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MANAGEABILITY TASKS

HALTERING

Objective: The llama should stand calmly and still while the handler takes the halter off and then puts it back on.

Performance Point deductions should be made for any of the following:

- a) The llama jumps around or kicks.
- b) The llama tosses its head around during the haltering process.
- c) The llama pushes the handler around with its body.
- d) The llama spits or screams.
- e) The handler is unable to either take the halter off or put it back on.

TRAILERING

Objective: The llama willingly enters and exits the trailer or vehicle.

Performance Point deductions should be made for any of the following:

- a) The llama balks or refuses to either enter or exit the trailer or vehicle.
- b) The llama leaps out of or into the trailer or vehicle in an unsafe manner.

PICKET LINE

Objective: The llama acts in a calm manner while attached to the picket line. If they become entangled in the line, but remain calm, that's OK.

Performance Point deductions should be made for any of the following:

- a) The llama becomes "hog-tied".
- b) The llama becomes tangled and panics.

Note: If overnight camping took place and the llama was staked out all night without a problem, this task may be waived by the Trial Certifier.

- b) The llama pushes into the handler forcing them to lose their balance.

SADDLING & PANNIER ATTACHMENT

Objective: The llama should stand calmly and still while saddling and while the panniers are attached. (String Trials require use of a chest strap on the lead llama if attaching the tied-in llama to the saddle of the lead llama.) ***Performance Point deductions should be made for any of the following:***

- a) The llama kicks or spits.
- c) The llama dances around avoiding the handler or saddle or panniers.
- d) If the handler is unable to safely saddle the llama or attach the panniers.

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TIE-IN (String Trials Only)

Objective: The lead llama should stand calmly and still while the handler connects the trailing llama to the lead llama in string formation. The trailing llama should act in a calm and quiet manner while close to the lead llama and during the tie-in process. (All connections or tie-ins between llamas will be done with a quick release knot or breakaway system.)

Performance Point deductions should be made for any of the following:

- a) Either llama spits or kicks at the handler or each other.
- b) Either llama pushes into the handler forcing them to lose their balance or get entangled with the other llama.
- c) Either llama dances around avoiding the tie-in process.
- d) If the handler is unable to safely tie-in the llamas.

COURSE OBSTACLES (On the Trail)

Objective: For all trail obstacles, the objective is that the llama safely and calmly negotiates each obstacle while demonstrating a degree of training appropriate to the level they are entered in.

Performance Point deductions are REQUIRED to be made for any of the following:

- a) The llama knocks the handler or any other person down.
- b) The llama jumps for any reason other than jumping a "Jump" obstacle.
- c) The llama kicks at its handler or any other person, llama, or trail occupant.
- d) The llama lies down and refuses to attempt an obstacle.
- e) The llama lunges through an obstacle in an unsafe manner.
- f) The llama pushes its handler causing them to lose their balance.
- g) The llama tries to pass its handler on the trail or during an obstacle.
- h) The llama needs to follow another llama to complete any obstacle in the Master or Extreme levels.

The Steward should record details of the point deductions on the appropriate forms for further review if necessary.