HORSEMANSHIP/EQUITATION
CLASS SCORE SHEET

Maneuver Scores: Range from -3 to +3 (1/2 point increments are acceptable) and are independent of penalty score.

-3: Extremely Poor, -2: Very Poor, -1: Poor, 0: Correct, +1: Good, +2: Very Good, +3: Excellent

Minor (3 Point) Penalties
A. Break of gait at walk or jog/trot up to 2 strides
B. Over or under turning from 1/8 to 1/4 of a turn
C. Ticking or hitting cone
D. Obviously looking down to check diagonals or leads

Major (5 Point) Penalties
A. Not performing the specific gait or not stopping within 10 feet of designated location
B. Incorrect lead or break of gait at lope/canter for up to 5 strides (except when correcting an incorrect lead)
C. Break of gait at walk or jog/trot for > 2 strides
D. Loss of stirrup/iron; ball of foot not touching stirrup/iron
E. (EQ ONLY) Missing a diagonal up to 2 strides
F. Touching horse during pattern or rail work
G. (EQ ONLY) Complete loss of contact between rider’s hand and the horse’s mouth

Severe (10 Point) Penalties
A. Incorrect lead for > 5 strides
B. Loss of rein
C. Holding saddle with either hand
D. Blatant disobedience including kicking, rearing, pawing, or bucking
E. Spurring in front of cinch
F. Excessive use of whip, crop, reins or rider’s hands anywhere on the horse during pattern or during rail work
G. [HMS ONLY] Cueing with the end of the romel
H. [EQ ONLY] Missing a diagonal for > 2 strides

Disqualification — 0 score
A. Failure to wear back number or display correct back number
B. Willful abuse
C. Fall by horse or exhibitor
D. Illegal equipment or illegal use of hands on reins
E. Off pattern, including: knocking over or working on wrong side of cone or marker, never performing designated gait, lead or diagonal, over or under turning more than ¼ turn
F. Horse with body condition score of < 4

Pattern Work (70 Points)

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Total Penalty Score
Total Pattern Score
Rail Work Score (20 points)
Final Score
Comments

Appointments (10 Points)
Poor: 0-4 pts
Average: 5-6 pts
Good: 7-8 pts
Excellent: 9-10 pts

Show: ___________________________
Date: _________Judge: ________________
Class: __________ ____________________

Judge’s Signature: __________________________________________