North Dakota 4-H Trail Score Sheet

Each obstacle will be scored on a 0–10 scale, with 0 being a no score for the obstacle and 10 being the maximum score for the obstacle. Contestants cannot receive a negative score on an obstacle even if they incur more than 10 penalty points. The lowest score possible per obstacle is a 0.

*Assign tie breakers before class begins*

Credits

S – Smoothness  G – Exceptional gait
W – Willingness  O – Exceptional Negotiation

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Penalty Total

Total Score

Deductions -
- Off Pattern
- Handling/Obvious cues

½-point Penalties
Each tick or contact of a log, pole, cone, plant or any component of an obstacle

1-point Penalties
a. Each hit, bite or stepping on a log, pole, cone, plant, or any component of the obstacle
b. Break of gait at walk or jog for two strides or less
c. Both front/ hind feet in a single-strided space
d. Skipping over or failing to step into required space
e. Split pole in lope-over

3-point Penalties
a. Break of gait at walk/jog for more than two strides
b. Out of lead or break of gait at lope (except when correcting incorrect lead)
c. Knocking down elevated pole, cone, barrel or plant obstacle, or severely disturbing an obstacle
d. Break of gait at walk/jog for more than two strides
  e. Out of lead or break of gait at lope (except when correcting an incorrect lead)
f. Knocking down an elevated pole, cone, barrel or plant obstacle, or severely disturbing an obstacle

5-point Penalties
a. Dropping slicker or object
b. Letting go of gate or dropping rope gate
c. Use of either hand to instill fear or praise
  d. Holding saddle horn
  e. Stepping outside the confines of, falling or jumping off or out of an obstacle with more than one foot
  f. Blatant disobedience (kicking out, bucking, rearing, striking)
g. Stepping outside the confines of, falling or jumping off or out of an obstacle with one foot
h. First refusal, balk or attempting to evade an obstacle by shying or backing more than two strides away
i. Second refusal, balk or attempting to evade an obstacle by shying or backing more than two strides away

0 Obstacle Score
- Third refusal or evade
- Ride outside course boundary
- Wrong lead through entire obstacle
- Failure to complete an obstacle
- Wrong line of travel
- Use of two hands when riding with a Western curb bit
- More than 10 penalty points

0 Overall Score – Should receive the lowest placing possible – white ribbon
- Completing obstacles out of order
- Fall to ground by horse or rider
- Failure to complete course

Show: _______________________________  Division: _______________________________

Judge: _______________________________  Signature: _______________________________  Date: __________

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