

CLASS 433: Gate Obstacles

Level 4: Specialized Riding

Competitor: _____

Division 3: Trail

Objective: To demonstrate effective communication and maneuvering through gate 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.	Approach & Open Rope Gate <i>The equine approaches the rope gate, aligns so the rider can open it, and waits as the rider opens it.</i>	10		
3.	Proceed Through Rope Gate <i>The equine maneuvers through the open rope gate.</i>	10		
4.	Close Rope Gate <i>The equine aligns to allow the rider to close the rope gate, then the equine & rider proceed away from it.</i>	10		
5.	Approach & Open Solid Gate <i>The equine approaches the solid gate, aligns so the rider can open it, and waits as the rider opens it.</i>	10		
6.	Proceed Through Solid Gate <i>The equine maneuvers through the open solid gate.</i>	10		
7.	Close Solid Gate <i>The equine aligns to allow the rider to close the solid gate, then the equine & rider proceed away from it.</i>	10		
8.	Back <i>After pausing in a calm default position, the equine backs two steps.</i>	10		

Further Remarks

Judge Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Total Points: _____ / 80

Percent Score: _____

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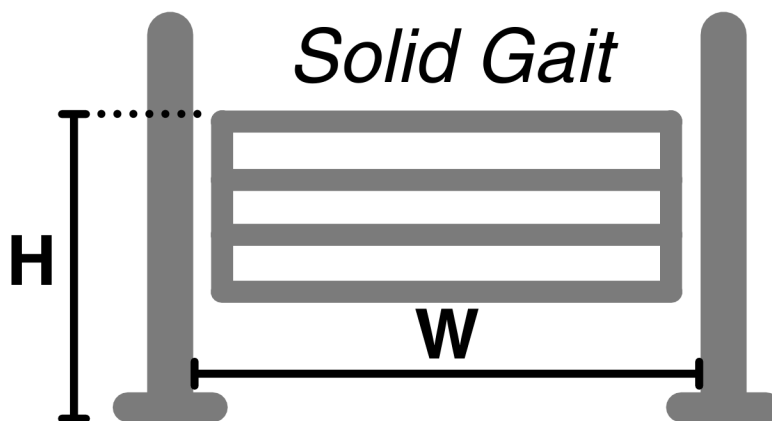
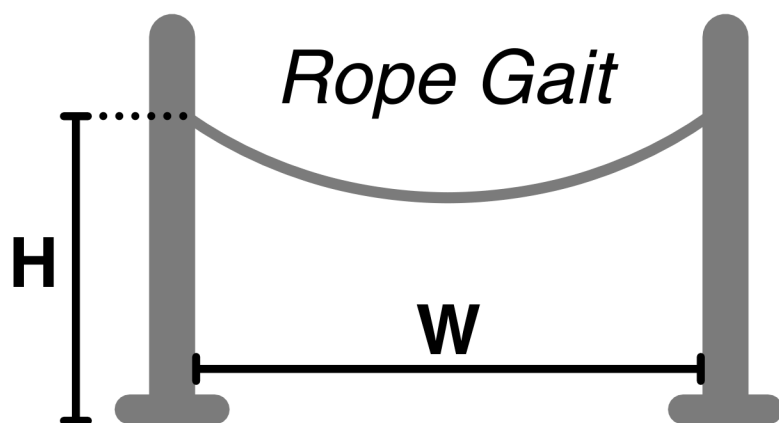
Objective: To demonstrate effective communication and maneuvering through gate obstacles.

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.

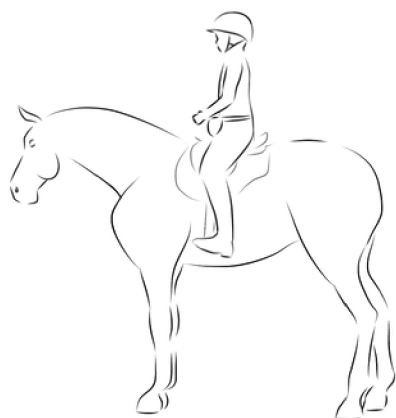
- Rope gates are secured to a post on one side and looped onto the post on the other
- Solid gates have hinges on one side and a latch or chain on the other
- **Width (W)** - Gates should be at least 1.5x the width of the equine's shoulders and no more than 12' (3.5 m) wide
- **Height (H)** - Gates should be at least 3' (1m) tall, and no more than 6' (2 m) tall



Ridden Classes: Calm Default, Backing

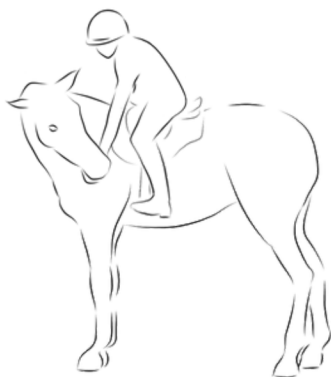
Objective: To demonstrate an effective, solid, and fluid calm default behavior during riding.

Regulations: Ridden Handling



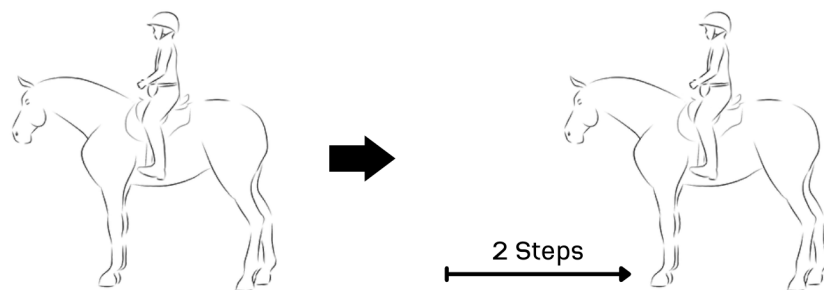
CALM DEFAULT - UNDER SADDLE

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.