

# Freestyle Liberty Judges Information

Freestyle Liberty is one of the most anticipated classes each year at the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show. Spectators fill the stands on Championship night to watch Freestyle Liberty and participate as a crowd. Freestyle Liberty is not an AHA or USEF recognized class. We ask that you try to keep your scores in the above average range for our spectators' enjoyment and participation unless a horse's performance does not fit the criteria described below.

The ideal liberty horse is brilliant, confident, and has Arabian type while performing with a look at-me attitude. Ultimately the liberty horse should have great expression and is exciting to watch perform loose in the arena. Horses are to give a brilliant performance with style and presence while making use of the entire arena. If an individual horse is average or below average for a single criteria, please only deduct from its score in that particular criteria. Judges are required to consider each category of the performance equally. Each individual criteria will be given a score from 1-10 with 10 being the highest.

Freestyle Liberty is not to be judged solely on the individuals trot. Some horses may trot very little but will still exhibit type, animation, and presence while giving a brilliant performance.

Judging criteria/categories:

- 1) Arabian Type
- 2) Animation & Charisma
- 3) Movement
- 4) Use of Arena
- 5) Crowd Participation

FREESTYLE LIBERTY RULES-

1. Open to purebred Arabian horses only. Horses must be shown without tack, equipment, artificial appliances or appendages.
2. A two-minute time limit will be allowed for each horse in the qualifying rounds and in the championship final round for the horse to perform at Freestyle Liberty. Time and music will start when halter is removed. Time will expire at the signal of the time keeper; at this time handlers have two minutes to retrieve horse or it will be eliminated from the class.
3. No more than two handlers per horse are allowed in the ring at one time.
4. Handlers will lead horse to designated marker.
5. While at liberty, the horse may perform at any gait, horses may perform tricks within their 2 minute time at liberty to count towards their overall performance score. Handler(s) shall not touch the horse with whip or ride the horse at any time from entrance into the show ring until after the expiration of the time limit. The use of a standard halter show whip is allowed. Each entry will furnish music for their performance; the music must be marked with the horse's name, entry number. If no music is supplied, the show reserves the right to select the music.
6. Six judges will score each horse. The scoring system is from 1-10 in five categories: arabian type, animation and charisma, movement, use of the arena and overall performance, with a possible high score of 50.
7. These classes are not AHA or USEF-Recognized or approved classes. The Show Committee shall handle all disputes and inquiries and their decision shall be final.