

EVENT	GO-ROUND	DATE	JUDGE
CLASS		NATIONAL REINED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION www.nrcha.com	

1/2 Point Penalties

- Over or under spin 1/8 turn
- Jogging first 2 strides

1 Point Penalties

- Out of Lead
- Scotching or anticipating stop
- Over or under spin 1/4 turn
- Excessive whipping or spurring

2 Point Penalties

- Lead missed around end of arena past second corner
- Not ever changing leads in patterns where there is only a 1/2 circle
- Failure to run by marker before stop is initiated
- Freezing up in turn
- Jogging beyond 2 strides, except when executing a simple lead change
- Breaking gait
- On trot in patterns, failure to stop before executing a lope departure
- A stop in the first 1/4 of the circle, after a lope departure, is a break of gait.
- At end of pattern, failure to hesitate to demonstrate completion of pattern



5 Point Penalties

- Spurring or hitting in front of cinch at anytime
- Blatant disobedience including kicking, biting, bucking, rearing, and striking or obviously insubordinate.

- 0 Score

- Failure to complete the pattern as given (i.e. over or under spin more than 1/4)
- Two hands on the reins when using a bridle or two rein
- Fingers between the reins when using romals, except in the two rein
- Horse balking
- Bloody mouth (inside)
- Illegal equipment
- Leaving working area before pattern is complete
- Fall of horse or rider
- Backing more than two strides, when backing is not called for
- Jogging in excess of one-half circle or one-half the length of the arena
- Improper western attire
- Failure to work in the proper working order

NOTE:

Judge may blow his/her whistle at any time to terminate the work.
A score of zero will be given if the work is not complete at that time.

REINED WORK JUDGES CARD

August 2025-July 2026

Credit

Credit shall be given for smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness and authority of performing various maneuvers while using controlled speed which raises the difficulty level and makes the horse more exciting and pleasing to watch

NE - Failure of an exhibitor to attempt to work the pattern.

NO SCORE:

- Abuse
- Lameness

Leads and Lead Change Penalties:

A judge is required to penalize a horse 1/2 of a point for a delayed change of lead by one stride.

The penalty for being out of lead is cumulative, and the judge will add 1 penalty point for each 1/4 of the circumference of a circle or any part thereof that a horse is out of lead.

MANEUVER SCORES: -1 1/2 Extremely Poor, -1 Very Poor, -1/2 Poor, 0 Correct, +1/2 Good, +1 Very Good, +1 1/2 Excellent

#	CONTESTANT NAME	MANEUVER DESCRIPTION									Penalty Total	SCORE
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Judge's Signature: _____