

## Western Riding (SC-255) 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

- Each tick or light touch of log

### 1 POINT PENALTIES

- Break of gait at walk or jog up to 2 strides
- Hitting or rolling log
- Out of lead for more than 1 stride either side of the center point and between the markers
- Splitting the log at the lope
- Hind legs skipping or coming together during lead change
- Non-simultaneous lead change

### 3 POINT PENALTIES

- Not performing the specific gait (jog or lope) or stopping when called for in the pattern, within 10 feet (3m) of the designated area
- Break of gait at the lope
- Simple change of leads, up to 3
- Out of lead prior to the designated change from the cone to the previous change area or out of lead after the designated change from the cone to the next designated change area
- Additional lead changes anywhere in pattern (except when correcting an extra change or incorrect lead departure)
- In patterns 1 and 6 and Green Western Riding patterns 1 and 6, failure to start the lope within 30 feet (9.14m) after crossing the log at the jog
- Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 or more strides

### 5 POINT PENALTIES

- Out of lead beyond the next designated change area (note: failures to change, including cross-cantering, at 2 consecutive change areas would result in 10 penalty points)
- Kicking out
- Blatant disobedience
- Holding saddle with either hand

### DISQUALIFICATIONS (0 Score)

- Fall to ground by horse or exhibitor
- Illegal equipment
- Willful abuse
- Off course
- Knocking over markers
- Completely missing log
- Major refusal- stop and back more than 2 strides or 4 steps with front legs
- Major disobedience – rearing, including schooling
- Failure to start lope prior to end cone in pattern 1 and 6 and Green Western Riding patterns 1 and 6
- Upon execution of 4 simple lead changes (defined as a stop or hesitation of forward motion) and/or failure to change leads
- For Western Riding patterns 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 and Green Western Riding patterns 2, 4, 7, and 9, failure to start lope within 30 feet of the designated area