Pennsylvania 4-H RANCH TRAIL SCORE SHEET



Judge	Date

Scoring will be on the basis of 0-infinity, with 70 denoting an average performance. Each obstacle will receive an obstacle score that will be added or subtracted from 70. Each obstacle will be scored on the following basis ranging from minus 1 ½ to plus 1 ½:

Obstacle Scores: -1 ½ Extremely Poor; -1 Very Poor; -½ Poor; 0 = Correct; +½ Good; +1 Very Good; +1½ Excellent Penalty points will also be assessed at each obstacle as noted below. Penalties will be assessed per occurrence and a <u>maximum of 9</u> penalty points will be assessed per obstacle. Natural ranch horse appearance will also be evaluated ranging from minus 1½ to plus 1½

Penalty -1: Over-bridled (per maneuver), Out of frame (per maneuver), Each hit, bite or stepping on a log, cone plant or any component of

the obstacle, Incorrect or break of gait at walk or trot for two (2) strides or less, Both front or hind feet in a single-stride slot or space at a walk or trot, Skipping over or failing to step into required space, Split pole in lope-over Incorrect number of strides, if specified, One to two steps on mount/dismount except shifting to balance, Wrong lead or out of lead for two (2) strides or less

Penalty -3: Wrong lead or out of lead for more than two (2) strides, Draped reins, Break of gait at lope, except when correcting an incorrect

lead, Break of gait at walk or trot for more than two (2) strides, Three to four steps on mount/dismount, Trotting for more than three (3) strides in lope departures or exiting a rollback into a lope from a stop or walk, Knocking down or over, or severely disturbing an obstacle, Stepping out of or falling off an obstacle with one (1) foot, Missing or evading part of a log/obstacle with

one (1) foot

Penalty -5: Spurring in front of cinch, Blatant disobedience, Use of either hand to instill fear/praise, Stepping out of or falling off an

obstacle with more than one (1) foot, Dropping an object required to be carried 1st or 2nd cumulative refusal, Letting go of gate,

Five or more steps on mount/dismount, Missing or evading part of a log/obstacle with more than one foot

Penalty -9: Failure of rider to begin to negotiate an obstacle within 30 seconds of arrival at the obstacle. Rider will be asked to move to next

obstacle, If a rider fails to completely negotiate an obstacle in approximately one minute, unless the nature of the obstacle requires a longer time, i.e. complex back through. Rider will be asked to move to next obstacle, Three refusals at an obstacle,

regardless of the length of time. Rider will be asked to move to next obstacle.

Disqualification: Failure to follow the prescribed order of obstacles, including failure to stay inside the designated boundary markers will result

in disqualification, Failure to enter, exit or work obstacle from correct side or direction, Fall to the ground of pony/horse or rider will result in disqualification, No attempt to perform an obstacle, Failure to complete three cumulative obstacles will

result in disqualification

Failure to Complete an Obstacle:

Three refusals at an obstacle; More than 30 seconds to begin negotiating each obstacle; Failure to complete an obstacle in approximately one minute, unless the nature of the obstacle requires longer time, i.e. complex back through

An exhibitor who does not complete an obstacle during the course must not place above exhibitor who has completed all obstacles. Participants in Ranch Trail must have a minimum score of 55 to be considered for advancement to the district show and a minimum score of 60 to be considered for advancement to the state show. Please note the scores on the Judge's Cards for the convenience of the Show Secretary.

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