

Color Guard Score sheet – No more than 10 minutes

Competition _____ Date _____

Team _____ FINAL SCORE _____

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

	Points	Score
Neatness/Uniformity of Attire/Costumes	10	_____
Attractive & Distinctive	10	_____
Clean & Pressed	10	_____
		SCORE - _____

Comments**MOUNTS:**

	Points	Score
Matching as to type, color & size	10	_____
Conformation, Condition & Grooming	10	_____
Manners	10	_____
		SCORE - _____

Comments**EQUIPMENT:**

	Points	Score
Matching as to type, color & discipline	10	_____
Clean & in good repair.	10	_____
Properly Applied.	10	_____
		SCORE - _____

Comments**HORSEMANSHIP & EQUITATION:**

	Points	Score
Alignment & Spacing	10	_____
Maneuvers	10	_____
Equitation	10	_____
		SCORE - _____

Comments**FLAGS:**

	Points	Score
Correct order/protocol	10	_____
Clean & in good repair	5	_____
Staffs – Clean & uniform	5	_____
Staffs – Correct ornaments	5	_____
Boots – Clean, safely attached & Matching	5	_____
		SCORE - _____

Comments**FLAG PRESENTATION:**

	Points	Score
Salute	10	_____
Correct Protocol	5	_____
Flags unfurled, not clenched	5	_____
Correct arm position	5	_____
Staffs straight & upright	5	_____
		SCORE - _____

Comments

COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

FLAGS: One of the most obviously important elements in a color guard. Flag protocol is strictly observed in accordance with the U.S. Office of Protocol in Washington, D.C.

Flags are to be clean and in good repair. Flags that are dirty and torn or frayed will be penalized. "Clenching", (restraining the ability of the flag to remain unfurled), will be penalized. During all phases of judging, all flags must remain unfurled unless otherwise instructed by the judge.

The four (4) required flags may be any combination (American, State, organizational, other) provided the American flag (required) is carried to the extreme right. All other flags to be carried from right to left by position of importance out of respect for that country, state, or organization.

FLAG POLES AND BOOTS: Flag poles and boots are to be clean and in good repair. Matching is preferable. Flag boots should be attached securely and properly and at the base of the fender. American flag poles are to have eagle tops while the other poles must have matching spears or pikes. Spears will be carried in a like manner, i.e. cutting the wind or flat against the wind. Only the American flag pole carries the eagle top, and the eagle must face forward into the wind.

PRESENTATION: Color Guards will be penalized points if the captain or other riders of the color guard precedes the "colors" (American flag). The American or National flag is to be given utmost respect during all phases of this competition and during the Color Guard Performance.

A proper flag salute is expected and will be judged during the "line of march" portion of the competition unless all flags are National flags.

MOUNTS: Essential and therefore important members of the color guard team. Although matching as to size, color and breed is preferable (not required) the apparent level of applied horsemanship is imperative. Mounts should be healthy, in good flesh, with a healthy hair coat, clean, well groomed, clipped, and whether shod or unshod, the feet must be in good condition. Any corrective or orthopedic shoeing is allowable, provided it can be properly explained if the rider is asked.

Mounts should display good manners and soundness during all phases of the judging. Points can be deducted for any lack thereof. Mounts are also judged on conformation, and points can be deducted for any mount displaying a severe conformation defect if it impedes the natural mobility of the animal.

TACK AND EQUIPMENT: All tack and equipment must be clean and in good repair along with proper application. Matching is preferable. Points can be deducted for

A good guide to follow would be: "If in doubt, take it out." And "sometimes, less is more."

MANEUVERS-In prejudging: Color guards can be asked to spread and/or close ranks.

MANEUVERS-In "Line of March": Color guards are expected to move forward and execute two turns and one salute. Color guards are judged on their ability as a team to perform any maneuvers with precision and alignment.

Alignment is proper position and spacing between the riders.

EQUITATION: Is judged in the "Line of March."