VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE - RANCH RIDING

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

2 Point Penalties:
- Wrong lead or out of lead
- Draped reins
- 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 strides when changing leads
- Trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change

3 Point Penalties:
- Spurring in front of cinch
- Blatant disobedience
- Use of either hand to instill fear/praise

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

5 Point Penalties:
- Off-Pattern (OP): Cannot place above others who complete pattern correctly:
  - Breaking pattern
  - Repeated blatant disobedience
  - Use of two hands (except in snaffle bit or hackamore)
  - More than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins

10 Point Penalty:
- Use of two hands (except in snaffle bit or hackamore)
- More than one finger between split reins or any fingers between romal reins

Disqualification (DQ):
- Abuse
- Lameness
- Disrespect or misconduct
- Illegal equipment
- Fall of horse/rider
- Improper western attire
- Leaving arena before pattern is complete

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE:

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