

Walla Walla Fair Groom Squad Contest Scoresheet

Team Member 1: _____ Club: _____

Team Member 1 will take the Written Quiz

Team Member 2: _____ Club: _____

Team Member 2 will compete in Showmanship

Team Member 3: _____ Club: _____

Horse: _____ Provided by: _____

Grooming 10 pts possible Score: _____

Minimum: Use tools correctly, and in correct sequence on the body:

Nearside, then offside: Neck, back, girth, barrel, hindquarters

- 1) Tote, Tarp, or blanket to put tools in/on
- 2) Curry combs - Use in a circular motion to lift dirt, flicking motion to remove dirt. Never use on ears, or on legs below knees or hocks, or on mane and tail.
- 3) Hard brushes (Dandy Brush) and Soft brushes (Body Brush) - Use short, brisk, flipping motion to remove dirt.
- 4) Mane and tail comb or brush - Start brushing at bottom of hair and work up towards roots. Never start at the top.
- 5) Hoof pick - Use on hooves from heel to toe to remove dirt and rocks.
- 6) Rags - For use on head and finishing touches on coat.
- 7) Hands - Use for adding bloom to coat and removing excess hair.

Optional Additional-

- 8) Bucket of Water, all water used must be contained in bucket
- 9) Shavings- May be spread under horse
- 10) Bot Block- May be used at any time.
- 11) Shedding Blade
- 12) Sponge

Teamwork 15 pts possible Score: _____

Based on how well the team is organized for each member to have his own task to perform, if all participate equally, and if total job is finished in the allotted time.

- a. Be well organized. Each team member should have his own tasks.
- b. Space out to work. Never cluster around one area.
- c. Be pleasant to fellow team members.
- d. Do not talk with friends or parents in audience or other teams. Excessive talking within a team may be marked down.

Equipment 5 pts possible Score: _____

At least the minimum equipment listed. No equipment not listed, all equipment points

Will be deducted if illegal equipment is found. Multiples are allowed.

Equipment should be clean and in good condition.

Safety 35 pts possible Score: _____

Points awarded for properly following the rules of safety for working around a horse.

- a. All members of the team must wear boots.
- b. Never stand or work in the "Danger Zone" which is directly in front and directly behind the horse.
- c. All team members will work on the same side of the horse.
- d. Never kneel or sit near the horse. When grooming legs, squat down so you can move quickly away if the horse moves. Never have all team members squatting at the same time.
- e. When crossing behind horse, either cross out of range of hind legs or pass close with a hand on the horse.
- f. Never cross under lead rope between handler and horse.
- g. Work quietly. Any abuse or harsh treatment of the horse will result in disqualification of the team.

Written Questions 20 pts possible Score: _____

Time Allowed: 15 minutes

Showmanship 15 pts possible Score: _____

Practice Time 15 minutes (all team members may assist; all teams will be represented in Showmanship class)

Awards (Blue- 85+, Red- 70-85, White-69 or below)

Total Score _____
Award _____