



## **American Farrier's Association 2024 Team Trials Rules, Format and Specimen Shoes**

The contest will be conducted in rounds on provided stations. Each station will consist of a coke forge, an anvil with stand and a vise.

### Judging Rules

Judging is based upon photos and drawings of specimen shoes presented by the AFT Committee prior to the start of the first class. Judges will follow rules set forth by the Rules Committee and used at the AFA National Forging and Horseshoeing Competition. During judging, competitors are not allowed to talk to judges.

The judging criteria on the foot will be set up in 4 categories. Each category will be worth 10 points. The specimen shoe score will be scored 1-10, also. The total will be 5 categories with a max total score of 50 points. The categories for the shoeing will be Trim, the Shoe, the Fit and Finish/Overall Job.

Striker/Fireman cannot hold the shoe in their hand or with tongs and forge on the shoe at the same time. The Striker may not rasp on any of the competitor's shoes, doing so will get the competitor disqualified for points in that class.

When possible, horses and/or shoes will be available for inspection upon completion of judging. Judge's score sheets will not be available to competitors before the announcement of class placement.

The AFT Committee Chair will hold the title of contest official and oversee all aspects of the contest and be the final decision maker. Striker/Fireman rules under Format.

### Team Points

The points will be awarded 1-10 in each class. The top 10 finishers of each class will receive the points with the competitor placing first receiving 10 points and the competitor placing tenth receiving 1 point. The maximum total points a person could receive from each Trial being 40 points. Any competitor not going for the AFT will not receive any points and the points will then be awarded to the next competitor. The points will be totaled by the committee chair and kept on record with the AFA office.

### Format

The Trial will be comprised of four shoeing classes over two days. Each day, a competitor will have two classes of shoeing a foot with a specified shoe and turning in a specimen shoe. In each class, the competitor may have a striker/fireman. Competitors will be randomly selected for their goes and will draw for their stations before each class.



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May 3-4, 2024

Hosted by Five Star Horseshoeing School

Judges: Carl Via, CJF and Todd Walker, CJF

Day 1:

Class 1: 60 minutes

Shoe a foot with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  fullered shoe with specified clip(s)

Specimen: **Fully Fullered Bevel**

Class 2: 60 minutes

Shoe a foot with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  fullered shoe with specified clip(s)

Specimen: **Roadster**

Day 2:

Class 3: 55 minutes

Shoe a foot with a plain stamped shoe with specified clip(s)

Specimen: **Aluminum Heart Bar**

Class 4: 55 minutes

Shoe a foot with a plain stamped shoe with specified clip(s)

Specimen: **Deep Seated Hunter**



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12 1/2" of 1/2" x 1"

7 Nail Holes (E6)



Roadster

16 1/2" of 1/2" x 1 1/4"

7 Nail Holes (E7)



**Aluminum Heart Bar**

17" of 3/8" x 3/4"

6 Nail holes (Combo 5)



**Deep Seated Hunter**

11" of 1/2" x 1"

6 Nail holes (E5)

