

4-H WESTERN/ENGLISH TRAIL



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

JUDGE _____
CLASS _____
DATE _____

Scoring Scale: The judge will score each maneuver based on the performance of the horse. Each obstacle will receive an obstacle maneuver score that should be added or subtracted from 70 along with penalties.

+1½ Excellent +1 Very good +½ Good 0 Correct -½ Poor -1 Very poor -1½ Extremely poor

Penalties: Penalties are assessed at the judge's discretion, for deviations from the standard maneuver for each obstacle.

1 POINT PEALTIES

- A. Each major hit of or stepping on a log, pole, cone or an element of an obstacle.
Note that light ticks on logs/obstacles can be counted against the maneuver score
- B. Incorrect gait at walk or jog for two strides or less
- C. Both front or hind feet in a single-stride slot or space
- D. Skipping over or failing to step into a required space
- E. Splitting the pole in a lope-over
- F. Failure to meet the correct strides on trot over and lope over obstacles, if specified

5 POINT PENALTIES

- A. Dropping slicker or object required to be carried on course
- B. Use of either hand to instill fear or praise
- C. Stepping outside of the confines of, falling, or jumping off of or out of an obstacle with more than one foot
- D. Holding saddle with either hand
- E. Blatant disobedience (kicking out, bucking, rearing, striking)
- F. Horse misses/evades an element/component of an obstacle in a series with more than one foot
- G. Each refusal. Refusals are cumulative up to a total of 15 penalty points - includes balking, evading, shying, running past or backing more than 2 strides; each complete loss of gate (in case of rope gate, if the rope is dropped, the rider must continue on and will be assessed a 15 point penalty); any blatant action by the horse that demonstrates an unwillingness to approach, negotiate and/or complete an obstacle.

3 POINT PENALTIES

- A. Incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides
- B. Out of lead or break of gait at lope (except when correcting an incorrect lead)
- C. Knocking down an elevated pole, cone, barrel or plant obstacle, or severely disturbing an obstacle
- D. Stepping outside the confines, falling or jumping off or out of obstacle with 1 foot
- E. Missing or evading a pole in a series of obstacles with one foot

10 POINT PENALTY

After three refusals at a single obstacle or when deemed necessary by the judge, the judge will ask the contestant to proceed to the next obstacle. This penalty is in addition to any penalties accrued at the obstacle.

0 SCORE – Should not be placed above any horse which receives a score

- A. Use of more than one finger between split reins (exception English trail)
- B. Use of two hands (exception, English trail or junior horses ridden in a snaffle or hackamore)
- C. Use of romal other than as outlined.
- D. Skipping or no attempt to perform an obstacle
- E. Performing an obstacle incorrectly, or other than in the specified order
- F. Failure to enter, exit or work an obstacle from correct side or direction, including overturns more than ¼ turn
- G. Failure to work an obstacle in any manner, other than how it's posted on the course
- H. Equipment failure which delays completion of pattern
- I. Fall to ground of horse or rider
- J. Excessive schooling
- K. Failure to ever demonstrate the correct lead and/or gait as designated

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Judge's Signature _____