

Scoring Guidelines: Effectiveness and Style obstacles

Total mark = Effectiveness + Style – Deductions – Penalties

= E + S – D – P

0 for Effectiveness gives zero for the obstacle, unless penalties are given. Negative Style marks and Deductions **cannot** give a negative score for the obstacle, if Effectiveness + Gait – Deductions = negative then zero is given for the obstacle.

Penalties **can** lead to a negative score for the obstacle.

Effectiveness (E):

Faults (including circling before obstacle)	Points
No faults	7
One fault	4
Two faults	1
Three faults / foot (rider's or horse's foot) outside the obstacle / rider fall (as a result of the obstacle / (led obstacles only) leading the horse from reins to which a running martingale is attached	0

Style (S):

	Points
Very good	+3
Good	+2
Quite good	+1
Average	0
Mediocre	-1
Bad	-2

Deductions (D):

<i>Led Obstacles</i>	Points
Flapping stirrups (one or both stirrups)	-1

Penalties (P):

	Points
Brutality	Max -5
Dangerous method	Max -5

Falls:

Horse fall (horse's shoulders and quarters have touched the ground): Elimination.

Rider fall (when riding): 0 for obstacle for first fall, elimination for second fall. See Rule 6.7.9.

Rider fall when leading: 0 for obstacle.

Holding rider:

If you hold a rider on course, time how long you held them for and write the number of minutes and seconds held in the Comments column.

Not attempting / Missing obstacle:

If a rider **STOPS** and informs you that they are not attempting an obstacle or that they wish to do a ridden obstacle led or vice versa, write 0 in the Total column.

If a rider misses your obstacle or does a ridden obstacle led or vice versa without informing you, write X in the Total column.

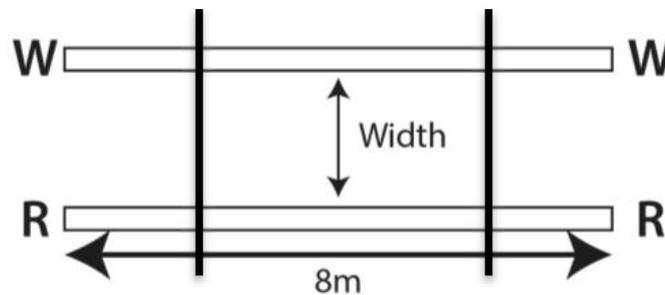
Comments:

Please make a note in the Comments column about anything relevant (any effectiveness faults, horse with running martingale being led from reins, circling at any time before your obstacle, time held, falls or rider not attempting or bypassing obstacle).

S-7 Rein Back (ridden)

Objectives:

The horse and rider enter the obstacle by riding between the poles until the horse's front feet are over the furthest ('start') line. They then rein back for the length of the rein back zone, ie until the horse's front feet are behind the nearer ('finish') line.



R = Red flag W = White flag

Effectiveness faults:

Judging will commence when the horse's front feet are over the start line (the judge will advise the rider) and finish when both the horse's front feet are behind the finish line.

Touching the bars before and after the reining back zone is not counted (unless a foot is in the zone). Only the rein back is evaluated.

- Running out or circling before entering the obstacle
- Refusal including stepping back
- Touching bars
- Break in horse's motion

The gait that the horse enters and leaves the obstacle is not fixed. The rider may rein back without stirrups.

Style evaluation:

- Calmness and obedience of the horse
- Regular backward motion and impulsion
- Good rider position
- Discreet rider aids