



American Farrier's Association 2025 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 off 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.



2025 Team Trials

November 7-8, 2025

Hosted by Five Star Horseshoeing School

Judges: Tom Petersen, CJF & Lamar Weaver, CJF

Day 1:

Class 1: 60 minutes

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

Specimen: **Dutch Rocker Front**

Class 2: 60 minutes

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

Specimen: **Draft Spavin Shoe**

Day 2:

Class 3: 55 minutes

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

Specimen: **Omnidirectional Bar Shoe**

Class 4: 55 minutes

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

Specimen: **Deep Seated Bar Shoe**



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Dutch Rocker Front

14 1/2" of 3/8" x 1"

E5 Slim nails

6" x 6", Hammer Finish

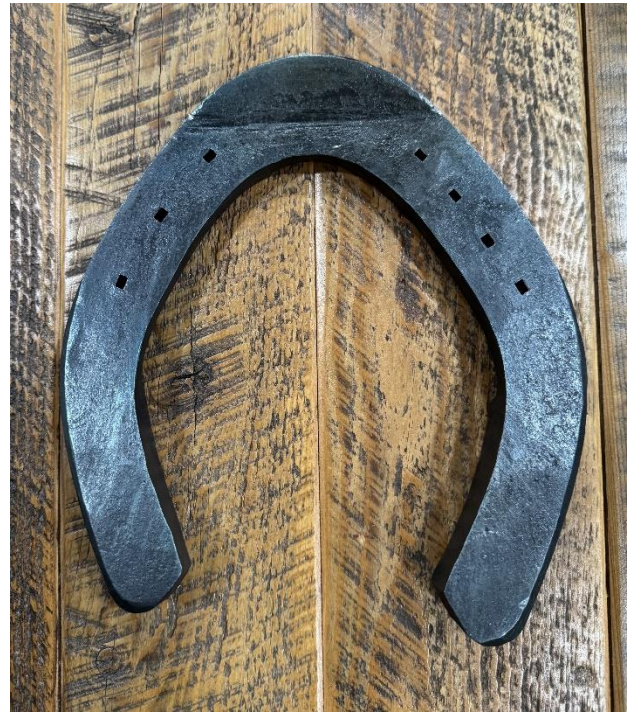


Draft Spavin Shoe

14" of 1" square

E10 nails

7-3/4" wide, 8-3/8" toe to lateral heel, 8" toe to medial heel, 3-5/8" between heels, Hammer finish



Omnidirectional Bar Shoe

14" of ½ x 1" Aluminum

Hybrid 5 nails

6-1/4" wide, 6" long, 3-7/8" bar, Inner rim is a strong ½" thick



Deep Seated Bar Shoe

17" of 1/2 x 1"

E7 Slim nails

6-1/8" long, 6-1/2" wide, 3-3/8" bar, Hammer Finish

