Led Gate

Equipment:

- 1 gate, able to swing open and be left open without being held. The gate should be at least 1m wide and ideally it should swing both ways.
- 1 pair red & white flags
- 1 number
- Material for marking (flour, shavings, paint) for penalty zone if required

Objectives:

Demonstrate the correct approach of the rider and willingness and obedience of the horse

Aim:

To show the appropriateness of the rider's aids and obedience of the horse while opening and closing a gate. The gate must be opened and closed by use of the hand only. Using any equipment to open or close it will result in a zero score.

Features:

Judging will start when the rider puts their hand onto the gate, and finish when they let go of it having latched it closed. The rider may face the horse and may use verbal or physical aids to ask the horse to move sideways or backwards.

Effectiveness faults:

- The rider losing contact with the gate before finishing the test
- Loose gate hitting the horse or the horse pushing the gate
- Horse hitting the gate post
- Horse knocking or pushing the rider

Style evaluation:

- Calmness and accuracy of the combination
- Position and aids of the rider
- Rider changing hands on the gate

Marking:

- Effectiveness: marked 7, 4, 1 or 0 depending on the number of faults
- Style: marked from +3 to -2 according to the general marking scheme

Penalties:

Brutality -3 points

