

Pairs Handover ‘Pass the Duck’ Obstacle

This obstacle has been designed to enable pairs to be judged as they hand over from one to the other.



Equipment

Obstacle set up as for neck rein (S-14)

Two large buckets / dustbins / trugs part filled with water ('ponds'), placed by each upright of the neck rein

1 net hung by net from upright

1 duck floating in water under net

Aim

To pick up the duck, pass it to your pair and for them to place it into the other bucket in a calm and safe manner.

Effectiveness marking.

The second horse and rider should be stood between the uprights of the neck rein. The first rider on completing the previous obstacle rides through the flags and picks up the net, they then use the net to catch the duck. Once the duck is caught the first rider moves alongside their pair and holds the net out to allow the second rider to remove the duck from the net. The second rider then moves their horse off and places the duck in the opposite pond. The obstacle is completed once the second rider passes through the second set of flags.

Scoring is out of 20 – 10 for the duck catching and 10 for the hand over and putting the duck in the other pond. [In hand version = out of 10]

Duck catching

First horse is stationary whilst the duck is caught = 7

One movement of horse's feet = 4

Second movement of horse's feet = 1

Dropping the duck or net = 0

(Rider can dismount to catch duck in net for next obstacle the hand over) = 0 [Ignore this point for led obstacle]

Handover

Both horses stationary between the uprights when the duck is passed from one rider to the other = 7

Both horses between uprights when duck is passed from one rider to the other (but one horse moves one or more feet) = 4

Both horses between the uprights whilst duck is passed from one rider to the other (but both horses move one or more feet) = 1

The second rider should then drop the duck in the opposite pond before exiting through the second set of flags.

Dropping the duck (anywhere other than in the pond) will be given an effectiveness mark of 0

Style marks

Marked from +3 to -2 according to the general marking scheme

Penalties

Brutality/ dangerous riding = -3

Fall of horse or rider = 0 points overall

IN HAND VERSION: Ignore the Handover section. The handler catches the duck out of one pond and puts it into the other, then hangs the net back on the upright. For details of the effectiveness faults for this version please ask the judge (she made the obstacle up so it's up to her!!)