

Christmas Star Challenge - in hand or ridden

Scoring Guidelines – Effectiveness & Style

Objectives

- To demonstrate the correct approach of the rider and the willingness of the horse
- Obstacle must be negotiated in walk

Instructions

The rider must halt before they enter the marked zone and they will be passed a Christmas Star by a judge. The rider must then ride or lead their horse into the marked zone. The rider then halts their horse next to the cone tree. The rider then places the Christmas Star on top of the cone tree whilst the horse stands still. Once the Christmas Star has been placed you can leave the marked zone.

Effectiveness Faults

- Running out or circling before entering the obstacle
- Refusal including stepping back
- Knocking any markers or the cone whilst in the marked zone
- Horse moving one or more feet whilst the Christmas Star is being placed on the cone tree (-1 point for each foot moved)
- Horse or rider stepping out of the marked zone = zero score for effectiveness
- Dropping the Christmas Star = zero score for effectiveness

Style Evaluation

- Calmness and obedience of the horse
- Horse and rider maintaining balance at all times
- Accuracy of the rider
- Discreet rider aids, voice may be used

Penalties

-5 For Dangerous Method

-5 For Brutality