

**EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT:**  
ARABIAN HORSES MAKE GREAT  
FREESTYLE REINING HORSES TOO!!



**OFTEN COMPARED TO A FIGURE SKATER'S PERFORMANCE,** the Freestyle Reining competition combines the athletics and finesse of Reining moves with the melodies of popular music in one of the Congress' most popular events. Competitors (and their mounts) often wear costumes and may include props and actors in their performances.

With four national championships in just three years together, **Jessi and her Purebred Arabian mare Antonina SF+/-** brought their reining credentials and a creative spirit to the National Western Stock Horse Show. They used the inspiration of their chosen song "Fireflies" to add twinkle lights to her outfit and throughout the arena carried by friends and family. Jessi felt the upbeat and fun routine matched her mare's natural beat and personality. Now, it's time for YOU to think about HOW you would compete in your Arabian Freestyle Reining Class.



**1.** Describe your ideal freestyle reining costume and the pattern that you would select to compete with your Arabian horse in competition. Why is this your favourite pattern? Please refer to the Arabian Horse Association's website and review our current resources and tools on reining for up to date information.

**2.** After reviewing the pattern that you have selected, what do you anticipate will be the most challenging part of the pattern for you to learn and/or execute?

**3.** Jessi chose a song to be played during her performance that matched her horses' personality. What song would you pick for the Arabian or Half-Arabian you would like to compete with and why did you choose it?