

# 4-H WESTERN RIDING JUDGES CARD



**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**EXTENSION**

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_  
CLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Scoring Scale:** Scoring will be on the basis of 0 to infinity, with 70 denoting an average performance. The judge will score each maneuver based on the performance of the horse and add or subtract penalties and/or maneuver scores from 70.

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

**½ POINT PENALTIES**

- A. Tick or light touch of log
- B. Hind legs skipping or coming together during a lead change
- C. Non-simultaneous lead change (front to hind or hind to front)

**1 POINT PENALTIES**

- A. Break of gait at walk or jog up to two strides
- B. Hitting or rolling log
- C. Out of lead more than one stride on either side of designated lead change area
- D. Splitting the log (log between the two front or two hind feet) at lope

**3 POINT PENALTIES**

- A. Not performing specific gait (jog or lope) or not stopping when called for in the pattern, within 10 feet of the designated area
- B. Break of gait at lope
- C. Out of lead at or before the marker prior to the designated change area
- D. Out of lead at or after the marker after the designated change area
- E. Additional lead changes anywhere in the pattern (except when correcting an extra change or incorrect lead)
- F. In pattern A or 1, failure to start the lope within three strides or 30 feet after crossing the log at a jog
- G. Break of gait at walk or jog for two or more strides
- H. Flying lead change where simple lead is required (Patterns A, B, C, D, E, F)
- I. Simple lead change where a flying lead change is required (Pattern 1, 2, 3, 4)

**5 POINT PENALTIES**

- A. Out of lead beyond the next designated change area (failure to change, cross-canter; two consecutive failures to change would result in two five point penalties)
- B. Blatant disobedience (biting, kicking out, bucking, etc.)

**Disqualified or 0 SCORE:** not to be placed

- A. Illegal equipment
- B. Willful abuse
- C. Off course
- D. Knocking over markers
- E. Completely missing log
- F. Major refusal (stop and back more than two strides four steps with front legs)
- G. Major disobedience (rearing, schooling)
- H. Failure to start lope prior to end cone in pattern one
- I. Failure to change leads four or more times

Some patterns require simple lead changes based on level. When simple lead changes are required, a flying lead change should be penalized and not be scored higher than a well-executed simple lead change.

When levels are mixed and the judge agrees, properly executed flying changes will score higher than simple changes on all patterns.

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