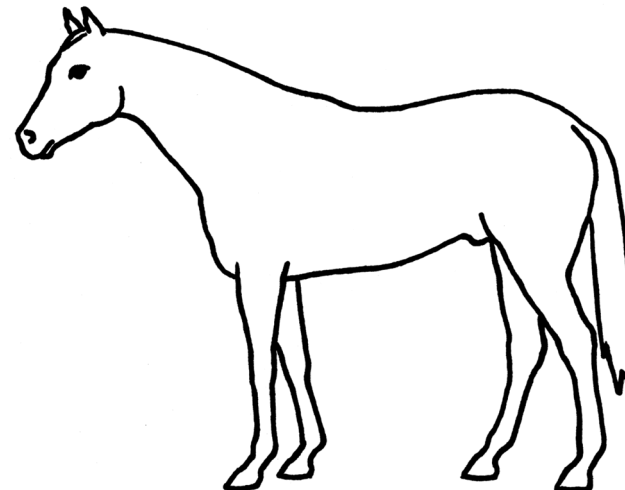


Scoring Guidelines



LEISURE SCORECARD 2024 Revision

SURFACE ASSESSMENT

Note: Findings are to be noted, discussed, but not scored. Serious changes during the ride may be reason for Pull; serious changes at final check may be reason for Pull or CO at the judge's discretion.

- Mouth** Evaluate for rubs from bit or chin strap.
- Girth** Observe for any swelling, chafing or rubs.
- Back** With a flat hand, feel across the top of the back and observe for any reaction.
- Legs** Observe for interference and/or swelling. This is not a hands on evaluation.

PULSE & RESPIRATION

Pulse		Respiration		Holds	
Beats	Score	Breaths	Score	Number	Score
12 or less	+ 5	9 or less	+ 5	No Holds	+10
13	+ 4	10-13	+ 4	1 Hold	+ 5
14	+ 3	14-17	+ 3	2 Holds	+ 0
15	+ 2	18-21	+ 2		
16	+ 1	22-25	+ 1		
17 or higher	+ 0	26 or higher	+ 0		

The **initial** outgoing P&R is scored as above. These numbers are based on a 15 second count.

Holds: If the scored P&R is at 17 or higher for either pulse and respiration, the equine will be held for an additional 10 minutes for safety. Another reading will be taken on both the pulse and respiration, and if either is still 17 or higher, the equine will be held for another 10 minutes. It will again be checked after this final hold. **Refer to chart above to score the holds.**

Pull if not recovered (below 17 on both pulse and respiration) after two holds beyond the scored P&R (total of 30 minutes of recovery time including the initial P&R).

Colic, Tie-Up, Thumps: Pull - Recommend Immediate Medical Attention

SOUNDNESS

Observe an in-hand, down-and-back trot at check in and check out. Do not diagnose any type of lameness but merely decide if the equine is okay to start at check in (lameness not observable or consistent on the straight line), and the same or worse at check out. If worse, decide to award completion mileage only or to pull the team from the ride as described below.

Lameness Guidelines

Lameness is difficult to observe and is not consistently apparent regardless of circumstance (e.g. under saddle, circling, inclines, hard surfaces, etc.).

OK to Start or Continue

Lameness is difficult to observe at a walk or when trotting in a straight line, but consistently apparent under certain circumstances (e.g. weight carrying, circling, inclines, hard surfaces, etc.).

OK to Start or Continue

Lameness is consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances. Do not allow to start the day! If observed during ride, the equine should be pulled. If observed at final check, Completion Only may be granted at the discretion of the judge.

PULL or COMPLETION ONLY (CO)

Lameness is obvious at a walk.

PULL

Lameness produces minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest, or a complete inability to move.

PULL

PULL CODES

Strike a diagonal line across the face of the card. Write "PULL" and one of the following pull codes:

- Lameness:** Consistently observable at the trot
- Metabolic:** Non-recovery, colic, thumps, tie-up, etc.
- Surface Factors:** Wounds, sore backs, rubs, etc.
- Rider Option:** Rider illness, injury, fatigue; weather, etc.
- Disqualification:** Rule violations, dangerous, etc.

TIME PENALTY DEDUCTIONS

Outside of Window

Minutes Early / Late	Score
1-6	- 1
7-12	- 2
13-18	- 3
19-24	- 4
25-30	- 5

MANEUVERING TRAIL / BEHAVIOR

Equines may earn up to 5 points on each observation.

Reward responsiveness so an equine that is attentive to the trail and rider is scored higher than one with mild, moderate or severe disobedience. An equine that displays excellent skill during a maneuver should earn a better score than one that has difficulty or shows resistance. Award higher points to a quiet equine over one that displays buddying, head tossing, shying, calling, etc.

Obvious kick or bite at judge, rider or handler
Fractious, Unruly, Dangerous

0 DISQUALIFY

RIDER'S EQUITATION & COMMUNICATION

Riders may earn up to 5 points on each observation.

Observe equitation and communication during ride-through observations or as performance tasks on the trail.

Reward good balance and lightness of seat, soft cues, proper body and leg position, good control, and effective hands and aids on ascending, descending and level terrain.

When negotiating obstacles, evaluate the rider's desired control, cues, timing and form to enhance the equine's performance and teamwork.

Score missed observation 0/0.

SAFETY & COURTESY

Riders may earn up to 5 points for overall attention to trail safety and courtesy during the ride.

Give higher scores for maintaining a proper distance between equines, responding to directions, being safe with equine, self and others, and being considerate when passing on the trail or waiting at an obstacle. Reward good trail etiquette.