

GENERAL RULES

All items made during the competition become property of WCBC.

Safety glasses are not mandatory but are strongly recommended.

Exhibitors must also be aware of the general rules and exhibitor agreement.

TIME LIMITS

Time limits listed in the Prize List will be adhered to without exception.

In horseshoeing competitions, contestants exceeding the time limit will not qualify for judging but will be required to complete the shoeing.

Immediately upon expiration of time, finished shoes must be placed on anvil.

No fitting of nails is allowed after time has expired. Any contestant contact with finished products after this time will result in disqualification.

Contact with finished products by any persons not authorized by WCBC Committee may result in disqualification of the contestant who made said products and the second person (if that person is a contestant in the WCBC).

BARSTOCK

All measurements will be given in metric (millimeters). All barstock dimensions will be given in metric but due to the fact that the barstock is made to Imperial measures, there may be small variances in actual barstock sizes stated.

The following chart will demonstrate the comparison between the Imperial barstock used and the metric measurement given.

1/4" x 3/4"	= 6 mm x 20 mm
1/4" x 1"	= 6 mm x 25 mm
1/4" x 1 1/4"	= 6 mm x 33 mm
5/16" X 1"	= 8 mm x 25 mm
3/8" x 3/4"	= 10 mm x 20 mm
3/8" x 1"	= 10 mm x 25 mm
3/8" square	= 10 mm x 10 mm
3/8" x 1 1/4"	= 10 mm x 33 mm
1/2" square	= 13 mm x 13 mm
1/2" x 1"	= 13 mm x 25 mm
1/2" x 1 1/4"	= 13 mm x 33 mm

One piece of marked barstock per shoe per contestant will be issued just prior to each class. Use of supplied barstock is mandatory.

If barstock is burned, additional stock may be issued only at the WCBC stewards' discretion.

All classes start with cold barstock. Any placement of barstock in forge prior to class time will result in disqualification.

No marking of barstock prior to class time is permitted. Marking of barstock prior to the class will result in disqualification.

Barstock may be cold cut to length prior to start of each section.

COMPETITION AREA

All classes take place within a marked area. At time of each class, only contestants competing in specific section are allowed in this area.

WCBC Committee must authorize other people within this area.

If a non-competing contestant has any contact with a currently competing contestant, both contestants face disqualification.

During horseshoeing classes, one horse handler is allowed. The horse handler may not aid, assist, advise or in any way become involved with contestant.

HORSES

Horses are selected and trimmed approximately two months prior to the competition. Horses are screened for foot suitability just prior to the competition by the judges and the judging stewards.

Contestants will draw for horses from a selected group of horses.

The contestant will be allowed 10 minutes from the commencement of the class to request a replacement horse, in case of the horse's unreasonable behavior. In this situation the contestants time will be restarted and new barstock issued.

EQUIPMENT

WCBC supplied shearing device is available to cut cold barstock prior to section start. Device use is not mandatory.

No mechanical or power devices are allowed.

Cleansing tools are allowed, however, no cleansing substances other than water may be used on shoes or hooves, with the exception of the Metal Art Classes (artistic forging).

Prior to each class, contestants will be assigned a blacksmith unit. They are required to compete on the assigned unit unless otherwise authorized by stewards. Use of supplied equipment (blacksmith unit) is compulsory.

Blacksmith units will be set up by authorized WCBC personnel.

Standard supplied equipment:

- * Kohlswa Blacksmith's anvil - 200 lb. or 91 kg. mounted on Tripod Stand
- * Coke forge - electric blower
- * Free standing vice
- * Water bucket
- * Coke
- * Fire tools - shovel, poker
- * Foot stand

Contestants are to use their own hand tools, and are completely responsible for their own tools and equipment.

A supply of nails will be available for contestants to use.

If any welding is required, contestants must supply their own filler and/or flux.

The use of Bottom Tools is prohibited in all classes but Class 101 (Potluck Artistic Forging Class). The WCBC defines the Bottom Tool as any tool used between the anvil and the stock.

DISQUALIFICATION

Failure to comply with the Rules and Regulations as stipulated by the WCBC Committee will result in immediate disqualification from that class.

Contestants disqualified from any portion of the point classes (Classes 20/30, 40/50, 60, 70, 80 and 110) will be allowed to compete in other classes for prize money and points, but will not advance to the top ten and can not be named the World Champion Blacksmith. Any intentional mistreatment or abuse of a horse will result in disqualification of the contestant from all classes, semi finals and finals.

The stewards, the judges, any Blacksmith Committee member or any Calgary Stampede employee can report intentional mistreatment or abuse of livestock.

ZERO SCORE

If a medical condition develops in a horse during a horseshoeing class, time for that contestant will be stopped and an examination conducted. If the contestant caused the medical condition, a zero score for that class will result. If the contestant did not cause the medical condition the contestant may continue without time penalty.

If a medical condition created by the contestant has resulted in a zero score for that contestant in that class and that contestant will still be eligible to qualify for the top ten semi-finals.

In the case of any team shoeing classes (Classes 80 and 110) the team will receive a zero for the class and all team members will be eligible to qualify for the top ten semi-finals.

The determination for a medical condition will be made by the chief steward(s). If this decision cannot be made by the steward(s) the judges will make a determination. If the steward(s) or the judge cannot make a decision a Calgary Stampede veterinarian will make the final decision.

OFFICIAL PROTEST

Any contestant lodging an official protest must make it in writing. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, which shall be forfeited to the Calgary Stampede if said protest is not sustained. The protest must be delivered to the agriculture office before 10:00 a.m. the day following the cause of protest and a receipt must be obtained.

TIE BREAKING

In the event of a tie in a class placing, the following method will be used to determine a winner:

Forging Classes (Classes 30 to 90 Inclusive) - Higher score awarded in descending order of priority:

- 1) Nail Fit and Nail Placement
- 2) Forging and Dimensions
- 3) Level and Finish

Shoeing Classes (Classes 20, 80 and 110) - Higher score awarded in descending order of priority:

- 1) Preparation
- 2) Fit of Shoe
- 3) Nailing and Finishing

4) Shoe

Top Ten Qualifiers - If a tie exists, qualifying more than ten contestants, the contestants accumulating the most points in Classes 20 to 70 will qualify to complete the required ten contestants.

Semi-Final and Final Horseshoeing - Higher score awarded in descending order of priority:

- 1) Preparation and Trim
- 2) Fit of Shoe
- 3) Nailing and Finishing
- 4) Shoe

A point total tie, which cannot be broken by the above method, will require the judge's review of judging sheets/comments, and re-examination of finished feet.

RULES FOR FORGING AND SHOEOING CLASSES

FORGING CLASSES

The judging stewards will discard obviously incomplete shoes that fail to meet one or more of the specifications, for example:

- ~no nail holes
- ~burnt to an obviously unusable state
- ~missing or unfinished clips, heels, caulks, etc.
- ~Shoes which are out more than 3 mm from the specifications given, will be submitted for judging, however, they will be scored zero in the dimensions scoring category. In most cases, the dimension category represents 20% of the shoe's maximum possible score.

CLASSES 30-90: The shoes will be marked by each judge individually under the following scoring system:

1. Forging and Dimensions 25
2. Nail Fit and Nail Placement 15
3. Level and Finish 10

HORSESHOEING CLASSES

FIT

Shoes are to be fit to the widest part of the frog (see diagram). Shoes are to be fit no more than 10 mm past the bearing surface of the heel. Unsafe nail holes should be brought to the attention of the judges and the stewards. A reduction of score will be made. If unsafe nail holes are used and a medical condition is created, a zero score from that class may result.

TEAM HORSESHOEING CLASSES

All judging and results will be based on team efforts without individual recognition. Judging is based on the same scoring system as the semi-final and final horseshoeing classes.

Score per foot/per judge

Preparation & Balance	10 after time called
Shoe	10 after time called
Fit of Shoe	10 after time called
Nailing & Finishing	10 after time called

TOTAL 40

Horses will be judged without specifying the blacksmith foot assignments. Results will be determined by totaling the scores. Any score total tie will be broken by judges' review of judging sheets/comments and viewing of finished feet as necessary. All feet must be complete to be judged.

SEMI-FINALS and FINALS

Judging is based on a scoring system and is completed in three stages:
After trim. After burn. After completion.

The Semi-Final will be staggered into two sections with the second section commencing 15 minutes after the first. The final contestants will begin simultaneously. Contestants are responsible for signaling of judging stewards when interim judging is required. Time will not be stopped during the interim judging process.

Score per foot/per judge	
Preparation & Balance	10 after trim
Shoe	10 after burn
Fit of Shoe	10 after burn
Nailing & Finishing	10 after time called
TOTAL	40

Results will be determined by totaling the scores. The pair of feet must be complete to be judged.

COMPETITION FORMAT

WORLD CHAMPION POINT STANDINGS

The format of the competition will see competitors working through a series of forging classes to qualify for the "Top Ten". The Top Ten competitors will shoe the front feet of a horse and a score will be given. The competitors with the top five accumulated scores after the Semi-Final event will advance to the Final event.

The horses will be re-drawn and the top five competitors will shoe the hind feet. The total of the points accumulated in the forging classes (including Class 110, the Four Man Team Draft Horseshoeing) and in the Semi-Final and Final events will determine the World Champion Blacksmith.

A point system will be used in all classes and events. Each of the two judges will mark the shoes individually and the two scores will be added together to determine the top six placing in each class. Championship points will be awarded on the basis of the class placing. All shoes that meet prize list specifications will be judged.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Points will be awarded toward the World Championship for Classes 20/30 through 90 AND Class 110 as follows:

1st placing in any event 11 points.
2nd placing in any event.....9 points.
3rd placing in any event.....8 points.
4th placing in any event.....7 points.
5th placing in any event.....6 points.
6th placing in any event.....5 points.
7th placing in any event.....4 points.
8th placing in any event.....3 points.
9th placing in any event.....2 points.
10th placing in any event.....1 point.

Points will be awarded toward the World Championship for the Semi-Final and Final events as follows:

1st placing in either event.....50 points
2nd placing in either event.....41 points.
3rd placing in either event.....36 points
4th placing in either event.....31 points
5th placing in either event.....26 points.
6th placing in either event.....21 points.
7th placing in either event.....17 points.
8th placing in either event.....13 points.
9th placing in either event.....9 points.
10th placing in either event.....5 points.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CREATIVE FORGING CLASSES (101, 102 and 103) NO LONGER COUNT TOWARDS THE WORLD STANDINGS, HOWEVER, POINTS EARNED IN THE FOUR MAN TEAM DRAFT HORSESHOEING AND THE TWO MAN SHOEING WILL COUNT TOWARDS THE WORLD STANDINGS.