**AQHA RANCH RIDING - Pattern 9**

1. **Point Penalties:**
   - Over-bridled (per maneuver)
   - Out of frame (per maneuver)
   - Too slow (per gait)
   - Break of gait at walk or trot for two (2) strides or less

2. **3 Point Penalties:**
   - Wrong lead or out of lead
   - Draped reins (per maneuver)
   - Break of gait at lope
   - Break of gait at walk or trot for more than two (2) strides
   - Out of lead or cross-cantering more than two (2) strides when changing leads
   - Trotting more than three (3) strides when making a simple lead change
   - Severe or disturbance of any obstacle

3. **5 Point Penalties:**
   - Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.) for each refusal

4. **10 Point Penalty:**
   - Unnatural Ranch Horse Appearance (Horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver)

5. **Off-Pattern (OP):** Cannot place above others who complete pattern correctly:
   - Eliminates maneuver
   - Incomplete maneuver
   - Use of two hands (except junior and level 1 horses shown in a snaffle bit/hackamore), more than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins (except in the tow-rein).

6. **Disqualification (DQ):**
   - Illegal equipment including hoof black, braided or banded manes, or tail extensions
   - Willful Abuse
   - Major disobedience or schooling
   - Lameness

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**MANEUVER SCORES**

Each horse/rider team is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run with a score of 70 points.

- 1 1/2 Extremely Poor, -1 Very Poor, -1/2 Poor, 0 Correct, +1/2 Good, +1 Very Good, +1 1/2 Excellent

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