

4-H 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.

0 SCORE – Should not be place 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)
- No attempt to work/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
- Equipment failure which delays completion of pattern
- Fall to ground of horse or rider
- Obvious unsoundness

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

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

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

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

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