4-H RANCH TRAIL JUDGES CARD

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. Horses that do not complete an obstacle cannot be placed over any horse that completes the course.

0 SCORE - Should not be placed above any horse which receives a score
Use of more than one finger between split reins
Use of two hands (exception junior horses ridden in a snaffle or hackamore)
Skipping an obstacle, or no attempt to perform an obstacle
Performing an obstacle incorrectly, or other than in the specified order
Failure to enter, exit or work an obstacle from correct side or direction
Overturns of more than ¼ turn
Failure to work an obstacle
Equipment failure which the delays completion of pattern
Fall to ground of horse or rider
Obvious unsoundness

1 POINT PEALTIES
Each hit of or stepping on a log, pole, cone or obstacle
Incorrect gait at walk or jog for two strides or less
Both front or hind feet in a single-strided slot or space
Skipping over or failing to step into a required space
Splitting the pole in a lope-over
Failure to meet the correct strides on trot over and lope over obstacles

3 POINT PENALTIES
Break of gait at walk or jog for more than 2 strides
Out of lead or break of gait at lope (except when correcting an incorrect lead)
Knocking down or severely disturbing an obstacle
Stepping outside the confines, falling or jumping off or out of obstacle with 1 foot

5 POINT PENALTIES
Each refusal, refusals are cumulative up to 15 penalty points - includes balking, evading, shying or backing more than 2 strides or running past
Complete loss of the gate
Any blatant action by the horse that demonstrates unwillingness to approach, negotiate and/or complete an obstacle
Negotiating an obstacle not in accordance with course directions
Failure to follow the correct line of travel within or between obstacles
Dropping slicker or object required to be carried
Use of either hand to instill fear or praise
Stepping outside the confines of, falling, or jumping off of or out of an obstacle with more than one foot
Blatant disobedience (kicking out, bucking, rearing, striking)
Horse misses/evades an element/component of an obstacle in a series
Performing obstacle at the wrong gait or lead
Missing, when attempting to rope designated obstacle
Dropping rope when attempting to drag log

10 POINT PENALTY
After three refusals at a single obstacle, a 10 point penalty is added to the accumulated 15 penalty points, and the rider advances to the next obstacle

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