

EVENT

GO-ROUND

DATE

JUDGE

CLASS

NATIONAL REINED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION

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1 POINT PENALTIES

- A-Loss of working advantage
- C-Cow's head breaks the plane of the 1 point marker
- E-Changing sides of arena to turn cow
- L-For each length horse runs past cow
- P-Working out of position
- S-Slipping rein
- T-Failure to drive cow past middle marker on first run down the fence after the cow is lined out (3 horse strides)
- W-Excessive hollering

2 POINT PENALTIES

- A-Going around corner of arena before turning cow
- B-In an open field turn animal gets within 3 feet of the end fence before being turned
- C-Failure to change sides after a circling turn prior to the first circle

3 POINT PENALTIES

- D- Dangerous Position
- E-Exhausting or overworking before circling cow
- H-Hanging up on fence (refusing to turn)
- K- Knocking down cow without having working advantage

5 POINT PENALTIES

- A-Not getting a turn each way (5 points each way)
- B-Spurring or hitting in front of cinch at anytime or excessively whipping or spurring horse
- C-Blatant disobedience including kicking, biting, bucking, rearing and striking or obviously insubordinate

0- SCORE

- A-Turn tail
- B-Using two hands on the reins in a bridle or two rein class
- C-Fingers between the reins in a bridle class except the two rein class
- D-Balking
- E-Extremely out of control
- F-Bloody mouth (inside)
- G-Illegal equipment
- H-Leaving working area before pattern is complete
- I-Fall of horse or rider
- J-Schooling between rein work and cow work
- K-Schooling horse between cows, if new cow is awarded
- L-If a rider hits or kicks the animal being worked with the romal or reins, in an abusive manner
- N-Improper Western Attire
- O-Failure to work in the proper working order

NO SCORE:

- A-Abuse
- B-Lameness

NE- Failure of an exhibitor to attempt to work the pattern (fence work)



COW WORK JUDGE CARD

Effective November 16, 2025

RUN CONTENT:

- + + Exceptional = +2
- + Very Good = +1
- ✓ + Good = +1/2
- ✓ Average = 0
- ✓ - Poor = -1/2
- Very Poor = -1
- - Exceptionally Poor = -2

GUIDE FOR NEW COW:

- (At judge's discretion, rider will receive new cow as necessary to show horse)
- Cow that won't run
- Cow that doesn't respect horse
- When cow leaves the arena

NOTE: Judge may blow the whistle at anytime to terminate the work. A score of zero will be given if the work is not complete at that time.

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			Boxing	Rating	Form & Quality of Turns	Circling	Position & Control	Degree of Difficulty	Eye Appeal					
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