

■ Western Makers Competition – Judging Criteria

Western Stock Saddle

Criteria	Description	Max Points	Judge's Score
Lines & Flow	Overall balance, proportions, and flow of saddle design	10	
Hand Stitching	Consistency, tightness, and neatness of hand stitching	10	
Tightness / Fit of Parts	Precision fit of skirts, rigging, and components	10	
Cantle Finish	Quality of cantle shaping, binding, and finish	10	
Overall Appeal & Rideability	Visual appeal combined with comfort and usability for rider	10	
Machine Stitching	Evenness, tightness, and clean finish of machine stitching	10	
Edging & Finish	Smooth edges, clean dyeing, burnishing, and finishing work	10	

Bonus Awards (Optional)

- Judges' Choice Saddle
- Best Traditional Style
- Best Tooling Finish