



## | ApHC WESTERN RIDING REFERENCE SHEET

**Scoring:** Will be on a basis of 0-100 with 70 denoting an average performance. Each evaluated element will receive a score that will be added or subtracted from 70 and is subject to a penalty that should also be subtracted. Individual maneuvers are scored in ½ point increments, ranging from +1½ Excellent, +1 Very Good, +½ Good, 0 Correct, -½ Poor, -1 Very Poor, -1½ Extremely Poor

### **1/2 Point Penalty:**

- Tick or light touch of log

### **1 Point Penalty:**

- Break of gait at walk or jog up to 2 strides
- Hitting or rolling log
- Out of lead for more than 1 stride to the cone
- Splitting log (log between the 2 front feet or 2 hind feet)
- Hind legs skipping coming together during lead change
- Non-simultaneous lead change

### **3 Point Penalty:**

- Not performing specific gait or not stopping when called for in the pattern within 10'
- Break of gait at lope
- Simple lead change
- Out of lead prior to designated change from cone to previous change area or out of lead after the designated change from the cone to the next designated change area
- Additional lead changes
- In patterns 1 & 3, failure to start the lope within 30' after crossing log at the jog
- Break of gait at walk or jog for 2 or more strides

### **5 Point Penalty:**

- Out of lead beyond the next designated change area
- Blatant disobedience; kicking, biting, bucking, rearing
- Use of free hand to instill fear or praise
- Holding saddle with either hand

### **Score 0:**

- Fall to ground by horse or rider
- Illegal equipment
- Willful abuse
- Off course
- Knocking over marker
- Completely missing log
- Major refusal – stop & back 2 strides or 4 steps with front legs
- Major disobedience or schooling
- Failure to start lope prior to end cone in pattern 1
- Performing 4 more simple lead changes and/or failure to change leads
- Overspins or more than 1/4 turn

### **Faults:**

- Opening mouth, or raising head on maneuvers
- Anticipating
- Stumbling
- Unnecessary aid given by rider; talking, petting, spurring or jerking on reins

### **Credits:**

- Change leads simultaneously
- Change at designated area
- Smooth pattern
- Even pace
- Easy to guide/control
- Manners & disposition
- Conformation and fitness