

MFTHBA Rules Evaluation Review

2020 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 7 classes are in Versatility.
 - 1a. Western Pleasure
 - 1b. Open Costume
 - 1c. Pole Bending
 - 1d. Showmanship
 - 1e. Western Riding
 - 1f. Ladies Sidesaddle
 - 1g. Hunter Hack
 - 1h. Barrel Racing
 - 1i. Pleasure Driving

2. From the list below, circle the correct Equitation/Horsemanship guidelines for Versatility.
 - 2a. Rider should appear natural in the seat and maintain a relaxed upright position
 - 2b. Rider's rein hand should be carried high and behind the pommel
 - 2c. Rider's free hand and arm may be carried bent at the elbow or straight down at the rider's side
 - 2d. Excessive turning of head or looking down at the horse's head or shoulders is not to be penalized
 - 2e. On split reins rider may have more than 1 finger between reins
 - 2f. The rider's toe should be pointing straight ahead or slightly turned out
 - 2g. Riding with toe only in the stirrup is acceptable
 - 2h. 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?
 - 3a. Yes
 - 3b. No

4. Circle the Equipment allowed in Versatility:
 - 4a. Protective headgear
 - 4b. Bits with a 9 ½ inch cheek
 - 4c. Cavesson fronts
 - 4d. Wire chin straps
 - 4e. Silver trim on equipment
 - 4f. Reins must be attached to each shank
 - 4g. Padded or covered curb chains at least ½" wide that lay flat against the jaw
 - 4h. 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?
 - 5a. The previous day
 - 5b. At least 45 minutes
 - 5c. At least one week prior to the class
 - 5d. At least one hour

6. Define a refusal:

7. A horse can be disqualified due to a refusal.
 - 7a. True
 - 7b. False

8. Name the three Speed events:
 - 8a. _____
 - 8b. _____
 - 8c. _____

9. Riders may change hands to work on an obstacle.
 - 9a. True
 - 9b. False

10. In Western Pleasure, a judge may ask exhibitors to do which of the following:
 - 10a. Halt and stand quietly
 - 10b. Back clear of the lineup and execute a 360-degree turn
 - 10c. Reverse at a flat foot walk
 - 10d. Reverse at a fox trot
 - 10e. Reverse at a canter

11. Horses are to reverse to the inside (away from the rail).
 11a. True
 11b. False
12. In a Trail class, a horse that completes the pattern correctly cannot be placed below a horse that: (Circle all that apply)
 12a. Performs obstacles differently than described on the pattern
 12b. Severely disturbs an obstacle
 12c. Rides outside the designated boundary marker of the course
 12d. 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. What age horses are allowed to be shown in a snaffle bit in Versatility classes that require western tack? _____
15. Under what circumstances can an Australian saddle be used?

16. What is the industry standard average score in Reining?
 16a. 60
 16b. 70
 16c. 75
 16d. 80
17. Circle any of the following which are correct in Western Pleasure.
 17a. The horse's head is carried with poll below the withers
 17b. The horse's head is carried behind the vertical
 17c. The rider's rein hand should be carried near the pommel and not farther than four inches to either side of the saddle horn
 17d. 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.
- 19a. English breast plate
 - 19b. Braiding of mane and/or tail
 - 19c. Draw reins
 - 19d. Crops
 - 19e. Western grazing bits
 - 19f. Gag snaffle
20. The Ranch Division is designed to simulate a horse's working environment on a ranch.
- 20a. True
 - 20b. False
21. In the canter/lope a horse that is on the wrong lead should be penalized.
- 21a. True
 - 21b. False
22. If shown in western tack using a shanked bit the rider must use only one hand.
- 22a. True
 - 22b. False
23. In Speed events, there is a 5 second penalty if the hat or helmet is not on the exhibitor's person for the entire time the exhibitor is in the arena.
- 23a. True
 - 23b. False
24. In the Ranch Division, the hose should be shown with a significant drape of rein similar to that seen in western pleasure.
- 24a. True
 - 24b. False
25. Are horses required to back in a Western Pleasure class? _____
26. A judge may call the reverse at the lope.
- 26a. True
 - 26b. False
27. Western hat/helmets, long sleeve shirts and heeled boots are generally
- 27a. Required
 - 27b. Optional
28. In Reining, the exhibitor must remain a minimum of 20 feet from the wall or fence when approaching a stop and/or rollback or they will incur a 1/2 point penalty.
- 28a. True
 - 28b. False

29. A _____ point penalty will be given to a horse that over or under spins up to 1/8 of a turn in Reining.
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.
31a. True
31b. 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.
34a. Use of tack collars, tie downs or nosebands
34b. Failure to present horse equipment to the judge for inspection.
34c. Failure to complete pattern as written.
34d. Break of gait

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