

## **EquiSkill LLC Pattern Awards – 2026 Guidelines**

-Purpose: The purpose is to encourage horsemanship skills, promote pattern work, emphasize objective judging, and reward participation in TWH Equitation Division classes.

-EquiSkill Awards are for the Equitation Division. Riders completing a pattern in any equitation class at participating shows are eligible. These classes may be:

Stock Seat Equitation

Adult Walking Equitation

Youth Walking Equitation

4-H Equitation

Bareback Equitation

-A show offering 3 or more equitation classes may qualify to offer EquiSkill Awards.

-A minimum 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards will be given. More are possible pending donations and sponsors. There is no cost to show management.

### **SCORING FOR PATTERN AWARDS:**

- ◆ Judge(s) will score patterns using the Equiskill Pattern Score Sheet & Credit/Penalties chart. Scribe(s) are optional.
- ◆ Each pattern ridden must be scored.
- ◆ If there are multiple judges for a class, the rider's score from each judge will be added together and averaged to determine their score for that class.
- ◆ Riders who compete in multiple classes: their score from each class will be added together and averaged. This final average will be their score for award purposes.
  - Example: rider receives a 72 in Stock Seat and 75 in Adult Equitation. Their final average is 73.5 for award purposes.
- ◆ The final scores will be placed in numerical order from highest to lowest to determine award winners. The highest score wins.
- ◆ If the show uses a multiple judge system, each judge must score the same number of maneuvers on the score sheet for the pattern in the class.
- ◆ There will be no rounding up or down of scores.
- ◆ If a rider is not asked to complete the pattern they will not earn a score. Example, a judge may select the top 4 out of 8 entries to complete the pattern. Thus, those 4 will have a score for the awards but remaining will not.
- ◆ In the event of a tie, the winner will be the rider who competed against the most total entries in all their equitation classes. If a tie remains, the judge(s) will decide the winner.

-Riders may request to see a copy of their score sheets for education and training.

-Award winners may be announced during the show at a time beneficial to show management.