

CLASS 330: Freestyle

Level 3: Specialized Liberty

Competitor: _____

Division 3: Trail

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Equine: _____

Regulations: Liberty Performance, Trail Arena

Date Entered: _____

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Back <i>The equine backs two steps away from the handler.</i>	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 330 Freestyle can include any behaviors from Level 3, 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 330: 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")			
	 Draw a line between each behavior			TECS will fill the numbers, points, and scoring information for you.

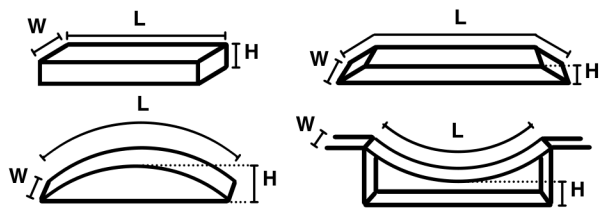
TRAIL OBSTACLE INFORMATION

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 331: 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

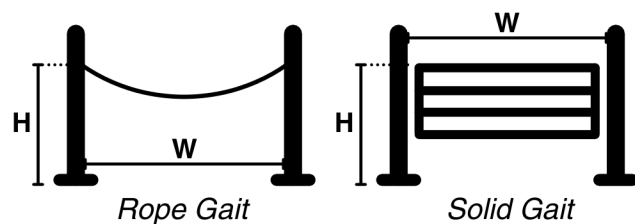


Class 332: Jump Obstacles

- 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

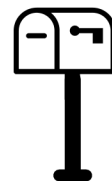
Class 333: Gate Obstacles

- 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 334: 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 335: *Carrying Obstacles*

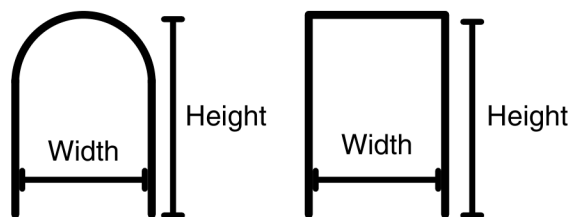
- Carried Objects should be 5-10% of the equine's body weight.
- TECS recommends using a feed bag or weighted saddlebags for this obstacle.
- Carried Objects may come in any shape or size, but must be able to be secured within the equine's weight-bearing area.

Class 336: *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 and/or harness, with ample padding.

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.



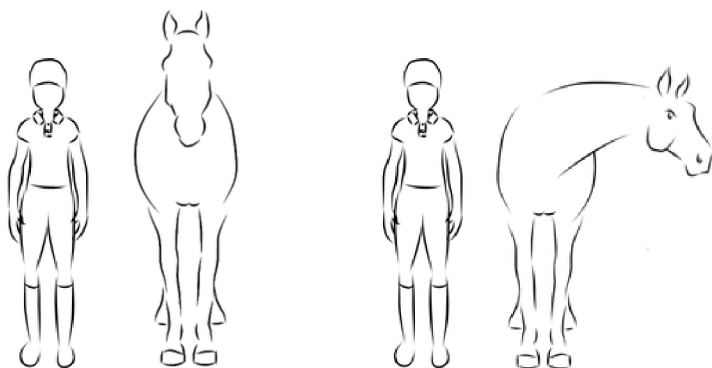
Class 338: *Water Obstacles*

- 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.

Liberty Classes: Calm Default, Backing

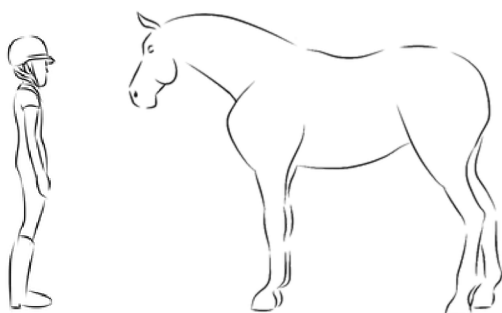
Objective: To demonstrate an effective, solid, and fluid calm default behavior at liberty.

Regulations: Liberty Handling



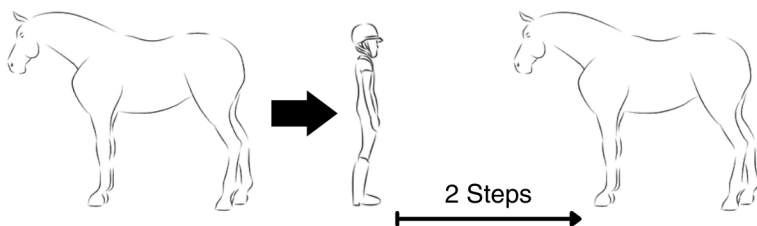
CALM DEFAULT - SIDE

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.