ARHA
American Ranch Horse Association

Cutting Score Sheet

Class:______________________

Date:______________________

Judge:_____________________

One (1) Point Penalties.
a) (Miss) losing working advantage.
b) Reined or visibly cued.
c) Noise directed to cattle.
d) Toe, foot or stirrup on the shoulder of horse.
e) Working out of position.
f) Hold on too long on a cut.

Three (3) Point Penalties.
a) Hot quit.
b) Cattle picked up or scattered.
c) Second hand on reins.
d) Spur in shoulder.
e) Pawing or biting cattle.
f) Failure to make a deep cut.
g) Back Fence

Five (5) Point Penalties.
a) Horse quitting a cow.
b) Losing a cow.
c) Changing cattle after a specific commitment.
d) Failure to separate a single animal after leaving the herd.

Disqualifications.
a) If horse turns tail to cattle.
b) If horse or rider falls to ground. c) Illegal equipment.
d) Leaving the work arena before time expires. e) Inhumane treatment of horse.
f) Riding with romel or closed reins in snaffle bit/hackamore.
g) Failure to cut.
h) More than one (1) finger between the rein.

– – – =-1½ = Extremely Poor
– – =-1 = Very Poor
– =-½ = Poor
√ = 0 = Correct
+ = +½ = Good
+ + = +1 = Very Good
+ + + = +1½ = Excellent

#	Penalties			Run Content								Total Score	Placing
	1pt	3pt	5pt	Herd Work	Cow Control	Degree Difficulty	Time Worked	Courage	Eye Appeal	Loose Rein	Excess Help		

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