

NOVICE REINING PATTERN

Reining Division

“To rein a horse is not only to guide him, but also to control his every movement. The best reined horse should be willingly guided or controlled with little or no apparent resistance and dictated completely” (2000 National Reining Horse Association Pattern book)

The judge will indicate the length of the pattern with markers on the arena fence or wall. Markers within the area of the pattern may be used as a guide, but circles and other movement do not have to be performed within the markers.

1	Lope past the center marker.
2	Sliding stop and back up to the center marker.
3	Perform a 270 degree spin to the right, settle the horse for approximately 10 seconds
4	Lope on the right lead to the center.
5	Lope a small circle to the right.
6	Lope, with speed, a larger circle to the right.
7	At center, perform a lead change. Simple or flying is acceptable.
8	Lope a small circle to the left.
9	Lope, with speed, a larger circle to the left.
10	Lope past the center approximately 20 feet.
11	Sliding stop, perform a 360 degree spin to the left. Settle the horse for approximately 10 seconds
12	Walk to the judge, wait for inspection until dismissed.

