

# Instructions

## A. EQUINE SCORE SHEET

Maximum Score 500 Points

### STANDING EVALUATION

#### **Recovery:**

Base upon ability to demonstrate recovery; e.g., the Cardiac Recovery Index; recommend use the CRI taken 10 or 15 minutes post-finish time. Base the respiratory aspects on quality of respiration as determined visually and by auscultation.

#### **Hydration Factors:**

Use all the metabolic parameters that indicate the state of hydration, i.e. skin tenting, mucous membranes, capillary refill time, jugular refill time and gut sounds.

#### **Lesions Producing Pain and Discomfort:**

Major concerns are back pain and pain/swelling in joints, tendons, and ligaments that may be indicative of potentially serious pathology. Also consider girth, saddle, and other tack-induced lesions and all wounds. Note: Do all but cursory palpation after the movement phase.

### MOVEMENT EVALUATION

#### **Soundness:**

Note: Not eligible for consideration for B.C. if there is a pathological gait aberration greater than grade II. Consider: Regularity of gait and movement.

#### **Quality of Movement:**

Consider: Attitude, coordination and impulsion (deterioration exhibited as a reluctance or refusal to trot, stumbling, leg weariness, muscle fatigue and stiffness).

Parts B & C to be completed by Ride Management ONLY (to be done after control judge completion of Part A)

## B. TIME FACTOR

Maximum 200 Points (Awarded to Fastest Rider)

Riding Time of THIS Rider	_____	(Value one point per minute)	
Riding Time of Winner	_____	Maximum	_____ 200
Difference:	_____	Less Difference (-)	_____
(Calculate time in minutes – exclude hold time)		Total Time Score	_____

## C. WEIGHT

Maximum 100 Points (Awarded to the Heaviest Rider)

Weight of Heaviest	_____	(Value one-half point per pound)	
Weight of THIS Rider	_____	Maximum	_____ 100
Difference:	_____	Less Difference ÷ 2 (-)	_____
Difference ÷ 2	_____	Total Weight Score	_____

**Total Score = A + B + C = Score** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* The rider's finishing weight is determined at the conclusion of the ride with tack and the same clothes worn during the ride.

This score sheet must accompany AERC ride results for winner to be eligible for regional and national awards. Mail original copy to AERC with ride results.