

IMTCA Judge Scoring Reference 2018

Points	-1/2	-1 to -1 1/2	-2	-3	-4	-5	+1
Entry 2 points	Slightly off center	Not straight 1 horse length	Refuse 2				Acknowledges obstacle No break of gait (wow)
	Slightly not 1 horse length	Pause more than 3 seconds	Won't enter				
	Slightly not straight	Refuse 1	Jump in				
	Hopping in/out (2 front or 2 back)	Horse not straight					
		Hopping in					
Points	-1/2	-1 to -1 1/2	-2	-3	-4	-5	+1
Body 5 points	Tic	Hopping in	Stumbles	Horse distracted	Small rearing	Out of obstacle 2 feet	Nice consistent forward gait (wow)
	Slightly off center At entry	Break gait Per each stride	Rushing	Consistent tight rein	Unsafe but not -5	3 refusals	
	Slightly un- straight	Each off center stride	Break gait By 2 strides	Horse not listening		Falls off obstacle	
	Hopping in/out (2 front or 2 back)	Lose fwd motion	Wrong lead at lope			Off course	
		Moves or steps on obstacle	Break gait at lope			Disobedience	
		Incorrect gait or lead	Knockdown			4+ steps on dismount or ground tie	
		Horse steps 1 on dismount	1 foot out of obstacle			Holding on to saddle except mount, dismount or Going up/down hill	
		Ground tie					
		Skip required space/step				Excessive whipping or spurring	
		Off center/				Horse rears/bucks	
						Seriously unsafe	
						Drops obstacle	
					Let go of gate		
Points	-1/2	-1 to -1 1/2	-2	-3	-4	-5	+1
Exit 2 points	Slightly off center	Hurry/rushes	Not safe				Acknowledges obstacle No break of gait (wow)
	Slightly not 1 horse length	Not straight 1 horse length	Jumps out				
	Slightly not straight	Not centered	Doesn't exit at exit				
	Hopping in/out (2 front or 2 back)	Hopping out					
Entry Disqualification							
Horse or rider falls			Abuse/aggressive schooling			Improper language to judge	
Horsemanship = 5 points Deductions (-1 to -5)							
Excessive use of hands to instill fear or praise			Equipment failure or unsafe			Does not acknowledge Judge	
Jerk on bit			Enter/Exit from incorrect side/direction				
Excessive spurring			Riding outside boundary			2 hands riding Western in shank bit	
Overcorrection of horse			Failure of correct gait between obstacles			2 hands riding Western Senior Horse in snaffle, or bosal	
Dirty tack			Failure of travel line between obstacles			Novice and Level 1 = -1	
Dirty horse			Head too low or over flexed			Level 2 = -2	
Consistent tight rein			Inappropriate to judge			Level 3 = -3	
						Open = -5	