

MFTHBA Rules Evaluation Review

2024 Versatility Questions

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Instructions: When asked to circle items, you may circle the appropriate number/s for the answer.

1. From the list below, which 5 classes are in Versatility.

- A. Western Pleasure
- B. Open Costume
- C. Pole Bending
- D. Showmanship
- E. Western Riding
- F. Ladies Sidesaddle
- G. Barrel Racing

2. From the list below, circle the correct Equitation/Horsemanship guidelines for Versatility.

- A. Rider should appear natural in the seat and maintain a relaxed upright position.
- B. Rider's rein hand should be carried high and behind the pommel.
- C. Rider's free hand and arm may be carried bent at the elbow or straight down at the rider's side.
- D. Excessive turning of head or looking down at the horse's head or shoulders is not to be penalized.
- E. On split reins rider may have more than 1 finger between reins
- F. The rider's toe should be pointing straight ahead or slightly turned out.
- G. Riding with toe only in the stirrup is acceptable.
- H. Exhibitor may change hands to work on obstacle.

3. In Speed events, if a horse and rider fall after crossing the finish line are they disqualified?

- A. Yes
- B. No

4. Circle the Equipment allowed in Versatility:

- A. Protective headgear
- B. Bits with a 9 ½ inch cheek
- C. Cavesson fronts
- D. Wire chin straps
- E. Silver trim on equipment
- F. Reins must be attached to each shank
- G. Padded or covered curb chains at least ½” wide that lay flat against the jaw
- H. Hackamore or bosal

5. When a pattern is required, such as for a Trail class, how long before the start of the class must it be posted?

- A. The previous day
- B. At least 45 minutes
- C. At least one week prior to the class
- D. At least one hour

6. Define a refusal:

7. A horse can be disqualified due to a refusal.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Name the three Speed events:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

9. Riders may change hands to work on an obstacle.

- A. True
- B. False

10. In Western Pleasure, a judge may ask exhibitors to do which of the following:

- A. Halt and stand quietly
- B. Back clear of the lineup and execute a 360-degree turn
- C. Reverse at a flat foot walk
- D. Reverse at a fox trot
- E. Reverse at a canter

11. Horses are to reverse to the inside (away from the rail).

- A. True
- B. False

12. In a Trail class, a horse that completes the pattern correctly cannot be placed below a horse that: (Circle all that apply)

- A. Performs obstacles differently than described on the pattern
- B. Severely disturbs an obstacle
- C. Rides outside the designated boundary marker of the course
- D. Misses or does not attempt an obstacle or maneuver

13. List the six classes that make up the Versatility Ranch Horse Competition:

- 1. _____ 2. _____
- 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____

14. In versatility classes requiring western tack a snaffle bit may be used on horses _____ with _____ hands, and _____ with _____ hand.

15. Under what circumstances can an Australian saddle be used? _____

16. What is the industry standard average score in Reining?

- A. 60
- B. 70
- C. 75
- D. 80

17. Circle any of the following which are correct in Western Pleasure.

- A. The horse's head is carried with poll below the withers
- B. The horse's head is carried behind the vertical
- C. The rider's rein hand should be carried near the pommel and not farther than four inches to either side of the saddle horn
- D. Horses are to be reversed toward the inside (away from the rail)

18. List the order of gaits in a Western Pleasure class.

_____, _____, _____
_____, _____, _____

19. What optional equipment listed below is allowed in English Pleasure.

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| A. English breast plate | D. Crops |
| B. Braiding of mane and/or tail | E. Western grazing bits |
| C. Draw reins | F. Gag snaffle |

20. The Ranch Division is designed to simulate a horse's working environment on a ranch.

- A. True
- B. False

30. A _____ point penalty will be given to a horse who is out of lead for every 1/4 of a circle in Reining.

31. In Reining the back-up should be done for at least half of the arena.

A. True

B. False

32. In Trail, a split pole is a _____ point penalty.

33. In Trail, a knick or rub of a pole is a _____ point penalty.

34. Circle the answers that will result in a “No Score” (disqualification/elimination) in a Reining class.

A. Use of tack collars, tie downs or nosebands

C. Failure to complete pattern as written.

B. Failure to present horse equipment to the judge for inspection.

D. Break of gait

Please sign & date: _____ (name) _____ (date)

This completes the written Rules Evaluation Review