

Evaluation of Oral Reasons for Horse Judging Contests

CLASS _____

Contestant No. _____

		Rating	
		Good	Needs Improvement
Score*	I. ACCURACY		
40%	A) Statements accurate.....		
	B) Placement card filled out correctly and completely.....		
	C) Class clearly visualized.....		
	D) Wordy or meaningless reasons avoided.....		
	II. COMPLETENESS (all important points covered)		
20%	A) Halter: Balance, size, quality, muscling, breed type, travel, structural correctness, structural faults and unsoundness.....		
	B) Performance: Ability to give a pleasurable ride, attitude, obedience, willingness, responsiveness to aids, way of going at all gaits, precision, transitions, faults.....		
	III. ORGANIZATION AND CONTENT		
30%	A) Logical sequence, organized in an easy to follow manner, with major reasons first.....		
	B) Obvious beginning and ending for the reasons set. (e.g., I placed this class of aged QH mares 2-1-3-4. For these reasons I placed this class of aged QH mares 2-1-3-4.).....		
	C) Compared each horse to the one below it. Gave reasons on 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and 4th place in order by pairs.....		
	D) Granted good points and faults regardless of placing.....		
	E) Ended reasons strongly.....		
	F) Terms.....		
	1) Complete vocabulary of appropriate terms for class. (e.g., leads, transitions, geldings, mares, etc.)		
2) Variation in use of terms, avoided memorization of one set of reasons.....			
3) Avoided use of indefinite words.....			
	IV. PRESENTATION AND DELIVERY		
10%	A) Positioned 6 to 8 feet from judge, feet apart, eye contact.....		
	B) Reasons presented clearly and at a moderate pace.....		
	C) Voice slightly louder than ordinary tone. Aggressive, enthusiastic, confident, emphatic, persuasive delivery.....		
	D) Correct grammar.....		
	E) Voice inflection, stressing of major points.....		
	F) Discussed class in two minutes.....		

*Relative importance of each category to total score. Suggested scoring scale (total + 2): A 50-46 B 45-40 C 39-35 D 34-30 E 29-24

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