

CLASS 333: Gate Obstacles

Level 3: Specialized Liberty

Competitor: _____

Division 3: Trail

Objective: To demonstrate effective communication and maneuvering through gate obstacles.

Equine: _____

Regulations: Liberty Performance, Trail Arena

Date Entered: _____

	BEHAVIOR	POINTS	SCORE	REMARKS
1.	Calm Default <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&T at each position.</i>	10		
2.	Through Rope Gate, with Handler <i>The equine approaches the gate, waits for the handler to open it, they go through together, then waits as the handler closes it.</i>	10		
3.	Through Rope Gate, without Handler <i>The equine approaches the gate, waits for the handler to open it, goes through without the handler, then waits as the handler closes it.</i>	10		
4.	Through Solid Gate, with Handler <i>The equine approaches the gate, waits for the handler to open it, they go through together, then waits as the handler closes it.</i>	10		
5.	Through Solid Gate, without Handler <i>The equine approaches the gate, waits for the handler to open it, goes through without the handler, then waits as the handler closes it.</i>	10		
6.	Back <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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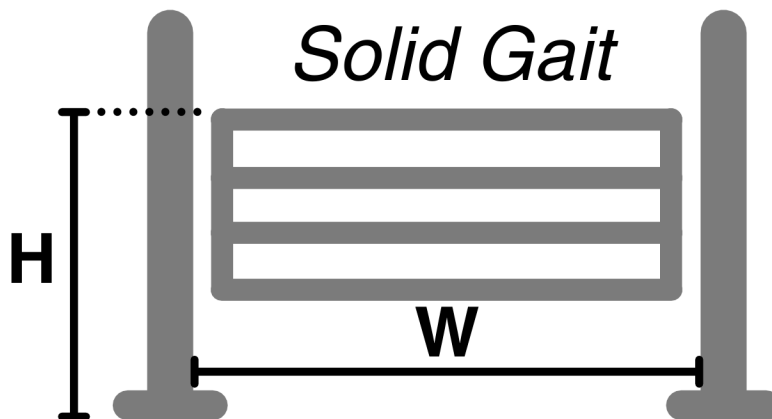
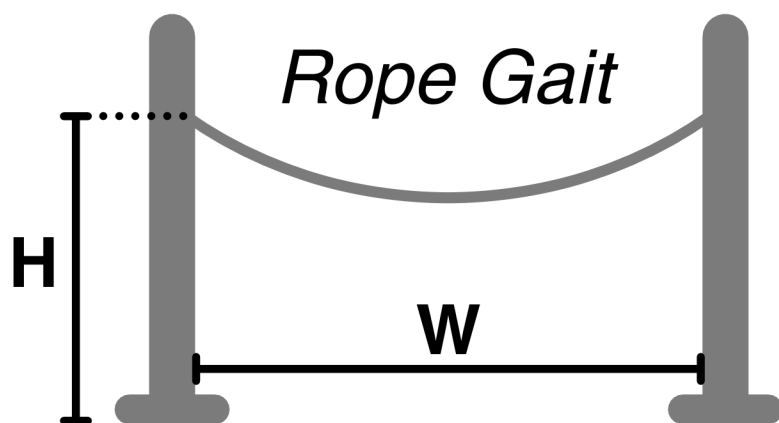
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Equipment: Liberty Performance

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.

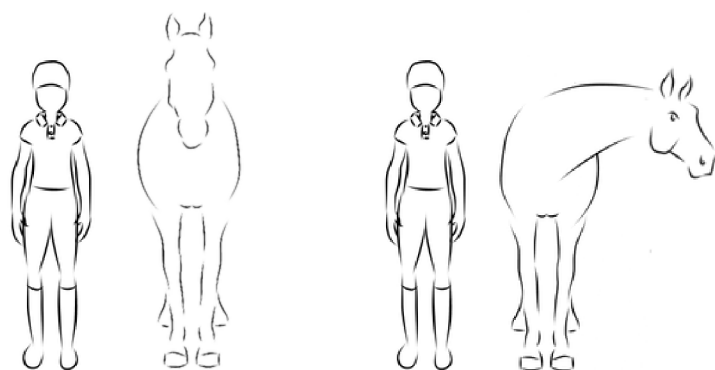
- Rope gates are secured to a post on one side and looped onto the post on the other
- Solid gates have hinges on one side and a latch or chain on the other
- **Width (W)** - Gates should be at least 1.5x the width of the equine's shoulders and no more than 12' (3.5 m) wide
- **Height (H)** - Gates should be at least 3' (1m) tall, and no more than 6' (2 m) tall



Liberty Classes: Calm Default, Backing

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

Regulations: Liberty Handling



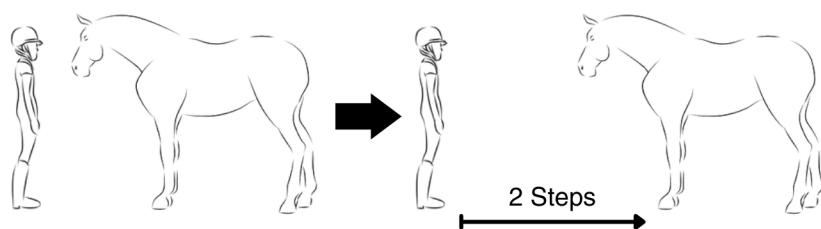
CALM DEFAULT - SIDE

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.