



Ranch Trail (SC-305) – Penalty Reference Sheet

Scoring: On a basis of 0-100, 70 denoting an average run

Maneuver Scores: +1 ½ Excellent, +1 ¾ Very Good, +½ Good, 0 Correct, -½ Poor, -1 Very Poor, -1 ½ Extremely Poor

1 POINT PENALTIES

- Over-bridled (per maneuver)
- Out of frame (per maneuver)
- Each hit, bite or stepping on a log, cone plant or any component of the obstacle
- Incorrect or break of gait at walk or trot for 2 strides or less
- Both front or hind feet in a single-stride slot or space at a walk or trot
- Skipping over or failing to step into required space
- Split pole in lope-over
- Incorrect number of strides, if specified
- One to two steps on mount/dismount or ground tie except shifting to balance
- Wrong lead or out of lead for less than 2 strides

3 POINT PENALTIES

- Wrong lead or out of lead for more than 2 strides
- Draped reins
- Break of gait at lope
- Break of gait at walk or trot for more than 2 strides
- Three to four steps on mount/dismount or not on ground tie
- Trotting three or more strides in a lope departure from a stop or walk, or when exiting a rollback into a lope
- Knocking down or over, or severely disturbing an obstacle
- Stepping out of or falling off an obstacle with one foot
- Missing or evading part of a log/ obstacle that is part of a series of an obstacle with one foot

5 POINT PENALTIES

- Spurring in front of cinch
- Blatant disobedience
- Use of either hand to install fear/praise
- Stepping out of or falling off an obstacle with more than one foot
- Dropping an object required to be carried
- 1st or 2nd cumulative refusal
- Letting go of gate
- Five or more steps on mount/dismount or ground tie
- Missing or evading part of a log/obstacle that is part of a series of an obstacle with more than one foot

OFF PATTERN

(placed below horses performing all maneuvers)

- Breaking pattern
- Use of two hands (except in snaffle bit or hackamore)
- More than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except two rein)
- 3rd refusal
- Repeated blatant disobedience
- Failure to dally and remain dallied

DISQUALIFICATIONS (should not be placed)

- Lameness
- Abuse
- Illegal equipment
- Disrespect or misconduct
- Leaving working area before pattern is complete
- Improper western attire
- Fall of horse/ rider (run ends; scores will be given for work done but the horse/rider team will be disqualified and will not be placed)