FREESTYLE REINING RULES

The Freestyle Reining class is open to everyone. Freestyle reining provides an opportunity to use reining maneuvers creatively, but also to expand them to music by means of choreography. Riders are encouraged to use musical scores which permit them to show the athletic ability of the horse in a crowd appealing way.

Required Maneuvers:

1. A minimum of 4 consecutive spins to the right.
2. A minimum of 4 consecutive spins to the left.
3. A minimum of 3 stops.
4. A minimum of 1 lead change at the canter from right to left.
5. A minimum of 1 lead change at the canter from left to right.

Freestyle Rules:

1. Exhibitors will only be judged astride.
2. Time Limit – a maximum of 4 minutes including any introductions. The time limit will be from the beginning of the music or the introduction (which ever comes first) and will end with the music.
3. Failure to perform all the required maneuvers or failure to complete the performance within the time limit will result in a score of 0.
4. Exhibitors are allowed to use two hands (as well as one hand or no hands) and any approved bits including snaffle bits or bosals.
5. Costumes are permitted but not required. Emphasis is placed on performing the reining maneuvers to music.
6. All equipment used must be non-abusive to the horse.
7. Additional maneuvers such as rollbacks, backups, speed variations, and non-classical reining maneuvers such as the half pass and side pass are appropriate in Freestyle and shall be given appropriate credit.
8. Additional repetitions of required maneuvers are appropriate, but will only add or subtract from the existing scores given for the required maneuvers, not as additional scores.