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**AMERICAN PAINT HORSE ASSOCIATION  
2023 Judges Open Rule Book Test**

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1. Performance Halter. Horses that complete a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ performance class, other than showmanship, at the same show or contest will be eligible. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
2. Multiple-Judge Shows. There shall be no consultation or visiting between judges during the actual judging, except that judges may consult regarding whether a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ point or \_\_\_\_\_ point penalty occurred in any scored class in any division if a scribe, show manager, ring steward or other person designated by show management is present during the consultation. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
3. Yearling In-Hand Trail. The spacing for trotovers shall be 3' to 3'3" (90 – 100 cm) and \_\_\_\_\_ elevated. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
4. Reining. Deduct \_\_\_\_\_ point for over or under spinning up to ¼ of a turn. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
5. In all English classes, rider should wear hunt coats of traditional colors such as navy, dark green, grey, black or brown. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are improper. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
6. Pleasure Driving. Equipment to be used shall include a whip suitable to the cart, \_\_\_\_\_, light horse breast collar harness to include surcingle with shaft tie downs or quick hitch and crupper and standard bridle. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
7. Trail. Any hold on the reins is legal while working an obstacle that requires changing hands as long as not more than \_\_\_\_\_ finger is between the reins. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
8. Western Riding. For Novice Youth and Novice Amateur Western Riding classes, the \_\_\_\_\_ patterns may be used. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
9. Working Cow Horse. The required pattern for the cow work is boxing, \_\_\_\_\_ and circles, in that order. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
10. Amateur Western Horsemanship. A simple or flying change of lead should be executed precisely in the specified number of \_\_\_\_\_ and/or at the designated location. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
11. Amateur Breakaway Roping. Horse must start from behind a barrier. A \_\_\_\_\_ penalty will be added to the time for breaking the barrier. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
12. Single-judge shows may also offer a \_\_\_\_\_ in conjunction with the show with the official judges serving as clinician. Clinicians must be approved by the APHA. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_

13. Ranch Horse Apparel and Equipment. Trimming inside ears is \_\_\_\_\_. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
14. Halter. \_\_\_\_\_ Faults in Balance: Slight weakness or dip behind the withers. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
15. Yearling Longe Line. Conformation will be scored on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_ being average/correct. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
16. English Tack. Mechanical hackamores, gag and elevator bits are \_\_\_\_\_. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
17. Western Pleasure. What is the most important element when evaluating western pleasure gaits? \_\_\_\_\_ Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
18. Over Fences Arena Equipment. Standards made of PVC material must be \_\_\_\_\_ or properly secured. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
19. Working Hunter. Fences shall simulate obstacles found in the \_\_\_\_\_, such as natural looking post and rail, brush, walls, coops and ascending oxers (not square). Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
20. Jumping. A \_\_\_\_\_ occurs when the horse evades or passes the obstacle to be jumped; jumps an obstacle outside its limiting markers; or, when the horse or rider knocks down a flag, stand, wing or other element limiting the obstacle (without obstacle being jumped). Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
21. Amateur Showmanship at Halter. Splitting the cone (Cone between the horse and the handler). \_\_\_\_\_ Faults. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
22. Western Tack. The romal shall not be used \_\_\_\_\_ of the cinch or used to signal or cue the horse in any way. Any infraction of this rule shall result in disqualification. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
23. Trail. The spacing for lopeovers shall be \_\_\_\_\_ or increments thereof, and may be elevated to 8" (20 cm). Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
24. Western Pleasure. A Western Pleasure horse should be a \_\_\_\_\_. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
25. Amateur Western Horsemanship. Not performing the specific gait or not stopping when called for in the pattern within 10 feet (3 meters) of the designated location. \_\_\_\_\_ Faults. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
26. Steer Stopping. The roper on the horse being judged may throw as many loops as necessary within a \_\_\_\_\_ second time limit. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
27. Amateur General Show Rules. A Masters exhibitor, in individual working events, may show any combination in Masters and Amateur as long as a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ different horses are exhibited and that horse is only shown one time by any exhibitor in that event. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_

28. Yearling Longe Line. For the conformation inspection, a \_\_\_\_\_, such as used in halter or showmanship classes may be exchanged for the longe line prior to the longeing demonstration. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
29. Working Cow Horse. If at any time a judge feels that the contestant is out of control endangering themselves and/or their horse, the judge may terminate the work and a score of \_\_\_\_\_ will be given. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
30. Trail. \_\_\_\_\_ Point Penalty. Both front or hind feet in a single-strided slot or space at a walk or jog. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
31. Amateur Breakaway Roping. This is a timed event with a \_\_\_\_\_ time limit. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
32. Reining. Excess rein may be straightened anytime during the pattern, provided the rider's free hand remains behind the rein hand. Any attempt to alter tension or length of reins from the bridle to the rein hand is to be considered use of two hands and a penalty score of \_\_\_\_\_ will be applied. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
33. Working Cow Horse. Working out of position. \_\_\_\_\_ Point Penalty. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
34. Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation. Obviously looking down to check leads or diagonals. \_\_\_\_\_ Faults. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
35. Trail. Trotovers and lopeovers cannot be elevated in \_\_\_\_\_ classes. Rule# \_\_\_\_\_
36. Working Hunter: A good performer that jumps all fences reasonably well, an excellent performer that omits one or two minor faults. Score: \_\_\_\_\_. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
37. Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation. Complete loss of contact between rider's hand and the horse's mouth. \_\_\_\_\_ Faults. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
38. Amateur Goat Tying. Should the contestant run over the goat or rope with his horse while mounted, he will be fined \_\_\_\_\_. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
39. Yearling In-Hand Trail. The spacing for walkovers shall be \_\_\_\_\_ and may be elevated to \_\_\_\_\_. Elevated walkovers should be set at least 22" (55cm) apart. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
40. Limited Working Cow Horse. Each contestant upon receiving a cow in the arena, shall hold that cow on the prescribed end of the arena for \_\_\_\_\_, demonstrating the ability of the horse and rider to control the cow. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
41. Barrel Racing. A \_\_\_\_\_ penalty will be assessed for each barrel knocked over. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_

42. Yearling Longe Line. This class should be looked upon as a class that defines what it means to be a “\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_” suitable to become a future performer under saddle. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
43. Timed Events. The judge, at his/her discretion, may \_\_\_\_\_ a contestant for excessive use of a bat, crop, whip or rope. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
44. Ranch Riding. Hoof black, braided or banded manes or tail extensions. Score: \_\_\_\_\_. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
45. Amateur General Show Rules. A Masters exhibitor in Masters or Amateur classes may show up to two different horses in \_\_\_\_\_ classes (Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation, Equitation Over Fences and Pleasure Driving) as long as one horse is shown in the Amateur group class and a different horse is shown in the Masters group class. Should the class be combined, the Masters exhibitor must choose which horse to exhibit. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
46. Reining. Each time a horse is out of lead or had a delayed change of lead, a judge is required to deduct \_\_\_\_\_ point. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
47. Solid Paint-Bred/Breeding Stock Rules. If offered as an all Paint registries class, Solid Paint-Bred and regular registry horses shall compete \_\_\_\_\_ but be awarded points based only on the number of horses competing in the respective registry type. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
48. List the three levels of hierarchy of judging western gaits, IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE:
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
49. Amateur Showmanship at Halter. Over or under turning up to 1/8 of a turn. \_\_\_\_\_ Faults. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_
50. Working Cow Horse. The judge may blow his/her whistle at any time during the work. One whistle to terminate the work, two whistles to \_\_\_\_\_. Rule # \_\_\_\_\_

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