## Obstacle Penalties

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<th>OBSTACLE SCORE</th>
<th>-1 ½ Extremely Poor</th>
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<th>0 Correct</th>
<th>+½ Good</th>
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<td>Each tick of a log, cone, plant or component of the obstacle</td>
<td>Dropping slicker or object required to be carried on course</td>
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<td>Incorrect or break of gait at walk or jog for two strides or less</td>
<td>First or second cumulative refusal, balk, or evading an obstacle by shying or backing</td>
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<td>Both front or hind feet in a single stride slot or space</td>
<td>Letting go of gate or dropping rope gate</td>
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<td>Skipping over or failing to step into a required space</td>
<td>Use of either hand to instill fear or praise</td>
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<td>Splitting a pole in lope over</td>
<td>Blatant disobedience (including kicking out, bucking, rearing, striking)</td>
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<td>2 steps – Ground tie</td>
<td>3rd cumulative refusal, balk, or evade at a single obstacle and the judge asks the rider to move on, or the obstacle is unable to be completed due to equipment failure after a clear attempt to complete the obstacle is made</td>
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<td>Out of lead or break of gait at lope</td>
<td>Failed equipment but a safe completion of the pattern is possible</td>
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<td>Knocking down an elevated pole, cone, barrel, plant, obstacle, or severely disturbing an obstacle</td>
<td>Beginning of the course the rider’s rope drops to the ground and they are required to rope the roping dummy at the end of the course</td>
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<td>3 steps – Ground Tie</td>
<td>-10 Points/ -10 overall / Disqualification</td>
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<td>1st or 2nd cumulative refusal, balks, or evade at a single obstacle</td>
<td>Use of two hands on Senior horse or Junior Horse with Curb Bit -10 or -10 overall (Judge may allow for a onetime adjustment)</td>
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<td>Note: A score of -10 overall would be used place of disqualifying the rider in that class event.</td>
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<td>Used in the placement of finish and shown by the Scorekeeper.</td>
<td>Off Pattern -10 over all</td>
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<td>Illegal or failed equipment that disallows the rider to safely complete the course as outlined DQ</td>
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<td>Excessive praise forward of the girth or any form of punishment DQ</td>
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<td>Use of a halter over/under the bridle DQ (Exception – Halter is required for the Confirmation Class)</td>
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