

# NRCHA COW WORK SCORE SHEET

EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_ GO-ROUND: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

**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-Balking
- E-Extremely out of control
- F-Bloody mouth (inside)-AHA SEE NO SCORE
- G-Illegal equipment
- H-Leaving working area before pattern is complete
- I-Fall of horse or rider
- J-Schooling between rein work and cow work
- K-Schooling horse between cows, if new cow is awarded
- L-If a rider hits or kicks the animal being worked with the romal or reins, in an abusive manner
- N-Improper Western Attire
- O-Failure to work in the proper working order

**NO SCORE:**

- A-Abuse
- B-Lameness
- C- Cut or abrasion showing clear evidence of fresh blood in the mouth, nose, chin, shoulder, barrel, flank or hip (AR105.6)
- NE- Failure of an exhibitor to attempt to work the pattern (fence work)



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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

**NOTE:** Judge may blow the whistle at anytime to terminate the work. A score of zero will be given if the work is not complete at that time.

**10-POINT PENALTY\***  
USEF AR 105.2b & AR 213.3  
Unnatural Arabian Tail Carriage

X	BACK #	MANEUVER	RUN CONTENT ( ++ / + / √+ / √ / √- / - / -- ) & 1 POINT PENALTIES							2 PT PENALTY	3PT PENALTY	5PT PENALTY	10PT* PENALTY	Penalty Total	SCORE
			Boxing	Rating	Forms & Quality of Turns	Circling	Position & Control	Degree of Difficulty	Eye Appeal						
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Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_