Pennsylvania 4-H
LOW EQUITATION OVER FENCES *and* EQUITATION OVER FENCES SCORE SHEET

Judge_____ Date _____

The class objective is to judge the rider's ability over fences, not the horse's ability. Rider should have workmanlike appearance with light and supple seat and hands, conveying the impression of complete control in any situation. Equitation will be judged on hands, seat, legs, use of aids and control.

The scoring shall be on a basis of 0 – 100, with 70 denoting and average performance with *approximate* breakdown as follows:

90 – 100	Excellent equitation, position, and presentation; Meets all fences squarely and at proper distance
80 – 89	Above average performer. Meets all fences squarely and at proper distance; Rider position correct; minor equitation faults; rider still maintains a quality ride
70 – 79	Average to above average performer, but with minor faults; Not a flowing course; Some distances not accurate; Rider position weak, but still effective
60 – 69	Rider position less than average; Some errors in the components of the course
50 – 59	Rider position is ineffective. Examples of errors in course may include break in gait, extra stride in lines
40 – 49	Rider position interferes with performance of horse. Examples of errors in course may include refusal, rail down as a result of rider's ability
10 – 39	Rider position and course errors avoid elimination
0	Elimination

Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered *unless* they are the result of the rider's ability.

Elimination:
Three refusals (i.e., refusal, run-out, stop on course (unless for reset), extra circle)
Off course
Jumping a fence before reset
Bolting on the course
Fall of horse or rider

*If the horse steps into an obvious wrong lead for one or two strides *only* before or on the courtesy circle, it is noted on the score sheet; this may be used as a tie breaker in the event of a ride of equal quality and score.

Participants in Low Equitation Over Fences and Equitation Over Fences must have a minimum score of 50 for advancement to the district show and a minimum score of 60 for advancement to the state show. *Please note the scores on the Judge's Cards for the convenience of the Show Secretary.*

Exhibitor #										Comments	Score