

Ranch Reining (SC-309) Penalty Reference Sheet

- **Scoring:** On a basis of 0-100, 70 denoting an average run
- **Maneuver Scores:** +1 ½ Excellent, +1 Very Good, +½ Good, 0 Correct, -½ Poor, -1 Very Poor, -1 ½ Extremely Poor.

½ POINT PENALTIES

- Starting a circle or exiting a rollback at a trot for up to 2 strides
- Delayed change of lead by 1 stride where the lead change is required by the pattern description
- Failure to remain a minimum of 20 feet from the wall or fence when approaching a stop and/or roll-back
- Over/under spin up to 1/8 turn.

1 POINT PENALTIES

- Over-bridled (per maneuver)
- Out of frame (per maneuver)
- Out of lead in the circles, figure eights or around the end of the arena (this penalty is cumulative and will be deducted for each quarter of a circle the horse is out of lead)
- Over/under spinning 1/8 to 1/4 turn
- Slipping rein

2 POINT PENALTIES

- Break of gait
- Freeze up in spins or rollbacks
- Failure to stop or walk before executing a lope departure on trot-in patterns
- Failure to be in a lope prior to the first marker on run-in patterns
- Failure to completely pass the specified marker before initiating a stop position
- When starting a circle, run-down or exiting a rollback, trotting beyond two strides but less than 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena

5 POINT PENALTIES

- Spurring in front of cinch
- Blatant disobedience
- Use of either hand to instill fear/praise (Excess rein may be straightened anytime during the pattern, provided the rider's free hand remains behind the rein hand)

OFF PATTERN (placed below horses that compete pattern)

- Breaking pattern
- Inclusion of maneuver
- Trotting in excess of 1/2 circle or 1/2 length of the arena
- Repeated blatant disobedience
- More than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except two rein)
- Use of two hands (except in snaffle bit or hackamore)
- 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 the reins from the bridle to the rein hand is considered use of two hands and an OP will be applied.

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)