

# 4-H ENGLISH CONTROL JUDGES CARD



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

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CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

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The performance required in this class is designated to reflect a combination of controls and skills required for good English performance and equitation. Each rider will perform individually and be judged upon the skills shown in executing the required pattern.

Judging emphasis will be placed upon the following points: basic position in the saddle, lightness of hands, correct and imperceptible use of aids, response of the horse as indicative of the equitation ability of the rider (including correct use of diagonals), the smoothness of performance and steadiness of the gaits. Preference will be given to proper changes of leads between the markers. Changing of leads are required. Conformation will not be considered. The rider should present a workman-like appearance of being with the horse and in light control at all times. An impression of lightness and suppleness should be conveyed.

**Scores** will be on a basis of 0-100 with 70 denoting an average score. Each maneuver will be scored ranging from minus 1.5 to plus 1.5, in 1/2 point increments. In addition, any penalty scores accrued in a maneuver are to be subtracted from each maneuver score: -1.5 Extremely Poor, -1 Very Poor, -.5 Poor, 0 Average, +.5 Good, +1 Very Good, +1.5 Excellent.

**Penalties:** An exhibitor should be penalized in the pattern independent of maneuver scores and deducted from the final score as follows:  
**One (1) Point:** 1. Break of gait at the walk or trot up to 2 strides; 2. Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides; 3. Over or under turn from 1/8 to 1/4 turn; 4. Tick or hit of cone; 5. Obviously looking down to check leads or diagonals.

**Three (3) Points:** 1. Not performing the specific gait or not stopping within 10 feet of designated location; 2. Missing a diagonal for more than 2 strides; 3. Incorrect lead or break of gait at the canter (except when correcting an incorrect lead); 4. Complete loss of contact between rider's hand and the horse's mouth; 5. Break of gait at walk or trot for more than 2 strides; 6. Loss of iron; 7. Head carried too low and/or clearly behind the vertical while the horse is in motion; 8. Showing the appearance of intimidation.

**Five (5) Points:** 1. Loss of rein; 2. Missing a diagonal for more than 2 strides; 3. Use of either hand to instill fear or praise; 4. Holding saddle with either hand; 5. Blatant disobedience including kicking, pawing, bucking and rearing.

**Penalty score of zero (0):** 1. Willful abuse of horse or schooling; 2. Fall by horse or exhibitor; 3. Illegal use of hands on reins; 4. Use of prohibited equipment; 5. Off pattern, including: knocking over or wrong side of cone or marker; 6. Never performing designated gait, lead or diagonal; 7. Over or under turning more than 1/4 turn.

## Maneuver Description

Score each maneuver  
-1 1/2 to +1 1/2

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