

## PHA Obstacles Judging Criteria

The Obstacles course will consist of 8 obstacles. Each obstacle will be worth 5 points for a total of 40 possible points.

### **Points deductions (per obstacle)**

1/2 point	each minor tick of obstacle
1 point	major hit, step on, or bite/grab of obstacle Break of gait from walk, less than 2 steps
2 points	skipping over, stepping out of, stepping off of, or not stepping fully into obstacle
3 points	1 refusal of obstacle Break of gait from walk more than 2 steps
4 points	2 refusals or obstacle Dropping object required to be carried Letting go of gate or rope gate
5 points	3 refusals of obstacle (should also result in Moving on to next obstacle) Blatant disobedience Failure to enter, exit, or perform obstacle Failure to complete obstacle Failure to work obstacle as instructed No attempt to perform obstacle Knocking down or severely disturbing obstacle

**Horsemanship** - to be judged on pair in between each obstacle. Worth 10 points total  
Points deduction (per times between obstacles)

1 point -	horse walks too fast or too slow, not with Handler Horse stops/pauses Rider is unbalanced Horse breaks from walk less than 2 steps / Strides
3 points -	horse breaks from walk more than 2 steps / strides

### **Disqualifications:**

- 3 refused obstacles
- Failure to complete course
- Incorrect line of travel
- Dangerous reaction or behavior
- Fall from horse