

CLASS 436: Dragging Obstacles

Level 4: Specialized Riding

Competitor: _____

Division 3: Trail

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

Equine: _____

Regulations: Ridden Performance, Trail Arena

Date Entered: _____

	BEHAVIOR	POINTS	SCORE	REMARKS
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		
2.	Place Dragged Object <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.	Drag Object, Straight Line <i>The equine drags the object, walking forward in a straight line for at least 10 meters (30 feet)</i>	10		
4.	Drag Object, Turning <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.	Remove Dragged Object <i>The equine stands stationary as the object is detached from them.</i>	10		
6.	Back <i>After pausing in a calm default position, the equine backs two steps.</i>	10		

Further Remarks

Judge Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Total Points: _____ / 60

Percent Score: _____

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Equipment: Ridden Performance

Arena: Trail Arena

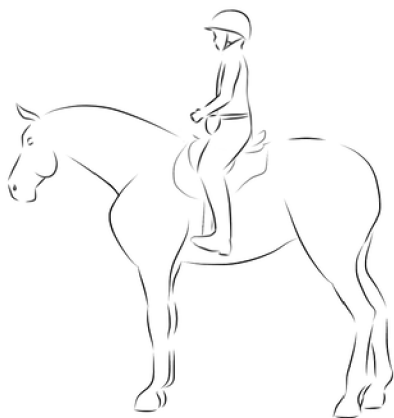
Trail obstacles may be built or designed in a variety of ways. The diagrams below show examples and specifications, however, not all obstacles need to look exactly like these. Contact TECS to confirm whether or not an obstacle meets TECS standards/requirements.

- 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 or harness, with ample padding.
- Riders may dismount to place and/or remove the dragged object, but should be mounted otherwise
- TECS recommends dragging from a well-fitted saddle and/or harness, with ample padding. *See Rules & Regulations for back protection guidelines & suggestions.*

Ridden Classes: Calm Default, Backing

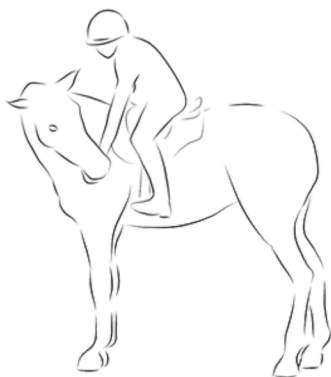
Objective: To demonstrate an effective, solid, and fluid calm default behavior during riding.

Regulations: Ridden Handling



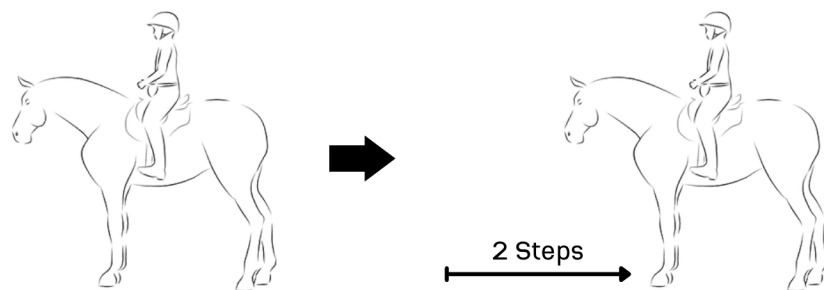
CALM DEFAULT - UNDER SADDLE

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.