

Reining

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SOME INTERESTING FACTS ON REINING

To rein a horse is not only to guide him, but also to CONTROL his every movement. The best reined horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance and dictated to completely.

SCORING:

-1.1/2 extremely poor- for an extremely poor execution

-1 very poor

-1/2 poor

0 correct

+1/2 good execution

+1 very good

+1.1/2 excellent

The horse begins its run with a score of 70, with a theoretical range of scores with a penalty free run of 60 to a near impossible perfect pattern of 80. As the horse runs through a pre selected Pattern he is scored for correctness, precision, smoothness and finesse. The degree of difficulty for each maneuver typically related to speed and agility is assessed. Increased speed increases the difficulty of most maneuvers and potential for high score, provided the rider has full control displaying the correctness, precision, smoothness and finesse as required. For example a fast well executed spin will score higher than a slower correct spin but on the other had a fast incorrect spin will not score higher than a slower correct spin. So as you see correctness and control is the name of the game. Penalty free runs are the placed and winning runs.

- Run negotiating your way through a pattern
- Penalty (Penalty points) when a horse has an performed incorrect movements or misbehaved i.e. bucking kicking out freeze up etc All theses penalties have different values. Which are then deducted from your final score.
- Freeze up. When a horse refuses to move or stops movement i.e. (Leg movement) while executing a maneuver.
- pattern of which there are 10 plus one youth short stirrup Y11
- A "zero score". Is a invariably if a horse is off pattern, sometimes referred to as a No Score. (elimination)
- A. 0 score is a maneuver score i.e. correct maneuver

The Horse

Reining can be done on almost any breed of horse providing it is agile, quick and responsive to its rider commands. Strong, Powerful hind quarters are needed for slides and rollbacks' correct leg conformation is essential as the legs are under considerable stress. A good temperament is also necessary for a horse to be able to perform with both speed and precision. In other words a well muscled horse with good strong

conformation is the ideal. This is where the western type (stock type) shorter on the leg, muscled good neck not too short, good minded Quarter horse, American Paint and American Appaloosa are well suited .Although in South Africa the Boerperd Not gaited, Nootgedacht and plain old stock horse with mixed breeding but often carrying a good dose of one of the above is well suited for reining.

OPEN SNAFFLE BIT CLASSES

This class has been brought in to encourage the novice horse irrespective of age and or novice rider to give reining a try.

These classes will be held at the Nissan Easter Festival.

Next issue will have the new show rule structure and more on the inter regionals as well as more info on reining as an event and the requirements.

SHOW RESULTS

Reining horses in South Africa have reached a new milestone



William Muller on Philynns Little Beaver tie reserve high point

The HOY show was the first GHS Reining affiliated show and we in fact William Muller Sponsored the judge brought in a well qualified judge from Germany to judge all our classes.

Tanja Herman Bratek. A German resident has trained in Canada, was ring steward and scribe for 10 years with AQHA then got her judges card in 2004 as well as her APHA (American Paint horse Association) NSBA (National Snaffle Bit Association) NRHA (National Reining Horses Association) judging cards, and is still an active and experienced and sought after judge. Tanja has her up to date judging card in all of these Associations, traveling around the world judging at many large show.

She has had her trainer's License in Europe EWU for many years and has successfully shown and competed throughout this period.