Side Conformation of the Standardbred

Points to consider:
• Does the head fit in with the rest of the horse?
• Is the neck proportional to the body?
• Do the fore and hind quarters blend in smoothly with the barrel?
• Do all the parts seem to be symmetrical?
• Does he fit together?

Proportion and balance are critical:
• The slope of the shoulder should be identical to the slope of the pastern and hoof (45-52 degrees).
• Pacers tend to be more compact, with a shorter neck length in conjunction with a shorter barrel.
• Trotters should have more length in the neck and barrel.