

**OHSET 2009/2010 Season  
Clarification 1  
2/2/2010 rev 2**

**How to back thru a push gate:**

Begin by standing parallel to the gate facing the hinges, but with your hand beside the latch. Open the latch with your **left hand**. Sliding your hand along the gate, walk the horse forward until its tail is beyond the latch gate standard. Push the gate away from you. Push the horse's hindquarters through the gate, and then back a few steps. When your knee has passed the end of the gate, push the horse's hindquarters around the end of the gate until it is facing the opposite direction (the latch). Side pass over to close and latch the gate.

Neither in trail or In Hand does the horse push the gate closed, only the rider/handler.

**IHOR**

The handler is expected to be in the obstacle with the horse at all times with the exception of backing the U

The handler may be on either side of the horse during the fan.

**Short Program:**

If a maneuver requires 4 horses and there are 6 on the team, the 4 riders would do the maneuver; the remaining two can either do it with phantom riders or be used some other way.

**Team Canadian Flags:**

Athletes may make a left or right turn when they go to pick up the flag.

Driving: May a cart be shared- there is no rule about this, arrangements must be made for both drivers to be inspected with the cart hooked up, probably work for one of them to be inspected immediately before they go in for their pattern.

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01/13/2010**

**Drill**

#41-41B If there are not enough riders to make this maneuver work for Working 4's Half Team Sweeps will come from the same end, turn into middle and form 1 Chevron.

Short Program doing #23 Diamond Thread will come from opposite ends.

Working 4's #22 Diamond Thread will come from same end

Hunt Seat Eq. Over Fences- Fences 3 & 8 are the same, 3&8 are a brush fence. Equipment list and pattern are correct. Score sheet is wrong.

The Dimension page for Stock Seat and Working Rancher are missing from the rule book, they are online.

**Dressage-** First Level Test 1 is to be done in the short court. On the test under Conditions (upper right hand corner) it states Arena- standard or small.

**Working Rancher-** The gate will be a bow gate, or a regular gate that a horse and cattle go thru in a pen. The logs/poles are quite heavy and wide, simulating a ranch or wooded area.

How to carry a rope through a gate with a left handed push

In the right hand with the palm facing up:

1. Place the loop section of your rope between the thumb and forefinger over palm.
2. Place the remaining coils (usually 3) between forefinger and middle finger so the coils lay over the last 3 fingers (middle, ring & pinky).
3. Lay reins over the top of the rope. The reins should come in the bottom of palm loop at the top and come back down through the bottom of palm. It is perfectly acceptable to have pinky between the reins. As in the riding section.

How to carry a rope while riding with a properly built loop:

1. In the left hand the reins are to come in the bottom of the palm, loop at the top and come back down through the bottom of the palm. It is perfectly acceptable to have the pinky between the reins.
2. The tail of the rope should be on the left side of the horse.
3. The coils and loop can be carried 2 ways
  - a. The coils and loop lay over the hands as described in the gate section
  - b. The coils (usually 3) lay over the reins in the entire palm (as should be seen when roping).  
When this is done the loops are generally carried in the right hand, and may be carried under the arm or hanging free depending on the length of the loop for safety.

The walk over poles in Working Rancher are not to be sidepassed.

**IHOR** is a 4 horse event.

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Clarifications 3  
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**Questions have been asked in regards to the Trail Gate-** SOHSET has been working on making the gate 12' tall. The opening will be 5'.

The score sheet for **Working Pairs** has been revised and is on the Web Site

**Eq. Over Fences-** fence #6 has been changed to a post and rail 2'5"-2'7"

**Dressage Trail-** If a rider enters Trail Class in a Dressage saddle that athlete will be presumed to be riding Dressage Trail, therefore all legal Dressage equipment is allowed, may be using cavsons legal in Dressage, and must be riding with legal Dressage bit. If an athlete enters Trail in a Hunt Saddle or forward seat, hunt seat rules and equipment will prevail, including bits.

If an **equipment list** is not in the rule book, please check the web site.

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**02/10/2010**

**Dressage:** District Chairs please note that Dressage tests are taking around 8 minutes to perform.

In Dressage First Level tests and above should always be ridden at the sitting trot only exceptions are during the lengthen trot where posting is allowed and the frame stretch where posting is required.

**Reining:** Judges please note that the pattern does say that the rider should begin facing the left wall, in order for the horse to begin facing the judge; judge must be sitting on the left wall.

**Trail:** The gate must have a latch and rider opens and shuts gate

**IHOR:** The handler may lead and maneuver thru obstacles from either side, but keep in mind most judges have a very prominent showmanship background and will be hesitant to give high scores if they feel handler is in an unsafe position or pulling horse towards them.

**Working Rancher:** When setting up the cattle pen adjustments might need to be made for horse to be able to close gate without bumping cattle panel. It is ok to make cattle pen smaller.

**Team Penning:** The wall attached to the wing is 24' long.