

# CLASS 336: Dragging Obstacles

**Level 3:** Specialized Liberty

**Competitor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Division 3:** Trail

**Objective:** To demonstrate effective communication and maneuvering while dragging obstacles.

**Equine:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Regulations:** Liberty Performance, Trail Arena

**Date Entered:** \_\_\_\_\_

	BEHAVIOR	POINTS	SCORE	REMARKS
1.	<b>Calm Default</b> <i>The equine remains still and calm, with head forward or turned away from the competitor, as the competitor moves to stand on the left, right, and front, providing a C&amp;T at each position.</i>	10		
2.	<b>Place Dragged Object</b> <i>The equine stands stationary as an object that is 5-10% of the equine's body weight is prepared to be dragged.</i>	10		
3.	<b>Drag Object, Straight Line</b> <i>The equine drags the object, walking forward in a straight line for at least 10 meters (30 feet)</i>	10		
4.	<b>Drag Object, Turning</b> <i>The equine drags the object for a full circle each direction (in a "figure-8" shape). The object should be to the inside of each circle, and the circles should be large enough for the object to drag (not pivot/spin).</i>	10		
5.	<b>Remove Dragged Object</b> <i>The equine stands stationary as the object is detached from them.</i>	10		
6.	<b>Back</b> <i>After pausing in a calm default position, the equine backs two steps away from the handler.</i>	10		

Further Remarks

Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_ / 60

Percent Score: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Equipment:** Liberty Performance

**Arena:** Trail Arena

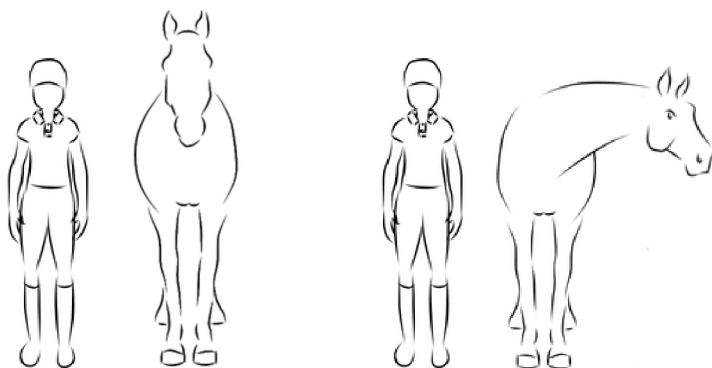
**Trail obstacles may be built or designed in a variety of ways. The diagrams below show examples and specifications, however, not all obstacles need to look exactly like these.** Contact TECS to confirm whether or not an obstacle meets TECS standards/requirements.

- Dragged Objects should be 5-10% of the equine's body weight.
- Dragged Objects may come in any shape or size, but must be able to be secured safely to the equine. Competitors should utilize breakaway or quick-release knots in case of emergency.
- Dragged objects can be secured to the equine using a variety of methods. Regardless of the method, there should be ample pressure distribution to prevent harm and/or discomfort to the equine.
- TECS recommends dragging from a well-fitted saddle and/or harness, with ample padding. *See Rules & Regulations for back protection guidelines & suggestions.*

# Liberty Classes: Calm Default, Backing

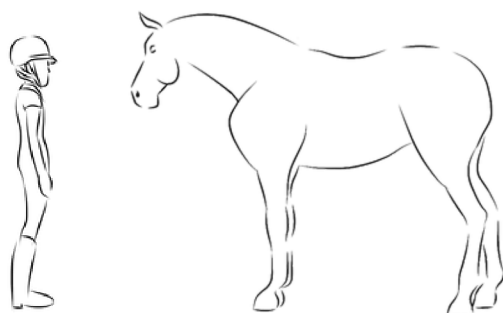
**Objective:** To demonstrate an effective, solid, and fluid calm default behavior at liberty.

**Regulations:** Liberty Handling



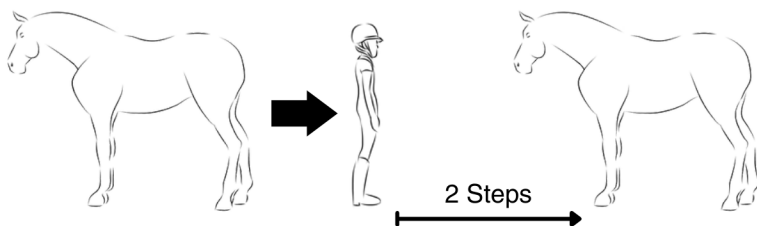
**CALM DEFAULT - SIDE**

From either side of the equine, the handler should stand still (vocal or stationary body language cues permitted). The equine should stand calmly and patiently with their head forward or away from the handler, ideally with a low headset (poll below the wither)



**CALM DEFAULT - FRONT**

From the front of the equine, the handler should stand still (vocal or stationary body language cues permitted). The equine should stand calmly and patiently with their head down or away from the handler, ideally with a low headset (poll below the wither)



**BACK AWAY, 2 STEPS**

From the front of the equine, the handler gives their cue. The equine backs two steps away from the handler, who must remain stationary during backing.