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District: _____

CLASS: STOCKSEAT EQUITATION

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

ATHLETE #: _____

Equitation skills in performing smooth elegant maneuvers and transitions score higher. Understanding what the pattern calls for and planning arena space will enhance the performance.

This pattern is asking for the athletes' BEST lead changes.

The following is the general guideline for scoring lead changes (the scores are maximum possible if every part of the element including the lead change is perfect):

- Flying Lead Change – maximum possible 10
- Interrupted Lead Change – maximum possible 8
- Simple Lead Change – maximum possible 6

Clearly, the goal is a perfect flying lead change, however, this allows for athletes to work into this maneuver. Remember, perfect means: equitation, hands, change (no steps in an interrupted, few steps in simple, no disunited steps in flying and so on.)

This is an equitation class. Body position of athlete is scored; behavior of the equine is the direct result of the athlete's horsemanship skills.

#	ELEMENT JUDGED:	COMMENTS:	SCORE
1.	Start at cone and jog down center line.		
2.	Pick up left lead and lope circle to the left		
3.	On straight line, change to right lead. Correct flying lead change is preferred.		
4.	Extend lope and circle right		
5.	On center line, collect lope and change to left lead. Continue up centerline and turn corner to the right. (counter canter)		
6.	Stop at cone, back "U" shape ending at opposite cone.		
7.	Pick up jog and continue around corner		
8.	Extend the jog across diagonal, stop at cone.		
9.	360 degree left haunch turn, wait to be excused.		
10.	Overall Horsemanship		

Judge's Signature: _____