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**Division 2:** Jumping

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

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

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| <b>Back</b><br><i>After pausing in a calm default position, the equine backs two steps.</i> | <b>10</b> |       |         |

**Further Remarks**

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

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**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR FREESTYLE PERFORMANCE!**

Use the following instructions to guide you through creating & performing a freestyle performance.

**① Plan your freestyle**

- A Class 420 Freestyle can include any behaviors from Level 4, Division 2 of TECS competition.
- These behaviors can be performed in any order.
- Competitors are welcome to keep it simple, or get creative and incorporate themes, costumes, etc.

**② Submit your freestyle rubric**

- Fill the blank "Class 420: Freestyle" template (*see the example below*)
- Submit your freestyle plan via email to [tecs.contact@gmail.com](mailto:tecs.contact@gmail.com)


**③ Record & submit your freestyle**

- Record your freestyle entry, following the same video guidelines as any other TECS entry.
- Submit your freestyle entry using the same online entry form as any other TECS entry.

**Freestyles are scored using the same criteria as any other TECS Entry**

Freestyles earn a Division Rosette in place of a Class Ribbon.

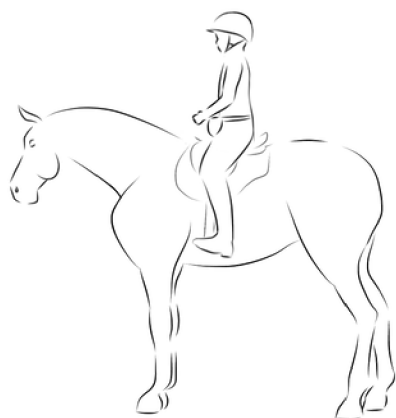
**How to fill the Freestyle Template:**

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|    | <b>Behavior</b> (ie, "Bending Line")<br><b>Description</b> (ie, ""The equine maintains impulsion through the bend and straightness on approach and landing. The line is 4 strides."") |               |              |   |
|    |  <p><i>Draw a line between each behavior</i></p>   |               |              | <i>TECS will fill the numbers, points, and scoring information for you.</i> |

# Ridden Classes: Calm Default, Backing

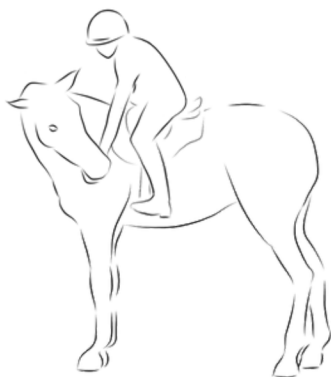
**Objective:** To demonstrate an effective, solid, and fluid calm default behavior during riding.

**Regulations:** Ridden Handling



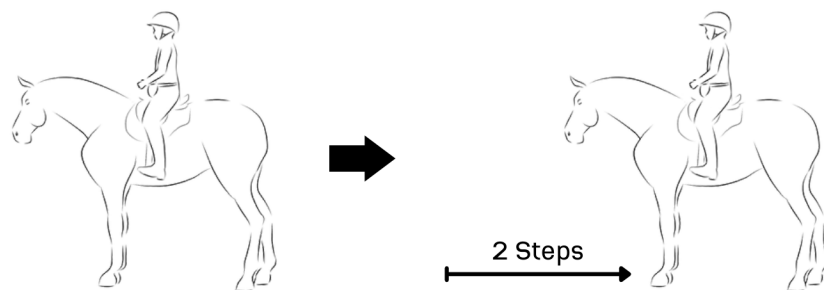
**CALM DEFAULT - UNDER SADDLE**

While the equine is halted, the handler should remain still and balanced in the saddle. The equine should stand calmly and patiently with their head forward.



**REINFORCEMENT - UNDER SADDLE**

Remaining balanced in the saddle, the handler delivers reinforcement from either side of the equine. The equine also remains balanced & reaches gently to retrieve reinforcement.



**BACK 2 STEPS - UNDER SADDLE**

From a balanced and stationary halt, the handler gives a distinct cue and the equine backs two steps, signaling the end of the performance.

# JUMP HEIGHT INFORMATION

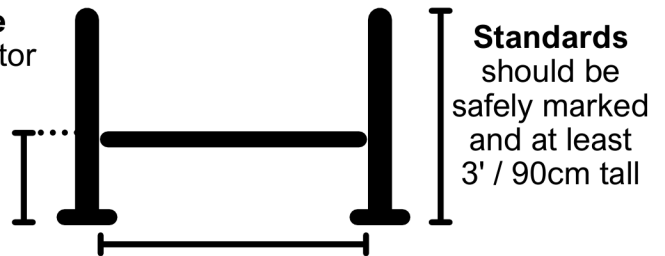
Height restrictions are put in place at slower paces for both safety and equine comfort.

| Jump Height |                |             | Gaits Allowed                                |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|--|
| Inches      | Feet           | Centimeters |  |
| 4"          | (ground poles) | 10 cm       | All Gaits (Walk, Trot, and Canter) Permitted |
| 6"          | (raised poles) | 15 cm       | All Gaits (Walk, Trot, and Canter) Permitted |
| 9"          | (cavaletti)    | 23 cm       | All Gaits (Walk, Trot, and Canter) Permitted |
| 12"         | 1'             | 30 cm       | Only Trot and Canter Permitted               |
| 15"         | 1'3"           | 38 cm       | Only Trot and Canter Permitted               |
| 18"         | 1'6"           | 45 cm       | Only Trot and Canter Permitted               |
| 21"         | 1'9"           | 53 cm       | Only Trot and Canter Permitted               |
| 24"         | 2'             | 60 cm       | Only Trot and Canter Permitted               |
| 27"         | 2'3"           | 68 cm       | Only Canter Permitted                        |
| 30"         | 2'6"           | 75 cm       | Only Canter Permitted                        |
| 33"         | 2'9"           | 83 cm       | Only Canter Permitted                        |
| 36"         | 3'             | 90 cm       | Only Canter Permitted                        |

## JUMP CONSTRUCTION & MEASURING HEIGHT

Jumps should fall when struck by the equine and not pose a danger to the equine nor competitor

**Vertical Height** should be measured from the ground to the top of the jump pole



**Standards** should be safely marked and at least 3' / 90cm tall

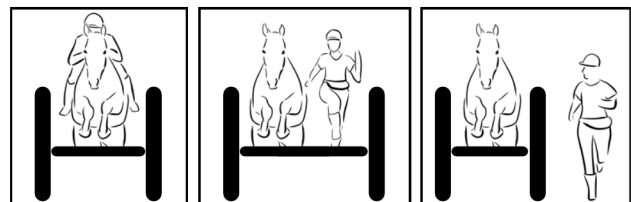
If over 50% of the jumps performed are cross-rails ("X" jumps), then the entry should be in one division lower than the vertical height.

For example, a course made of these jumps would be entered into the 24" / 2' / 60cm height division



Vertical Height = 27" / 2'3" / 68 cm

**Width Between Standards** should be sufficient to allow equine AND competitor to clear between the standards (unless the equine is jumping solo)



Examples showing minimum width between standards