

**STANDARD OF PERFECTION
for the
KIGER MESTENO ASSOCIATION**

Height	13.2 to 15.2 hands (137.2 cm to 157.5 cm)
Conformation	In general, the Kiger Mesteno should be compact, light to moderately muscled, with a smooth and stylish appearance and have good saddle conformation.
Quality	The Kiger Mesteno should have clean, dense bone with sufficient substance, well developed joints and tendons and have a fine coat.
Temperament	The Kiger Mesteno should be tractable, but with good spirit.
Color	Variations of the Dun Factor: Dun, Red Dun, Grullo, Bay, Black and Claybank.
Head	The head is medium in size, clean cut and tapering slightly from jaw to muzzle. The profile side view can be straight, concave or slightly bulged, such as the Tarpan. Wide, clean cut lower jaw, medium fine muzzle with small and firm lips and medium nostrils. Ears should be medium in length, hooked at the tips on the inside, set wide apart and carried alertly. Cob-webbing and masking are highly desirable.
Neck	Medium length, well crested, clean cut at the throatlatch, smoothly jointed to the shoulder and deep at the point of the shoulder. Mane and forelock are full and bi-colored. (Some may tend to be upright mane, Tarpan type.
Forehand	Shoulders of long length and at 45-50 degree slope, blending into smooth, well defined, but not too high withers. The withers should be slightly higher than the point of the hip. Wither stripes, crosses, shadow, bars and stripes on chest and legs are highly desirable. Forelegs should be moderately spaced with an inverted V appearance when viewed from the front where they connect to the chest. Viewed from the front, the legs should be thin and must be straight; viewed from the side, legs should be wide and sinewy.

Cannons should be short to medium, wide, flat and free from muscling. Fetlock joint should not be round, but rather wide. Pasterns should be clean and strong, of medium length with the slope to correlate with the slope of the shoulder. The hoof should be of medium size, round to oblong, with thick walls. Kiger horses tend to be mule footed.

Barrel

The body conformation of the Kiger Mesteno is distinctive, with a chest of good depth and with a short back, broad and moderately muscled. The barrel is oval with well sprung ribs and full flanks. The sternum should not protrude. The withers are well defined, but not prominent. The dorsal stripe is mandatory with herringbone stripes desirable.

Hind

The hind legs should be squarely set and so placed that the horse turns on his hindquarters with legs under the horse. The hips should be well-rounded. The croup should be rounded gently with medium, low-set tail, well carried. The tail to be full with light colored guard hair. Muscles in the hip and thigh should be long and sinewy; not heavy as characterized in draft horses.

The hocks should be wide, deep and clean. Viewed from the rear, the hind legs are usually closer at the hocks than at the fetlocks. Stripes on the lower legs are highly desirable.

Cannon

Short to medium, wide, flat with tendons standing well out from the bone and well defined.

Pastern

The hind feet should resemble the forefeet and should be round, medium in size, smooth and dense.

Hooves

The hooves should be dense, compact, recessed sole and frog, tending to be oblong or mule footed.

Action

The action should be lively, light, tending toward higher than average front leg action. Some tend to be Paso gaited.