



Source: APHA

31. Western Horsemanship, Western Trail

Reference Rules USEF Chapter “EQ” and “WS”

31.1. Required Equipment

31.1.1. Western saddle with horn

31.1.1.1. There shall be no discrimination against any standard western bit. *See USEF WS rules for more information on legal western bits.*

31.1.1.2. Split reins, when used with a curb bit, must be held with one finger between the reins with the bight of the rein falling on the same side as the rein hand. They may also be held like romal reins with all fingers wrapped around the reins and with the bight held in the opposite hand. There can be no fingers between the reins when held romal style.

31.1.2. Snaffle bits and rawhide bosals may only be used on junior equine

31.2. Prohibited Equipment

31.2.1. Jerk lines

31.2.2. Tack collars

31.2.3. Chaps & ½ Chaps

- 31.2.4. Whips, Crops or bats
- 31.2.5. Slip or gag bits
- 31.2.6. Wire chin straps regardless of padding or covering
- 31.2.7. Any chin strap narrower than ½ inch
- 31.2.8. Martingales and draw reins
- 31.2.9. Sidesaddle or any type of English saddle
- 31.2.10. Nose bands and tie-downs
- 31.2.11. Chinks
- 31.2.12. Protective boots, leg wraps, and bandages
- 31.2.13. Roping reins
- 31.2.14. Snaffles or bosals on equine 6 years of age and older
 - 31.2.14.1. Documentation of equine's age may be requested
 - 31.2.14.2. Junior equines are defined as equines 5 yrs old and under
- 31.2.15. Side Pulls
- 31.3. Optional Equipment
 - 31.3.1. Gloves
 - 31.3.2. Rope or Riata:
 - 31.3.2.1. The rope or riata must be coiled and securely attached to the saddle
 - 31.3.3. Western spurs
- 31.4. Disqualification (*Also see General Rules 8.0 Judging*)
 - 31.4.1. If an athlete enters the arena with missing required equipment, illegal equipment or illegal use of permitted equipment, including uniform violations not considered unsafe, the athlete will be allowed to continue on the course and receive scores and comments, but will be disqualified from the event.
 - 31.4.1.1. An athlete using two hands on a curb bit, or one hand on a snaffle bit, is considered to be using permitted equipment illegally
 - 31.4.1.1.1 If the athlete enters the arena and begins the pattern correctly holding the reins, he will not be disqualified but will receive a "0" on every element ridden illegally.
 - 31.4.1.2. Exception: proper negotiation of an obstacle, or handling a rope may require a rider to use one hand on a snaffle or bosal temporarily.

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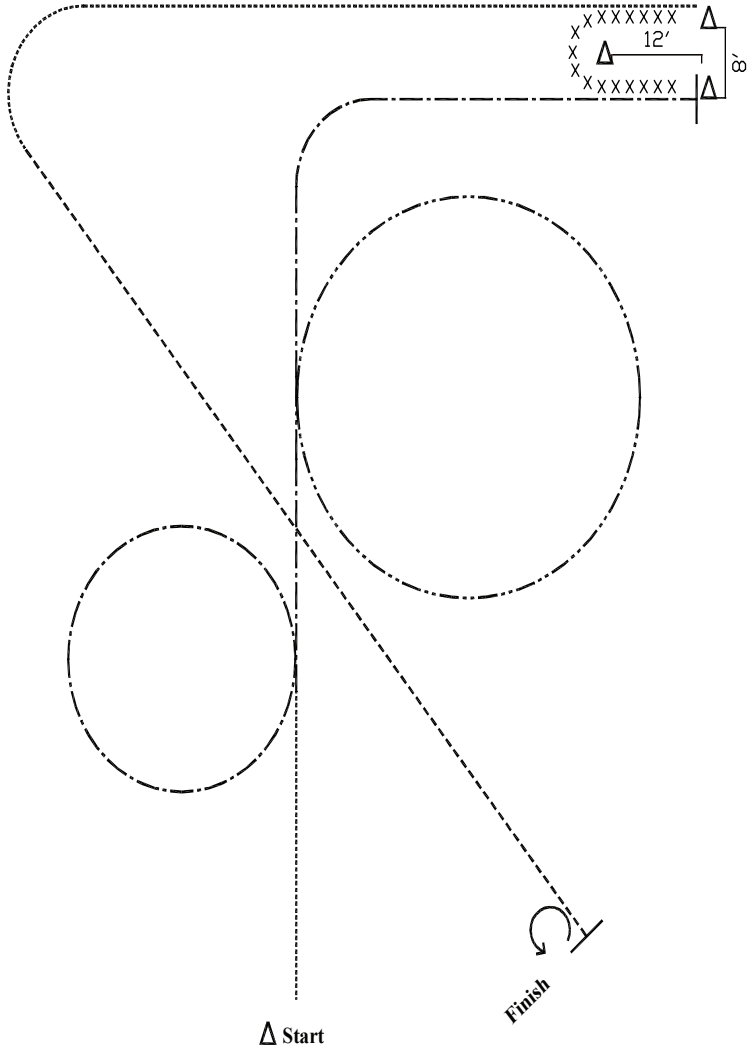
ATHLETE #: _____

#	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 center line and turn corner to the right. (counter canter)		
6.	Stop at cone with horses front legs at cone, back "U" shape ending with horses hind legs at the cone		
7.	Pick up jog and continue around corner		
8.	Extend the jog across diagonal, stop.		
9.	360° left haunch turn, wait to be excused.		
10.	Overall Horsemanship.		
11.	Rider Equitation-Seat, hands, legs.		

Judge's Signature: _____

Expectations:

- 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. There should be a definite distinction in stride length between the jog and extended jog.
- 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 - 0- 10 points
 - Interrupted Lead Change - 0- 8 points
 - Simple Lead Change - 0- 6 points
- 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 a simple, no disunited steps in a flying and so on.)
- This is an equitation class. Body position of athlete is scored; behavior of the equine is considered the direct result of the athlete's horsemanship skills.



Note: Backup cones to be a minimum of 10' off of both walls

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Legend :	
Walk	—————
Jog
Extended Jog	-----
Lope	-----
Lope w/ Increased Energy	- - - - -
Back	XXXXXXXX
Cone	Δ