

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

REINED WORK JUDGES CARD

January 2026 - August 2028



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

Leads and Lead Change Penalties:

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.

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.

CREDIT:

- Smoothness
- Finesse
- Attitude
- Quickness and authority of performing various maneuvers while using controlled speed

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

NO SCORE:

- Abuse
- Lameness

RUN CONTENT:
SCORED 60-80
+ 1 1/2 Exceptional
+ 1 Very Good
+ 1/2 Good
0 Correct
- 1/2 Poor
- 1 Very Poor
- 1 1/2 Exceptionally Poor

#	CONTESTANT NAME	MANEUVER SCORES: +1 1/2, +1, +1/2, 0, -1/2, -1, -1 1/2										SCORE	
		MANEUVER DESCRIPTION									Penalty Total		
		MANEUVER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
		PENALTY											
		SCORE											
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Judge's Signature: _____