

## **Equine Conformation Short Course**

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**Instructor:**

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**Sponsored by:**

Henderson County Horse Committee

**Course Title:**

The influence of conformation on performance of horses

**Course description:**

This will be a 1-day course to address the effects that conformation can have on performance of horses. This will involve a detailed discussion on balance, structural correctness, quality, muscling, and breed and sex character. Additional topics to be addressed will include:

- correct vs. incorrect skeletal conformation,
- predisposition to lameness,
- body type and make-up that are suitable for various performance events,
- body condition scoring and fat deposition,
- body condition effects on reproductive performance in the mare and,
- factors affecting a horse's purchase price.