

Trail Obstacles: Supplemental

Level 3: Specialized Liberty

Division 3: Trail

Description: 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 335: Carrying Obstacles

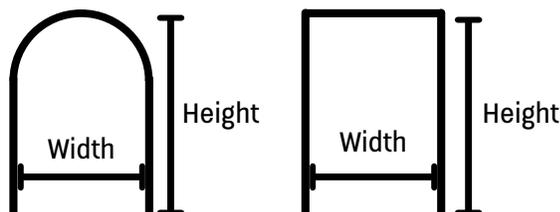
- Carried Objects should be 5-10% of the equine's body weight.
- TECS recommends using a feed bag or weighted saddlebags for this obstacle.
- Carried Objects may come in any shape or size, but must be able to be secured within the equine's weight-bearing area.

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.