

CLASS 430: Freestyle

Level 4: Specialized Liberty

Competitor: _____

Division 3: Trail

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Equine: _____

Regulations: Ridden Performance, Trail Arena

Date Entered: _____

	<i>BEHAVIOR</i>	<i>POINTS</i>	<i>SCORE</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
1.	Calm Default <i>The equine remains still and calm, with head forward in a calm default position, the competitor provides C&T from each side of the equine.</i>	10		

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Back After pausing in a calm default position, the equine backs two steps.	10		

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 430 Freestyle can include any behaviors from Level 4, Division 3 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 430: Freestyle" template (*see the example below*)
- Submit your freestyle plan via email to tecs.contact@gmail.com

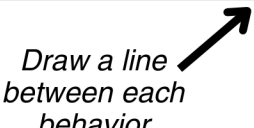
③ Record & submit your freestyle

- 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:

	<i>BEHAVIOR</i>	<i>POINTS</i>	<i>SCORE</i>	<i>REMARKS</i>
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		
	Behavior (ie, "Forward Through water obstacle") Description (ie, "The equine walks forward in a straight line through the water obstacle")			
	 <p><i>Draw a line between each behavior</i></p>			<i>TECS will fill the numbers, points, and scoring information for you.</i>

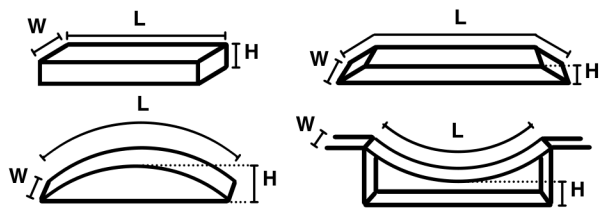
TRAIL OBSTACLE INFORMATION

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.

Class 431: Bridge Obstacles

- Bridges may be flat or arched
- Bridges may be rigid or suspended
- Bridges may have a "step up" or a ramp, and ramps are included in overall length
- Bridges may be on the ground or create a bridge over air, a trench, water, etc.
- Bridges must be safe for both the equine and the competitor

Width: 2-6' Length: 10-20' Height: 1' & up

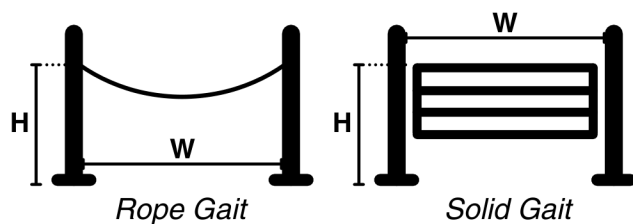


Class 432: Jump Obstacles

- Jumps must be:
 - at least 6" tall at the lowest point
 - at least 12" tall at some point
 - under 18" tall at the highest point
 - at least 2" wide at the narrowest point
 - under 12" wide at the widest point
- Jumps must safely break away if struck by an equine or competitor
- Competitors are permitted to place a blanket over the jump if desired

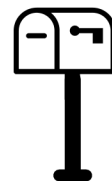
Class 433: Gate Obstacles

- 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
- Gates should be at least 1.5x the width of the equine's shoulders and no more than 12' wide (W)
- Gates should be between 3-6' tall (H)



Class 434: Mailbox Obstacles

- 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, and have a single hinged door that opens
- Mailboxes should have a "flag" that can be placed up or down



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Class 435: Carrying Obstacles

- Carried Objects should be 5-10% of the equine's body weight.
- TECS recommends using a feed bag or weighted saddlebags for this obstacle.
- Carried Objects may come in any shape or size, but must be able to be secured within the equine's weight-bearing area.

For Ridden Classes:

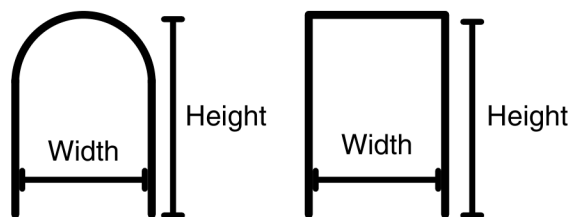
- The combined total weight of the rider, tack and carried object should be suitable for the equine's size and fitness level, not impede movement, and not cause discomfort to the equine.
- Riders may dismount to place or remove the carried object, but should be mounted otherwise.

Class 436: Dragging Obstacles

- 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 or harness, with ample padding.*
- Riders may dismount to place and/or remove the dragged object, but should be mounted otherwise

Class 337: Narrow Space Obstacles

- Narrow spaces should have two sides and a top, allowing passage in between.
- Width is measured on the inside of the two sides and should leave 2-24" on either side of the equine's shoulders.
- Height is measured from the ground to the top and should be 2-24" taller than the height of the equine's withers.
- Narrow spaces should be 6" to 6' long.



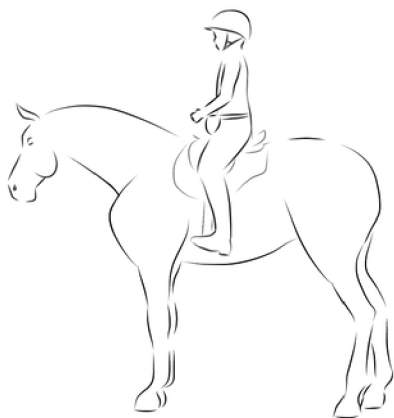
Class 338: Water Obstacles

- Water obstacles should be at least 6' wide, 3' long, and 1' deep.
- Water obstacles should not require the equine to swim (the equine should be able to walk through, with hooves touching the ground the whole time).
- Water obstacles should have safe footing that prevents slipping, tripping, etc.

Ridden Classes: Calm Default, Backing

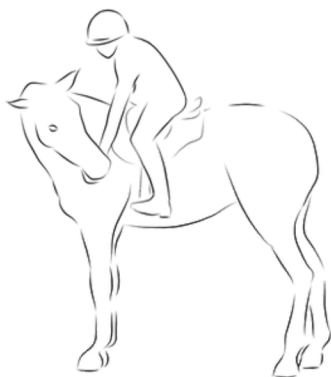
Objective: To demonstrate an effective, solid, and fluid calm default behavior during riding.

Regulations: Ridden Handling



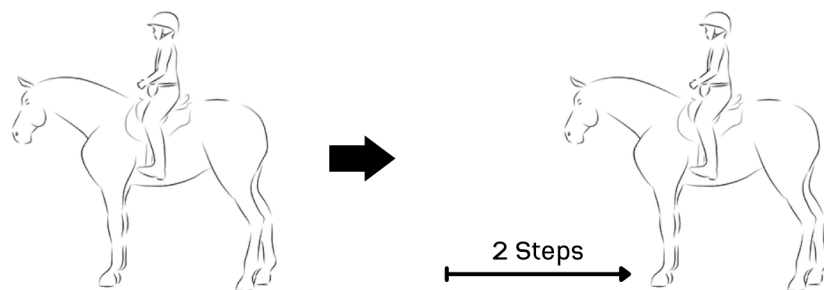
CALM DEFAULT - UNDER SADDLE

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.