

## State 4-H Trail Scoresheet

Obstacle Score		Penalties				Disqualifications				
Rating	Point Value	Error	Penalty	Error	Penalty	(from entire class)				
Excellent	+ 1 1/2	Each tick of log, pole, cone, or obstacle.	1/2	Stepping outside the confines of, falling or jumping an obstacle with one foot.	3	Using more than one finger between the reins.				
Very Good	+ 1	Hitting or stepping on a log, pole, cone or obstacle.	1	Each foot will accrue additional penalties.		Using two hands on reins, except exhibitors riding junior horses in a snaffle bit or romal riding an English style.				
Good	+ 1/2	Breaking gait at a walk or jog for two strides or less.	1	Dropping a slicker or other object that is required to be carried on the course.	5	Changing hands on the reins (except when necessary to negotiate obstacle; English riders are permitted to put both reins in one hand to negotiate an obstacle).				
Correct	+ 0	Placing both front or hind feet in a single strided slot or space.	1	Refusing, balking, or attempting to evade obstacle by shying/backing (1X).	5	Using a romal other than for reining the horse.				
Poor	- 1/2	Skipping over or failing to step into a required space.	1	Losing control or letting go of gate.	5	Equipment failure that delays completion of the pattern.				
Very Poor	- 1	Splitting pole, or having the pole between two front/hind feet in a lope-over.	1	Failing to ever demonstrate a correct lead or gait, if designated.	5 or more	Touching the horse on the neck to lower head.				
Extremely Poor	- 1 1/2	Breaking gait at a walk or jog for more than two strides.	3	Failing to complete an obstacle by refusing, balking or attempting to evade obstacle by shying/backing (2X).	5 or more	Using the free hand to instill fear or to praise.				
* Each course will begin with a score of 70 points. Scores will increase or decrease via penalties and obstacle scores.		Going out of lead/breaking gait at lope, canter or third gait (except when correcting an incorrect lead).	3	Negotiating an obstacle differently than is described on the pattern.	No Score	Falling to the ground (horse or rider).				
		Knocking down a elevated pole, cone, plant obstacle or severely disturbing obstacle.	3	Missing or not attempting obstacle.	No Score	Riding outside the designated course boundaries.				
				Refusing, balking or attempting to evade obstacle by shying/backing (3X).	No Score	Willfully abusing horse.				
						Rearing, bucking or other major disobedience by horse.				
						Performing class with mismatched equipment and attire.				
						Performing bareback.				
						Breaking the pattern (going off course).				

Obstacle Description	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL SCORE
Penalty									
Obstacle Score									
<b>Running Total</b>									