

■ Western Makers Competition – Judging Criteria

Braided Rawhide Makers

Criteria	Description	Max Points	Judge's Score
Craftsmanship & Construction	Consistency of braid, tightness, even tension, clean edges, knots executed with precision	30	
Design & Aesthetics	Overall proportions, flow of patterns, symmetry, balance of colors and materials	25	
Innovation & Creativity	Originality in design, complexity of braid pattern, creative flair without compromising function	15	
Functionality & Practical Use	Durability, usability for intended purpose (reins, bosals, quirts, etc.), comfort for horse and rider	20	
Presentation & Maker's Mark	Professional finish, heritage style, clear and professional maker's stamp or mark	10	

Bonus Awards (Optional)

- Best Decorative Knot Work
- Best Traditional Style Bosal/Reins
- Judges' Choice – Outstanding piece not necessarily highest scoring