 36 months must be barefoot.
9. Entries over the age of 36 months may be either barefoot or keg shod. Keg shoes are unaltered factory made shoes of the sort normally referred to as a keg shoe. Toe weighted shoes like the Diamond Toe Weight are not permissible. Material in the keg shoe must be of a consistent type. Only clips drawn from the shoe itself are permitted. No additional weight can be added to the shoe, nor can anything be welded or added to the shoe. A heeled shoe is permitted but trailers on keg shoes are prohibited. No turned back caulks, only poured caulks on the originally manufactured shoe are allowed.
10. Full polyurethane composition shoes with no metal core may be used in place of keg shoes.
11. Tack requirements are outlined in each Test.
12. Potential unsoundness related to conformation inadequacies will be penalized, but potential unsoundness related to injury will not be penalized when this can be determined by the judge. If there is uncertainty, the penalty will be applied.
13. Entry must be received by October 15. Entries received after this time will be evaluated at the next available evaluation.
14. Submissions must be accompanied by a completed Entry form.
15. Submissions must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
16. Once an Entry is submitted, there will be no refunds.
17. Submissions must be in electronic format either Video or DVD. (see Electronic Submission Appendix 2)
18. The Evaluation sheet for every Entry will be returned to the owner who submitted the Entry.
19. If an Entry fails to satisfy the standard of performance for any test, the owner of the Entry may Appeal the results. See Guidelines for Appeal (Appendix 4).
20. If an Entry fails to satisfy the standard of performance for any test, the owner of the Entry may apply to retake the test. This is treated as a new submission and subject to the same rules and regulations as outlined above.

THE BRONZE AWARD

1. The Bronze Award will be given to any Entry that satisfies the standard of performance as identified in the Bronze Test.
2. The Bronze Test evaluates the horse to determine the degree of conformity to the standard of performance for conformation and movement in hand at the flat walk.
3. In the future maximum age limits and/or rule changes may be imposed for the Bronze Test.
4. To participate in the Program, the owner must be a member of CRTWH.
5. Currently a member owning any horse over the age of 3 months and registered with CRTWH may apply for the Bronze Test.
6. The Bronze Test evaluates the horse to determine the degree of conformity to the standard of performance for conformation and in-hand movement.
7. A disqualifying conformation or movement fault shall mean that the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for the Bronze Test. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
8. Excessive faults shall mean the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for the Bronze Test. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
9. An overall score of less than 70 percent in Conformation or Movement will mean the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for the Bronze Test.
10. The Bronze Award is an achievement award. It is a pass/fail award with no distinction for ranking.
11. If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of performance for the Bronze Test, the owner may appeal the result. See Guidelines for Appeal (Appendix 4). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may retake the test at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Tests, page 6)
12. The test for the Bronze Award must be successfully completed before the Entry may apply for the Silver Test. See also Request for More than One Test (Appendix 3).

THE SILVER AWARD

1. The Silver Award will be given to any Entry that satisfies standard of performance as identified in the Silver Test.
2. The Silver Test evaluates the horse to determine the degree of conformity to the standard of performance for conformation and movement while being ridden at the flat walk and running walk.
3. In the future maximum age limits and/or rule changes may be imposed for the Silver Test.
4. To participate in the Program, the owner must be a member of CRTWH.
5. The requirements for the Bronze Award must be successfully completed before the owner of the Entry may apply for the Silver Test.
6. Currently a member owning any horse over the age of 39 months and registered with CRTWH may apply for the Silver Test.
7. The Silver Award will be given to any Entry that satisfies the standard of performance as identified in the Silver Test.
8. A disqualifying conformation or movement fault shall mean that the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for the Silver Test. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
9. Excessive faults shall mean the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for the Silver Test. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
10. An overall score of less than 70 percent in Conformation or Movement will mean the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for the Silver Test.
11. The Silver Award is an achievement award. It is a pass/fail award with no distinction for ranking.
12. If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of performance for the Silver Test, the owner may appeal the result. See Guidelines for Appeal (Appendix 4). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may retake the test at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Tests, page 6)
13. The Test for the Silver Award must be successfully completed before the Entry may apply for the Gold Test. See also Request for More than One Test (Appendix 3).

THE GOLD AWARD

1. The Gold Award will be given to any Entry that satisfies standard of performance as identified in the Gold Test.
2. The Gold Test evaluates the horse to determine the degree of conformity to the standard of performance for conformation and movement while being ridden at the flat walk, the running walk and the canter or lope.
3. In the future maximum age limits and/or rule changes may be imposed for the Gold Test.
4. To participate in the Program, the owner must be a member of CRTWH.
5. The requirements for the Bronze Award and the Silver Award must be successfully completed before the owner of the Entry may apply for the Gold Test.
6. Currently a member owning any horse over the age of 48 months and registered with CRTWH may apply for the Gold Test.
7. The Gold Award will be given to any Entry that satisfies the standard of performance as identified in the Gold Test.
8. A disqualifying conformation or movement fault shall mean that the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for the Gold Test. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
9. Excessive faults shall mean the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for the Gold Test. The Entry will be evaluated, and the evaluation sheet returned to the owner.
10. An overall score of less than 70 percent in Conformation or Movement will mean the Entry has not satisfied the standard of performance for the Gold Test.
11. The Gold Award is an achievement award. It is a pass/fail award with no distinction for ranking.
12. If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of performance for the Gold Test, the owner may appeal the result. See also Guidelines for Appeal (Appendix 4).). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may retake the test at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Tests, page 6)

THE PLATINUM BREEDER AWARD

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The Platinum Breeder Award is reserved for breeding animals – sires and dams. Breeding animals receive the Platinum Breeder Reward as a result of Awards achieved by their offspring. In recognition of the difference in breeding potential between stallions and mares, the requirements for the Platinum Breeder Award are different for stallions than for mares.

GENERAL

1. The Platinum Breeder Award is automatically awarded by CRTWH when all conditions for the Award have been satisfied.
2. Breeding animals become eligible for this Award based on the performance of their offspring. To be eligible, these breeding animals must be registered with the Canadian Registry prior to their offspring being entered into the Program.
3. There is no Test or application for a Platinum Breeder Award.
4. There is no fee for the Platinum Breeder Award other than the fees associated with achieving the Gold Award for the resulting offspring of the breeding animal.
5. All offspring contributing to the Platinum Breeder Award must be registered in the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse.
6. All offspring contributing to the Platinum Breeder Award must have satisfied the conditions for the Gold Award.

CRITERIA FOR THE PLATINUM BREEDER AWARD

STALLION

- The Stallion (Sire) must be registered in the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse prior to any offspring being entered in the program and therefore contributing to the Award.
- In order for a Stallion (Sire) to be considered for the Platinum Breeder Award, the Stallion must be at least 10 years of age.
- The number of offspring required that must satisfy the standard of performance for the Gold Award increases with the age of the Stallion.

Age of Stallion	Offspring required to achieve Gold
12 years	6
13 years	7
14 years	8
15 years and over	9

- The offspring must be from at least three different Mares.
- It is not necessary that the Mares be owned by the owner of the Stallion.
- There is no time limit imposed to fulfill the requirements.
- **Any stallion that has achieved a Gold Award will have that Gold Award count toward his total gold. The stallion will be awarded a Platinum Plus.**

MARE

1. The Mare (dam) must be registered in the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse prior to any offspring being entered in the program and therefore contributing to the Award.
2. The mare (dam) must produce 3 foals from at least 2 different stallions. These 3 offspring must satisfy the standards of performance for the Gold Award.
3. There is no time limit imposed to fulfill the requirements.

APPENDIX 1

Suggestions for Hosting a 'Gathering'

- 1 . Notify CRTWH so that we are aware of the event.
- 2 . One person in an area acts as the liaison person / facilitator. Brochures are sent to this person for distribution. This person is also responsible for delegating work, etc. Brochures are to be sent out to participants well before the gathering takes place so they understand what the evaluators are looking for. Information will also be put on the website.
- 3 . The facilitator contacts local CRTWH members, and a date and time is agreed upon and set.
- 4 . The facilitator locates a videographer, either a professional or a volunteer. There are certain events in which a videographer is not required. The Trail Ride Divisions do not require video, but statements from participants. Some other events may be live, but viewed and documented by a qualified representative of CRTWH (public events).
- 5 . The facilitator sees that the 'Gathering' is advertised. This may take the form of posters in tack stores, word of mouth, on the CRTWH website, in *WHN*, local magazines and papers, etc. (The CRTWH board would appreciate being notified of advertisements or publicity.)
- 6 . The Facilitator should encourage safety for horse and rider at all times. The facilitator hosting a Gathering must have a current provincial equine association membership. The facilitator must require all participants to provide proof of membership and liability insurance through their Provincial Equine Association and to sign waivers for their facility. In the interests of safety the facilitator is strongly encouraged to require that all participants, but especially those under the age of 18, wear helmets.
- 7 . The facilitator sets up a social for after the videoing is done This gives participants a chance to get together, visit and compare notes on their horses.
- 8 . Copies of the videos should be given/sent to the rider/horse-person/participant attempting the challenge or level. The owner of the horse is responsible to submit the video, entry form and fees to CRTWH. The facilitator is not responsible for entries but is responsible for sending or giving the video to the participant.

*If YOU are interested in hosting a gathering in your area,
please contact the CRTWH Board with the following information:*

_____ (insert name of the person or ranch)

would like to host a Gathering on _____ (date) at

_____. (location)

The purpose of the gathering is to support participants, record challenges
and provide information to those interested in the

Triple Challenge Program of the

Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse.

*Booklets with standards & video instructions are available
on the CRTWH website under Programs.*

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APPENDIX 2

GUIDELINES TO ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Please note: Horses will be evaluated to the best of the judge's ability. In some cases the quality of the tape may affect the ability to evaluate the Entry.

GENERAL:

1. VHS format is preferred, although other formats may be permissible.
2. An assistant is required to either operate the camera or exhibit the horse.
3. Thoroughly clean and groom the horse.
4. Although the handler is not being judged, the tape may be ideal for use as a sales tool, so "clean and tidy" is important.
5. Warm the horse up and familiarize the horse with the camera and the person operating the camera.
6. Check the camera for tape and battery.
7. The camera should be steady. A tripod is the most accurate, but you could use yourself as a tripod by positioning your hands and the camera against your chest. This would allow you to be more responsive to the movement of the horse.
8. Natural light is preferable. Shoot with the sun at your back.
9. If using artificial light, video a test run to check on the light levels.
10. Green grass would be ideal, but may not be practical. Try to limit background clutter so the judge (and potential buyers!) can focus on the horse.
11. A level area about 80 to 100 feet long with firmly packed ground, pavement or sod is ideal for evaluation of movement. The total distance for movement evaluation is more than 100 ft, so it may be necessary to travel the distance more than once in more than one direction.
12. It is important that each Entry be given the opportunity to be evaluated at its best for both conformation and movement.
13. Both during the conformation portion and the movement portion, it may be necessary to stop and restart the camera on more than one occasion.
14. At the beginning of the tape **mention the date** and orally identify:
 - The horse by name and registration number. Identify an unregistered weanling, as the offspring of its sire and dam and the year of its birth.
 - the test or tests applied for (Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Bronze and Silver, or Bronze, Silver and Gold, or Silver and Gold),
 - Owner and breeder
 - The animal's gender
 - Name of the handler

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **In Hand Movement** is required for all levels. However it need not be repeated when more than one Test is attempted during the same session.
 - Run the camera for at least 45 seconds in each position. When zooming in is called for, zoom **SLOWLY!**
 - It is recommended that the camera be moved once the horse is standing square, unless the camera is on a tripod and the horse is well trained to stand where placed.
1. Tape the horse moving towards the camera for a distance of approximately 50 ft. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE LEGS OR FEET!**
 2. Stand the horse square. Do not stretch or park it.
 3. Tape the front. Be sure to show all of the front—head, chest, legs and feet. Zoom in **SLOWLY** on the head to capture the nose, eye and ears.
 4. Have the handler open the lips so that the bite can be seen by the camera.
 5. Move the camera or move the horse so that the camera view is from the side. Tape the whole horse for approximately 45 seconds. Now zoom in (slowly) on the head from the side.
 6. Turn the horse or move the camera so that the whole hind end is in view. Again, do not zoom in and do not cut off any parts.
 7. Move the camera or turn the horse so that the remaining side can be viewed just like the first side was. Zoom in on the head after the body is done.
 8. If the horse is an intact male (stallion) over 24 months, focus on the underside of the belly to show whether the testicles are descended
 9. In order to evaluate how the horse moves from behind, the judge must view the horse as it moves away from him. The video shot is taken from behind the horse and must include the hind-quarters of the horse (rump, legs and feet) as the horse moves directly away from the judge in a straight line toward a target. The camera follows the horse as it moves away. Do not cut the legs or feet out of the picture. The handler should pick out a target and walk toward it. This should keep the horse moving in a straight line so that the camera can hold the horse in view.
 - The horse does not stop at the target. The horse and handler turn to the right or left and continue walking so that the horse can be videoed from the side while walking. It is not desirable that the horse be moving at the running walk. It is not desirable for the horse to saunter and drag its feet. The horse and handler should move forward with purpose at a good flat foot walk. The horse should be shown at two speeds if it is a young horse (older and bigger horses are too difficult to keep up with at a higher speed). The judge is looking for an even and flowing 4 beat gait with a head nod and overstride.
 - The horse is required to walk approximately 250 feet in order to evaluate movement. It is ideal (but not necessary) if the line is straight, but depending upon the space available turns may be necessary. The direction of the turn is not important but the horse and handler must not stop when turning. The camera must maintain a constant side view of the whole horse on this walk. Try to keep the horse centered and filling the entire view. Do not cut off its head or feet.
 - Stop the horse and stand still for 30 seconds. The camera maintains a side view of the whole horse as horse and handler stand immobile for 30 seconds

FREE MOVEMENT

The evaluator would like to see the horse moving freely. This can be accomplished with footage of the horse in its home field, in an arena, on a lunge line or in a round pen. A minute of this, more or less is adequate. Longer is acceptable (within reason—only the first portion will be viewed.) While this will not be used for evaluation, it will provide the evaluator a sense of the animal.

MOVEMENT WHILE RIDDEN

1. To evaluate the movement for the Silver and Gold Awards, space, either indoor or outdoor space, adequate to produce a video of sufficient quality is necessary. The space requirements would be similar to that of a good arena.
2. It may be necessary to stop the camera and move it to another location during this taping.
3. This evaluation is intended to determine the NATURAL movement of your horse, and the horse only.
4. Tack and attire will not be judged, nor will riding style. Legal tack must be used. No bits with long shanks, etc). (See tack requirements for each Test.)
5. Riding style and ability is not being judged. Riding style and ability will affect the performance of your horse: however it is impossible for a judge to factor this out. The point is ***it is the performance of the horse that is being judged.***
6. Artificial enhancement of movement will be penalized severely (e.g. “bumping” to create a head bob rather than a natural head nod)

TYPE, DISPOSITION AND MANNERS

Specific marks for Type, Disposition and Manners are awarded in the Conformation TEST. While there are no other specifics, the horse will be evaluated on type, disposition and manners throughout the entire performance.

**Send
Completed Video
and
Entry Form**

To be postmarked by October 15

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APPENDIX 3

REQUEST FOR MORE THAN ONE TEST

Because the Program for Excellence is new, CRTWH recognizes there are currently CRTWH horses of an age that makes them eligible for the Silver or Gold Test. The Bronze Test is a prerequisite for the Silver Test and the Bronze and Silver Tests are prerequisites for the Gold Test. Therefore for a limited time, a horse may take more than one test at one time.

BRONZE AND SILVER

1. If a horse is over 39 months of age, the owner may apply for the Bronze Test and the Silver Test at the same time.
2. The appropriate fee must accompany the request for the Bronze and Silver Tests.
3. The standard of performance for the Bronze Award must be satisfied BEFORE the Silver Test will be evaluated.
4. If an Entry fails to achieve the minimum score for any standard of performance for the Bronze Award, the Silver Test will not be evaluated. There will be no refund of fees.
5. The Bronze and Silver Awards are achievement awards earned by satisfying the standards of performance as identified in the tests. They are both a pass/fail award with no distinction for ranking.
6. If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of performance for either the Bronze or the Silver Test, the owner may appeal the result. See Guidelines for Appeal (Appendix 4). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may retake the test at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Tests, page 6)

BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD

1. If a horse is over 48 months of age, the owner may apply to take the Bronze, Silver and the Gold Test at the same time
2. The appropriate fee must accompany the request for the combined Bronze, Silver and Gold tests. See Fee Schedule (Appendix 5).
3. The standards of performance for the Bronze Award must be satisfied BEFORE the Silver Test will be evaluated.
4. If an Entry fails to achieve the minimum score for any standard of performance for the Bronze Award, the Silver Test will not be evaluated. There will be no refund of fees.
5. The standards of performance for the Silver Award must be satisfied BEFORE the Gold Test will be evaluated.
6. If an Entry does not satisfy the standard of performance for the Silver Award, the Gold Test will not be evaluated. There will be no refund of fees.
7. The Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards are achievement awards. They are pass/fail awards. If an Entry fails to satisfy the standards of performance for the Bronze, Silver or Gold Test, the owner may appeal the result. See Guidelines for Appeal (Appendix 4). If the result of the appeal is the same, the Entry may retake the test at a future date. (See General Rules Regarding all Tests, page 6)

APPENDIX 4

GUIDELINES FOR APPEAL

1. When an entry does not satisfy the requirements of any test, the owner of the entry may appeal the decision.
2. All appeals must be in writing.
3. All appeals must include reasons for the appeal and a copy of the electronic submission and evaluation.
4. **All appeals must be received by CRTWH within 1 month of the date of the postmark of the return of the evaluation and be accompanied by the appeal fee.**
5. An Appeal Board will be struck. Depending upon the nature of the appeal, the CRTWH Board will determine the make-up of the panel.
6. A time and location for a meeting of the Appeal Board will be set.
7. The person (the Appellant) appealing the decision has the right to attend the meeting of the Appeal Board and present his case. If the Appellant does not choose to present the case in person, the Appellant may appoint a representative to act in his place, or the Appellant may submit a written case.
8. The Appellant will not be permitted to sit in on the deliberations of the Appeal Board.
9. The decision of the Appeal Board will be released within 2 weeks of the hearing.
10. The decision of the Appeal Board is final and not open to further appeal.

APPENDIX 5

FEE SCHEDULE AS OF 2006

	TEST or TESTS	FEE
	Bronze	\$30
	Silver	\$30
	Gold	\$30
	Bronze and Silver	\$45
	Silver and Gold	\$45
	Bronze, Silver and Gold	\$60
	Appeal fee	\$50

*Appeal fee of \$50.00 will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

THE CANADIAN' PROGRAM FOR EXCELLENCE'

ENTRY FORM: TESTS

Please send a separate application for each entry. This is an entry for the following

	TEST or TESTS	FEE
	Bronze	\$30
	Silver	\$30
	Gold	\$30
	Bronze and Silver	\$45
	Silver and Gold	\$45
	Bronze and Silver and Gold	\$60

Fees must be included with entry. Make cheque payable to CRTWH

Fee included \$ _____

Registered Name or dam/sire of unregistered foal	
Registration Number	
Birth Date	
Breeder	
Owner	
Address	
Telephone number	
E mail address	

**Include a copy of the registration papers for the Entry or its dam and sire.*

I _____ hereby certify that:

- The animal described above is the animal shown on the electronic submission.
- I am the registered owner of the animal described above.
- I am a member in good standing of the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse.
- I have read and understand the Standard of Performance for the Test.
- I understand that CRTWH will keep a copy of this submission and may show it to others upon request..
- I understand that if the entry satisfies the Standard of Performance for the Test, the Award will become a permanent part of the CRTWH Registration Certificate for the entry.
- I understand that if the entry fails to satisfy the standard of performance as outlined in the test, the entry will not be eligible for the award.
- I understand that if the entry does not meet the standards, I may appeal the result. I understand that this appeal must be made in writing to CRTWH within 1 month of the postmark of the return of the evaluation.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clips from electronic submissions may be used on the CRTWH website.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clips on the CRTWH website may identify the entry and owner
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I give permission for CRTWH to use clips from my video on the CRTWH website or for other promotional purposes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I give permission for CRTWH to identify the horse and the owner on the CRTWH website

Signed _____ **Date** _____



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