

CLASS 435: Carrying Obstacles

Level 4: Specialized Riding

Competitor: _____

Division 3: Trail

Objective: To demonstrate effective communication and maneuvering while carrying 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 Carried Object <i>The equine stands stationary as an object that is 5-10% of the equine's body weight is placed over their back.</i>	10		
3.	Carry Object, Straight Line <i>The equine carries the object, walking forward in a straight line for at least 10 meters (30 feet)</i>	10		
4.	Carry Object, Turning <i>The equine carries the object for a full circle each direction (in a "figure-8" shape). Circles should be 5-20 meters in diameter.</i>	10		
5.	Remove Carried Object <i>The equine stands stationary as the object is removed from their back.</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. Contact TECS to confirm whether your obstacle/equipment meets TECS standards/requirements.

- 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.

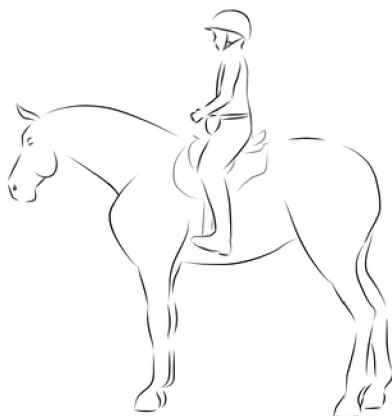
For Ridden Classes:

- The combined total weight of the rider, tack and carried object should be suitable for the equine's size and fitness level, not impede movement, and not cause discomfort to the equine.
- Riders may dismount to place or remove the carried object, but should be mounted otherwise.
- All back protection guidelines from the TECS Rules & Regulations should be followed for all weight placed on the equine's back (the rider AND carried object).

Ridden Classes: Calm Default, Backing

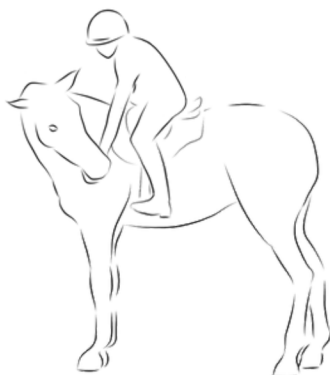
Objective: To demonstrate an effective, solid, and fluid calm default behavior during riding.

Regulations: Ridden Handling



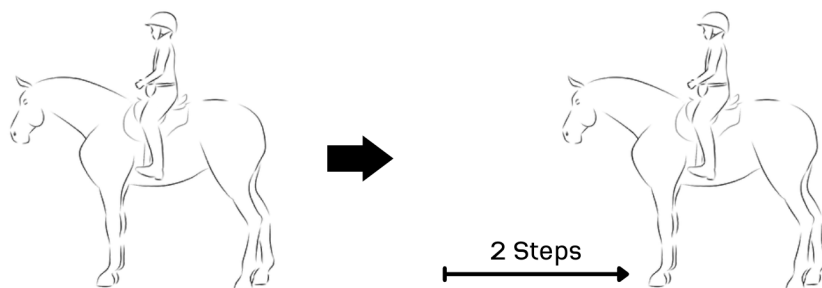
CALM DEFAULT - UNDER SADDLE

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.