

Utah 4-H & BLM MUSTANG CHALLENGE

SCORING GLOSSARY

SCORE CARD:

Scoring will be on the basis of 0-Infinity, with 70 denoting an average performance. Points will be added or subtracted from the maneuvers on the following bases, ranging from plus 1 ½ to minus 1 1/2: -1 ½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, -1/2 poor, 0 average, +1/2 good, +1 very good, +1 ½ excellent.

OBSTACLES

TRAILER:

Lead into the arena, load your horse into a horse trailer, (not a two horse, it will be a bigger 3 or 4 horse stock type trailer), tie horse securely in trailer, exit trailer and close door, re-enter, untie horse and unload from trailer.

45* POLE OBSTACLE:

Lead into and through a 45-degree pole setup, stop at the exit, then back through the obstacle.

BRIDGE:

Cross a wooden bridge stopping briefly at the top.

TROT POLES:

Lead at a trot over a 4-pole obstacle.

HOLDING STALL:

Lead into a stall made out of metal panels, put lead rope over the neck of horse, leave them in the stall while you exit, re-enter and catch your horse and exit stall.

PICKING UP FEED & 180*

Enter a 10-foot box, pick up all four feet, pivot 180 degrees and exit.

TIE RAIL:

Tie up to a solid fence and then walk away from your horse.

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DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY:

Reflects the difficulty of the maneuver or action the showman is attempting to perform.

COURAGE:

The ability of the Mustang and showman to face unpredicted objections with self-possession, confidence and resolution.

EYE APPEAL:

Mustang show positive expression while approaching and completing obstacles.

PARTNERSHIP:

Horse and exhibitor show a strong bond and are willing to work together.

CREATIVITY:

Musicality and movements through the freestyle portion are unique and fitting.

SHOWMANSHIP:

Exhibitor presents their mustang in a positive way that allows them to highlight their accomplishments.

PRACTICALITY:

Obstacles throughout freestyle could be seen in the "real world" when an adopter takes their mustang home.