

Trail Self-Test Practice on Penalties

Incorrect number strides, if specified
 Split pole in lope-over
 Skip over/failing to step into required space
 Incorrect or break of gait more than 2 strides
 Incorrect or break of gait 2 or fewer strides
 Out of lead/break of gait at lope, except if
 correcting incorrect lead
 Each hard hit or bite or stepping on log,
 cone, plant or obstacle component
 Knockdown of elevated obstacle or part of
 Blatant disobedience
 Falling or jumping off or out of bridge or
 water with 1 foot after entering obstacle

 Use of either hand to instill fear or praise
 Performing obstacle on wrong lead
 Letting go of gate/dropping rope gate
 Incorrect gait as designated
 Working obstacle in wrong direction
 Failure to ever demonstrate correct gait
 More than 16" of rein between hand (WS)
 Equipment failure delaying pattern work
 Enter/exit obstacle incorrect side/direction
 Illegal equipment

 Any attachment that alters movement of or
 circulation to the tail
 No attempt to perform an obstacle
 Riding outside designated boundary marker
 Excessive schooling, pulling, turning or backing
 Missing/evading with more than 1 foot a pole
 that is part of a series of an obstacle
 Baiting in In-hand classes
 Performing entire obstacle on wrong lead
 Overturns of more than 1/4 turn
 Severely disturbing an obstacle
 Disrespect or misconduct by exhibitor

 Holding saddle with either hand, except for
 Jumps, elevated lope overs/trot overs
 Dropping slicker or other object required to be
 carried on course
 Incorrect line of travel between obstacles
 Handler touching horse with either hand in
 In-hand trail unless instructed or doing side pass
 Fresh blood in mouth, chin, shoulder, barrel,
 flank or hip areas
 Using 2 hands on reins unless riding with snaffle
 bit or hackamore on a junior horse
 Balking or evading an obstacle by shying
 or backing
 Excessive/repeated touching horse on neck to
 lower head

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