



# IGRA ROYALTY COMPETITION HORSEMANSHIP JUDGING GUIDELINES

## I. SEAT

### A. GOOD

1. Keeping center of balance
2. Complete contact with saddle
3. Straight back

### B. MINOR FAULTS

1. Sitting off center
2. Sway back
3. Round back
4. Losing center of balance

### C. MAJOR FAULTS

1. Excessive body motion
2. Popping out of saddle

## II. HANDS

### A. GOOD

1. Quiet, light hands

### B. MINOR FAULTS

1. Unsteadiness
2. Restrictions causing untrue gaits

### C. MAJOR FAULTS

1. Horses' mouth gapping
2. Heavy hands

## III. LEGS

### A. GOOD

1. Secure leg position
2. Proper weight in stirrups
3. Controlling motion
4. Weight evenly on ball of foot
5. Heels lower than toes

### B. MINOR FAULTS

1. Uneven stirrups
2. Motion in legs
3. Insufficient weight in stirrups

C. MAJOR FAULTS

1. Excessive spurring
2. Loss of contact between legs, saddle foot and stirrups
3. Coming in contact with fence or obstacle

IV. CONTROL

A. GOOD

1. Maintaining horse in good form at constant gaits
2. Ability to maintain horse under adverse conditions

B. MINOR FAULTS

1. Breaking to a trot or a walk during the loping segment
2. Breaking to a trot or a lope during the walking segment
3. Allowing horse to back crooked

C. MAJOR FAULTS

1. No lope segment

V. OVERALL APPEARANCE

A. GOOD

1. Suitable, well-fitted outfit
2. Well-groomed horse
3. Clean equipment

B. MINOR FAULTS

1. Saddle not suitable to riders' size
2. Unfitted outfit
3. Dirty boots
4. Unclean equipment
5. Unclean horse

VI. MAJOR FAULTS

- A. Touching saddle
- B. Touching horse