

2019 IMTCA Judges Deductions Reference, **Revision A June 2019**

9.6. Deductions All deductions apply to each obstacle

-1/2 to -1 Point: Tic, slight change of pace, slightly off center or not straight

-1 point: Horse does not enter an obstacle straight one horse length, willing and/or breaks forward motion with a pause longer than 3 seconds. (“stop” is a break of forward motion longer than 3 seconds on entry only.)

Does not enter the obstacle centered, hops in or out (a hop is two front feet walk in or out and then lightly jumps out, a hop will not result in a deduction if due to the horses size in relation to the obstacle), each refusal

-1 1/2 points: slight stumble

-2 points: Jumps into an obstacle, refuses twice (the horse backs up, sidesteps away twice) and/or will not enter obstacle.

After three refusals the horse and rider must move on; this will result in a -9 for the obstacle.

Navigating Deductions

- 1/2 point: for each tic of an obstacle

-1 point: Break of gait for drinking during a water obstacle if they stop
Each delayed stride or gait when asked during transition.

One foot off or out of the obstacle but does not touch ground.

-1 to 1 1/2 points: Horse and rider lose forward motion, Horse steps on or moves an obstacle, Incorrect or break of gait, skipping space or failing to step into required space, moving one step during mount/dismount, ground tie, or hobble (except shifting to balance)
Deviates from center of obstacle or course pattern.

-2 to 2 1/2 points: Horse stumbles, rushing, incorrect or break of gait at walk, jog/trot/gait, or lope/canter for 2 strides or more. In-hand stopping to change sides, Knockdown, Jumping out the obstacle exit
Steps **off or** out of obstacle with one foot, **and touches the ground**, once the foot had entered obstacle
Missing one element of obstacle on line of travel with one foot, moving two or three steps on mount/dismount, ground tie, or hobble

-3 points: Horse is not listening to the rider or judge’s discretion,

-4 points: Reactive/scared horse during log pull.

-5 points: All the above and or the rider’s and horse’s safety is at risk

Steps out of the obstacle with two or more feet, or falls off. Dropping slicker or object.

Cumulative refusal, balk or evade Letting go of gate

Stepping outside the confines of obstacle. Blatant disobedience

Four or more steps on dismount, ground-tie or hobble. Horse rears up and or bucking.

Jumping off or out of obstacle with more than one foot, once the foot has entered obstacle

Never achieves the gait specified.

Two feet in and back up out of the obstacle because you’ve already “entered” the obstacle.

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Level 3 Open Class only: If leads and/or lead change is specified on the pattern, flying lead change is required

-3 points: Incorrect lead

-2 points: Simple lead change of two strides or less.

-3 points: Simple lead change three strides or more

Level 3 all other classes: If leads and/or lead change is specified on the pattern, simple lead change is allowed.

-3 points: Incorrect lead

-2 points: If more than two strides during simple change

Exit Deductions

~~Deleted 1 point: 1/16 to 1/8 off center, not straight, ties Deleted~~

~~1/2 to -1 Point: Tic, slight change of pace, slightly off center or not straight~~

-1 to -1 1/2 points: Hurries or rushes, not straight one-horse length, not centered

-2 points: All of the above, not safe, jumps out, not in designated exit area

9.7.1. Horsemanship Deductions

Horsemanship deductions may be in addition to obstacle deductions. The number of points deducted will be based on the severity of the fault versus the actual fault. Horsemanship point deductions between 1 and 5 points will be taken for the following:

Use of hand to instill fear or excessive praise

Using excessive hand action to jerk on the bit

Excessive use of spurs

Over correction of the horse

Excessive use of a riding crop

Hitting or striking the horse

Dirty tack

Excessive dirt on the horse

Equipment failure

Working obstacle the incorrect direction

Entering or exiting obstacle from incorrect side or direction

Riding outside boundary marker of arena or Course hold area

Incorrectly adjusted back cinch, more than hand laid flat between horse and cinch.

Incorrectly tied rope halter.

Failure to ever show correct gait between obstacles as designated

Failure to follow the correct line of travel between obstacles

Excessive emotions of anger or praise; talking in any way inappropriately to a judge, scribe, or official

Receiving course direction by anybody other than an approved course reader as allowed, Sections 8 and 9.3.2.

9.8. Disqualification on course

A rider/handler may be dismissed at the Judge's discretion for actions including, but not limited to:

Fall of horse or rider

Unsafe horse or rider

Abuse or aggressive schooling

Equipment Failure

Unsafe equipment

Improper/not allowed equipment

Talking inappropriately to the Judge, Scribe, or Ring Stewart

Lame/ill horse

Receiving course directions by anybody other than an approved course reader as allowed in

Sections 8 and 9.3.2.

Off course or missed obstacle will receive a deduction is -18 for each obstacle missed.