

# CLASS 334: Mailbox Obstacles

**Level 3:** Specialized Liberty

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

**Division 3:** Trail

**Objective:** To demonstrate effective communication and maneuvering with mailbox 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>Approach the Mailbox</b> <i>The equine approaches the mailbox with the handler.</i>	10		
3.	<b>Get the Mail</b> <i>The equine waits patiently while the handler spends at least 30 seconds retrieving mail from the box and/or placing mail in it.</i>	10		
4.	<b>Leave the Mailbox</b> <i>After closing the mailbox, the equine and handler proceed away.</i>	10		
5.	<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: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50

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

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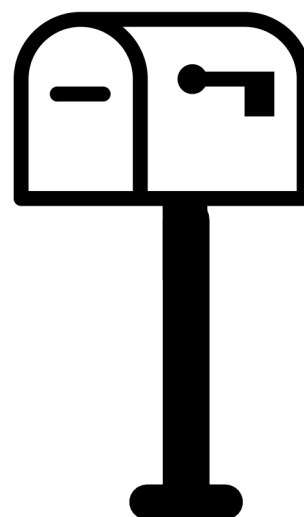
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**Equipment:** Liberty Performance

**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.

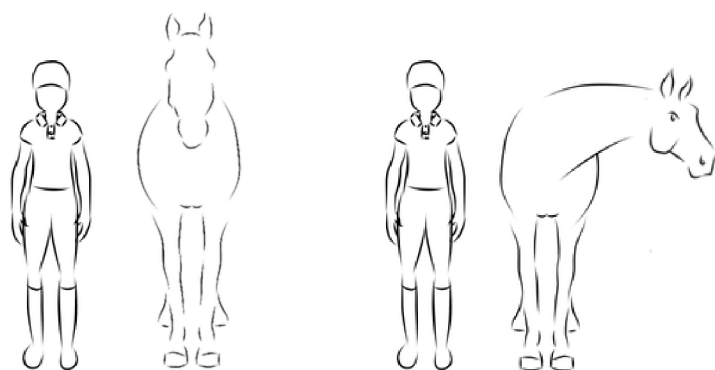
- Mailboxes should be an appropriate size, shape, and height for the area in which the competitor is performing
- Mailboxes should be safe to approach and handle
- Mailboxes should be entirely enclosed when shut, with a single hinged door that opens.
- Mailboxes should have a “flag” that can be placed up or down



# Liberty Classes: Calm Default, Backing

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

**Regulations:** Liberty Handling



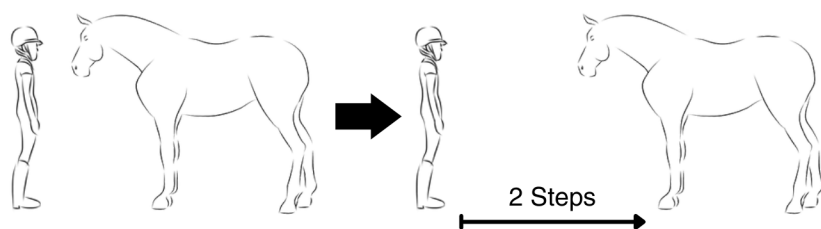
**CALM DEFAULT - SIDE**

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.