 **MIHA Trail Scoresheet** Division/Ring: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Back #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Obstacle Score:** | | **Penalties** | | | | **Disqualifications or “0” Penalty Score** |
| **Rating**  Excellent  Very Good  Good  Correct  Poor  Very Poor  Extremely Poor | **Point Value**  + 1 ½  + 1  + ½  + 0  - ½  - 1  - 1 ½ | **Error Penalty** | | **Error Penalty** | | -Using more than one finger between the reins.  -Using two hands on reins, except exhibitors riding junior horses in a snaffle bit or romal, riding English style or Gymkhana.  -Changing hands on the reins (except when necessary to negotiate obstacle; English riders are permitted to put both reins in one hand to negotiate an obstacle).  -Using a romal other than for reining the horse.  -Equipment failure that delays completion of the pattern.  -Touching the horse on the neck to lower head.  -Using the free hand to instill fear or to praise.  -Falling to the ground (horse or rider).  -Riding outside the designated course boundaries.  -Willfully abusing horse.  -Rearing, bucking or other major disobedience by horse.  -Performing class with mismatched equipment and attire.  -Performing bareback.  -Breaking the pattern (going off course). |
| Each tick of log, pole, cone, or obstacle. | ½ | Dropping a slicker or other object that is required to be carried on the course. | 5 |
| Hitting or stepping on a log, pole, cone  or obstacle. Each occurrence | 1 | Refusing, balking, or attempting to evade obstacle by shying/backing (1X). | 5 |
| Breaking gait at a walk or jog for two strides or less. | 1 | Losing control or letting go of gate. | 5 |
| Placing both front or hind feet in a single strided slot or space | 1 | Stepping out of the confines with more than 1 foot under | 5 |
| Skipping over or failing to step into a required space. | 1 | Walk/Trot /Lope overs; missing log with 2-3 feet. | 5 or More |
| Splitting pole, or having the pole between two front/hind feet in a lope-over. | 1 | Failing to complete an obstacle by refusing, balking or attempting to evade obstacle by shying/backing (2X). | 5 or More |
| Breaking gait at a walk or jog for more than two strides. | 3 | Failing to ever demonstrate a correct lead or gait, if designated. | 5 or More |
| Going out of lead/breaking gait at lope, canter or third gait (except when correcting an incorrect lead). | 3 | Missing or not attempting obstacle. | NS |
| \* Each course will begin with a score of 70 points. Scores will increase or decrease via penalties and obstacle scores. | | Knocking down an elevated pole, cone, plant, obstacle, or severely disturbing obstacle. | 3 | Refusing, balking or attempting to evade obstacle by shying/backing (3X). | NS |
| Walk/Trot/Lope overs; missing log with one foot. | 3 | Negotiating an obstacle differently than is described on the pattern. | NS |
| Stepping outside the confines of, falling off of, or jumping an obstacle with one foot. | 3 | Walk/Trot/Lope Overs; missing log with all four feet. | NS |
| Letting go of gate and not completing it (closing); Failing to complete an obstacle. | NS |
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| Obstacle Description | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | **Total Score** |
| Penalty |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Obstacle Score |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Running Total** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Note:** *No rider that deviates from the posted pattern in any way or that receives a penalty score “NS” No score for a particular obstacle shall place above any rider that completes the pattern as written.*