

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

Currently "off-pattern" is listed as both a 10 point penalty and an OP (Off Pattern) in the Ranch Horse Trail section of the WS chapter. We have removed the "OP" section of the scoring, and consolidated all of those infractions under the 10 point penalty deduction. There are also a few minor grammatical corrections that are made.

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SUBCHAPTER WS-6 RANCH SECTION

WS142 Ranch Horse Trail

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5. Credits and Penalties

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c. Penalties are ~~accessed~~ *assessed* as follows:

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iv) Ten (10) Point Penalties:

- a. Unnatural ranch horse appearance (Horse's tail is obviously and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver);
- b. Off pattern (~~eliminates or adds a maneuver, incomplete maneuver, failure to complete pattern as written~~);
- c. Failure to open and shut gate or failure to complete gate.
- d. *3rd refusal*;
- e. *Failure to dally and remain dallied.*

v) Zero (0) Score:

- a. Repeated blatant disobedience;
- b. More than one (1) finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins;
- c. Use of two (2) hands (except for junior horses five (5) years and under in a snaffle bit/hackamore);

vi) Off Pattern (OP):

- a. ~~Breaking pattern~~;
- b. ~~3rd refusal~~;
- c. ~~Failure to dally and remain dallied~~;
- ~~Exhibitors cannot place above others who completed the pattern correctly;~~

vii) vj) Disqualification (DQ):

- a. Lameness;
- b. Abuse;
- c. Leaving working area before the pattern is complete;
- d. Prohibited equipment;
- e. Disrespect or misconduct;
- f. Improper Western attire;
- g. Fall of horse/exhibitor.