

Date: _____ District: _____

CLASS: HUNT SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES - PATTERN #1

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ ATHLETE #: _____

#	ELEMENT JUDGED:	COMMENTS:	Score
1.	Setup and approach 1st fence, Post and Rail		
2.	2nd Fence, Gate		
3.	3rd Fence, Brush with Top Rail		
4.	4th Fence, Plank		
5.	5th Fence, Picket Fence		
6.	6th Fence, Post and Rail		
7.	7th Fence, Plank		
8.	8th Fence, Oxer-Post and Rail with Flower Box		
9.	Overall Horsemanship		
10.	Rider Equitation: Seat, hand, and legs		
11.	REFUSALS: Deduct 3 points for 1st refusal, 5 points for 2nd refusal, elimination after 3rd refusal		

Judge's Signature: _____

Expectations:

- Athlete should have a workmanlike appearance, seat and hands being light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control.
- Hands should be above and in front of equine's withers, thumbs thirty degrees inside the vertical, hands slightly apart and making a straight line from equine's mouth to athlete's elbow. Reins may be held to inside or outside of little finger. Bight of reins may fall on either side. Athlete should keep light and consistent contact with equine's mouth.
- In basic position the eyes should be up and looking toward the next fence. Toes should be at an angle best suited to the athlete's conformation. Ankles should be flexible, heels down, calf of leg in contact with equine and slightly behind the girth. Iron should be on the ball of the foot and must not be tied to the girth.
- At slower gaits there should be a near-straight line from the athlete's shoulder, through the hip, down to the heel. The shoulders should be a couple of degrees in front of the vertical at a Canter, Hand Gallop, and when jumping.
- The course is expected to be ridden at a canter.
- At the Judge's discretion, an eliminated athlete may jump an additional fence, but may not continue thereafter.
- Riders will be judged on their lines of approach to fences, striding, and proper leads. Breaking gait on course is a fault (except when called for). Lead changes should be done over the fence or as a flying change before entering turns.
- After the tack inspection, athletes will take the course and judging will immediately begin. This will include judging the preparation circle.