

EVENT ORCHA Show #3	GO-ROUND	DATE 8/29/26	JUDGE Gary Stark
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CLASS Fence	NATIONAL REINED COW HORSE ASSOCIATION www.nrcha.com
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1/2 POINT PENALTIES:
- Not changing leads within the same stride
- Jogging first two strides

- Over or under spin 1/8 turn

1 POINT PENALTIES
- Out of Lead
- Slipping rein in the bridle
- Over or under spin 1/4 turn

- Out of lead each 1/4 circle
- Anticipating stop

2 POINT PENALTIES
- Lead missed around end of arena past second corner
- Not ever changing leads in patterns where there is only 1/2 circle
- Failure to run by marker before stop is initiated
- Freezing up in turn
- Breaking gait
- Jogging beyond two strides up until one-half circle or one-half arena length
- 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.

- 0- SCORE
- Failure to complete the pattern as given (i.e. over under spin more than 1/4 turn)
- Two hands on the reins in a bridle or two-rein class
- Fingers between the reins in a bridle class, except the two rein class
- Horse balking
- Bloody mouth (inside)
- Illegal equipment
- Leaving working area before pattern is complete
- Fall of horse or rider
- Backing more than 2 strides when no back up is called for in the pattern.
- 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

- NO SCORE:
- Abuse
- Lameness

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

NOTE: Judge may blow his/her 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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REINED WORK JUDGE CARD

RUN CONTENT:

- +1 1/2 **Exceptional**
+1 Very Good
+1/2 Good
0 Correct
-1/2 Poor
-1 Very Poor
-1 1/2 **Exceptionally Poor**

MANEUVER SCORES: +1 1/2, +1, +1/2, 0, -1/2, -1, -1 1/2

#	HORSE	MANEUVER DESCRIPTION	MANEUVER SCORES								Penalty Total	SCORE
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
15	Multiple Crimes OPEN Snaffle	PENALTY	1								1	70.5
		SCORE	0	+1/2	-1/2	+1/2	0	+1	0			
28	Valerie OPEN Snaffle	PENALTY										
		SCORE	0	+1/2	-1/2	0	0	+1/2	+1/2			71
16	Chics Rollin Cole OPEN Snaffle	PENALTY	21									
		SCORE	-1/2	+1/2	0	-1/2	+1/2	0	+1/2		3	67.5
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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-Balancing
- E-Extremely out of control
- F-Bloody mouth (inside)
- G-Illegal equipment
- H-Leaving working area before pattern is complete
- J-Fall of horse or rider
- K-Schooling between rein work and cow work
- L-Schooling horse between cows, if new cow is awarded
- L-If a rider hits or kicks the animal being worked with the reins or reins, in an abusive manner
- M-Improper Western Action
- 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)

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COW WORK
JUDGE CARD

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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

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#	HORSE	MANEUVER	RUN CONTENT (++) (+) (✓) (✓) (✓) (-) (-)					5 1 POINT PENALTIES			2 PT PENALTY	3 PT PENALTY	5 PT PENALTY	Penalty Total	SCORE
			Backing	Riding	Form & Quality of Turns	Circling	Position & Control	Degree of Difficulty	Eye Appeal						
15	Multiple Crimes OPEN Snaffle	PENALTY													70 1/2
		CONTENT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
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16	Chics Rollin Cole OPEN Snaffle	PENALTY			A									1	69 1/2
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Judge's Signature: _____

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