

Shoe Size and Weight Limit Clarification

Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and following the rules as they exist today.

Starting in 2010, the maximum weight for Lite Shod shoes, $3/8 \times 3/4$ is 1 lb 8 oz.

Shoes that measure $1/2 \times 3/4$ will **NOT BE ALLOWED** in the Show ring this year (2009)

If your horse is **keg shod**, the shoes must measure a **maximum** of $3/8 \times 3/4$ to be eligible to show in Lite Shod or Trail Pleasure classes. At this point there are no guidelines for the Keg Shod Division, but the rules committee is working on that.

A template is being made with the correct measurements $3/8 \times 3/4$ and will be used by DQP's starting in the 2010 Show Season. The tool will be called a Go/No Go Gauge.

Be aware of the shoes that you order for your horses. Measure them, have your Farrier, or Trainer measure them, because most of the shoes that are being purchased are/ or will not be legal in 2010.

Horsemen's Supply (615) 896-5808 in Murfreesboro Tn. has the Legal $3/8 \times 3/4$ shoes in stock, but you must tell them that you want the $3/8 \times 3/4$ shoe.

Ordering shoes from the other suppliers may cause you problems, as they are carrying the $7/16 \times 3/4$ and $1/2 \times 3/4$ shoes and selling them as LEGAL lite shod shoes. (This is not an ad for Horsemen's Supply, just hopefully helpful information)

Tungsten Shoes are **ILLEGAL** no matter if they measure or not. Tungsten shoes are at least double the weight of Carbon steel shoes. Full or partial Tungsten shoes weigh in at 2-3 lbs each. Conventional Carbon Steel Shoes weigh in at 1 lb 3 ounces each in a size 3 shoe. There is a slight cost difference also, Carbon steel shoes cost under \$20.00, Tungsten shoes will run you up to \$800.00 per pair, yes that is correct \$800.00 per pair. Some people will do anything for an edge!

Another point to remember is if a shoe is thrown in the ring and is found to be overweight be it Tungsten or Carbon Steel, you can be suspended for 3 months and fined \$500.00 for the first offense, and for the 2nd offense a \$2000.00 fine and a 6 month suspension. 3rd offense is a Life suspension. This will go into effect in 2010.