

CLASS 434: Mailbox Obstacles

Level 4: Specialized Riding

Competitor: _____

Division 3: Trail

Objective: To demonstrate effective communication and maneuvering with mailbox obstacles.

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		
2.	Approach the Mailbox <i>The equine approaches the mailbox and aligns so the rider can easily access the mailbox.</i>	10		
3.	Get the Mail <i>The equine waits patiently while the rider spends at least 30 seconds retrieving mail from the box and/or placing mail in it.</i>	10		
4.	Leave the Mailbox <i>After closing the mailbox, the equine and rider proceed away.</i>	10		
5.	Back <i>After pausing in a calm default position, the equine backs two steps.</i>	10		

Further Remarks

Judge Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Total Points: _____ / 50

Percent Score: _____

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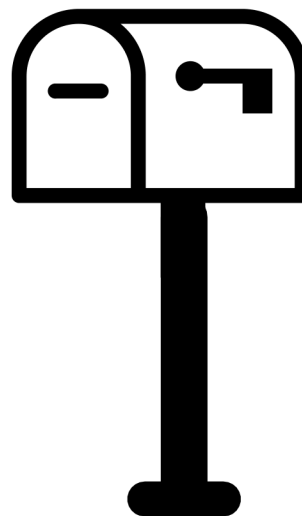
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Equipment: Ridden Performance

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.

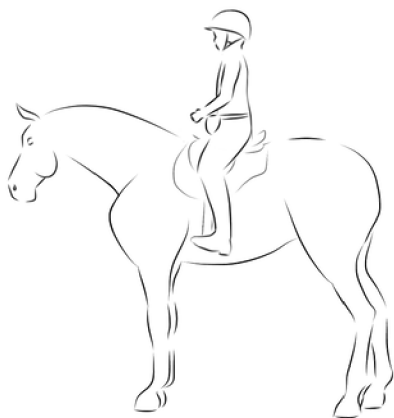
- Mailboxes should be an appropriate size, shape, and height for the area in which the competitor is performing
- Mailboxes should be safe to approach and handle
- Mailboxes should be entirely enclosed when shut, with a single hinged door that opens.
- Mailboxes should have a “flag” that can be placed up or down



Ridden Classes: Calm Default, Backing

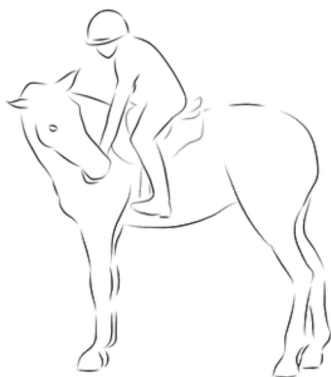
Objective: To demonstrate an effective, solid, and fluid calm default behavior during riding.

Regulations: Ridden Handling



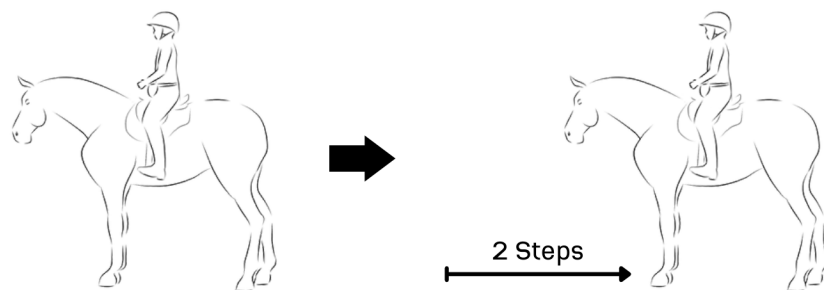
CALM DEFAULT - UNDER SADDLE

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.