



2007 Pick of the Parade Judging Criteria

FOR HBA USE:
2007 Parade
Tour # _____

Circle the number of points for each section based on the sliding scale. Please note that the reference points listed are some of the recommended items to use in judging but are not inclusive of all items to look for when judging each section.

EXTERIOR

I. Exterior flatwork and foundation

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior
1	2	3	4	5

- All exterior flatwork is uniform and not extremely rough or uneven including porch and steps
- Flatwork has no obvious low spots and has proper drainage away from home
- Control joint edging and expansion joints are smooth and do not have excessive ridging
- Driveway should have a vertical joint at center and horizontal control joints
- No cracks in exterior concrete exceeding 1/8"
- No major honeycomb apparent on walls
- All form boards removed

Judges Comments:

II. Exterior framing

Poor		Fair		Average		Good		Superior	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

- Two-X and one-X wood trim is tight, smooth and neat (no sap or knot holes)
- All exterior material and trim should be free of imperfections (holes, gouges, splintering, and bowing)
- House, foundation sill plate and foundation line up consistently
- Roof appears to be installed correctly (flashing, roof vents, alignment of roofing material)
- Deck seems to be installed correctly (handrails secure, floor firm)
- Walls are level and not bowed

Judges Comments:

III. Exterior finishing

Poor		Fair		Average		Good		Superior	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

- Installation of all exterior products neatly finished
- Caulking required on all four sides of home (not required under horizontal trim or underside of siding)
- Workmanship of all exterior products neatly finished
- Exterior paint covers completely
- Exposed concrete should be painted
- Exterior finish of walls and foundation free of debris - dirt, concrete
- No paint splattered on roof or windows

Judges Comments:

IV. Curb Appeal

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior
1	2	3	4	5

Your overall impression of the home's exterior design and appearance

Judges Comments:

EXTERIOR

V. Landscaping & Sod

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior
1	2	3	4	5

Healthy looking plantings/trees - retaining walls installed well
Quality of installation - neat, clean, proper mulch or rock depth, plants are healthy
Installation of sod is tight and even at seams
Sod relatively free of weeds
Yard drains away from house to end of yard
Splash blocks or underground drainage system at end of each downspout

SOD or GRASS was NOT present in both the front and back yard (10 points will be deducted from total score)

Judges Comments:

INTERIOR

I. Interior concrete flatwork and foundation

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior
1	2	3	4	5

Concrete flatwork is uniform and not rough or uneven
No scaling (looks like concrete is chipped, not smooth)
Garage flatwork drains properly to garage doors or drain
Floor has no major cracking (minimal shrinkage cracks shouldn't exceed 1/8" - Each side should still be flush)
Foundation ties are removed
Foundation walls are free of major cracking and honeycombing (repairs acceptable)
NOTE: If the basement is finished, the home doesn't have a basement or the sales office is located in the garage, please award points for this category based on the concrete work you can see.

Judges Comments:

II. Interior framing

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior
1	2	3	4	5

Floor joists do not have major cracking or defects
Nails should not miss floor joists (excluding underlayment nails/screws)
Floors, steps are tight and squeak free - sturdy
No bowing at walls, corners or ceilings
Walls are straight, not twisted

Judges Comments:

III. Finish carpentry

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Installation & workmanship of fireplace seams and corners
Installation & workmanship of trim throughout home (door and window castings, base boards, handrails)
Installation & workmanship of wall and ceiling treatments (moldings and miters)
Doors open and close without sticking, squeaking or latching improperly
Cabinets are installed well and are of good quality (have pads, no loose handles)
Cabinets and doors are level (reveals are even/symmetrical and balanced)

Judges Comments:

INTERIOR

IV. Drywall

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior
1	2	3	4	5 6

Walls are smooth with no holes or imperfections
Seams are not showing; no nail pops
No cracking above windows, doors or throughout home
Ceilings uniform in texture
Straight inside and outside corners, no bowing
Straight horizon lines at ceilings

Judges Comments:

V. Woodwork, interior painting & staining

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior
1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9 10

All trim is caulked well where needed (if painted)
Finish on woodwork, base, casing is smooth
Staining finish is smooth to the touch
Woodwork does not have paint or lacquer runs, or overspray
Wall paint and/or wall finishes are done well and do not have runs
Paint smooth around doors and casings

Judges Comments:

VI. Floor coverings

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior
1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9

Hard surfaces on floors are uniform and straight with grout not cracking or loose
Overall workmanship and installation are good
Uniform stain color
Carpet and/or vinyl seams are straight and not frayed (seams may be visible due to carpet type, lighting and patterns - points should not be deducted for those reasons)

Judges Comments:

VII. Ceramic tile, marble, granite etc

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior
1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9

Good workmanship & installation of hard surfaces in kitchen and bath
Caulking uniform and smooth (tub units, vanities, counters, showers)
Installation of bathroom tub, shower tiles and tub surrounds
Installation of kitchen back splash tile

Judges Comments:

VIII. Home Atmosphere

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior
1	2	3	4	5

Your overall perception of the home's flow & functionality, as well as special features and attention to detail

Judges Comments:

INTERIOR

IX. Cleanliness

Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Superior	
1	2	3	4	5	6

House has been cleaned, dusted, vacuumed and is free of debris
All items are out of the garage (unless sales office is located in garage)
Garage and basement floors are free of paint, drywall, dirt, etc.
Any materials in basement are organized very neatly without obstructing any judging criteria
Basement is clean, beam flanges are free from construction debris and clutter

Garage and/or basement was locked (a 3 point deduction will be taken off of total score)

Judges Comments:

Overall Judges Comments:

Scoring

Exterior Points Total _____ of 35 possible

Interior Points Total _____ of 65 possible

- _____ Deduction of 10 points if sod wasn't in place
- _____ Deduction of 3 points if basement or garage was locked

Total Score _____ of 100 points possible