

ANNEX 18 Gateway Classes

This annex sets out the Rules for the Gateway Classes. It is intended that these classes will be run at National, Regional and club events, at a time to suit the event, but preferably (in the case of National events) on Saturday or Sunday. They may also be run by an affiliated club as a stand alone event. There will be a National Championship qualification from these classes.

Eligibility

- a. There will be two levels of Gateway Classes– one for Horses and one for Ponies in both levels. Event Organisers may run a separate class for small ponies (under 10.2hh) if entries warrant this. Multiples may also compete in the Gateway Class in which case event Organisers may run a separate class for pairs.
- b. Gateway Newcomers is open to anyone who has never competed at Intermediate level or above at any National, Regional or Affiliated Club event.
- c. Gateway Allcomers is open to anyone. Previous experience is irrelevant.
- d. The Gateway Classes will be open to any Young, or Full BC member, and to members of any BC affiliated club, provided they are acceptable to the event organiser. Athletes (Drivers, Competitors) must have passed their 6th birthday and have passed a safety assessment carried out by a BC approved assessor before entering. They may only enter with the turnout which has been assessed.
- e. Athletes between 6 and 11 inclusive must be accompanied by an adult 21 years or over. Athletes between 12 and 17 by a groom 18 years or over. Athletes from 18 may have a groom who is 14 and above.
- f. All under 18s must wear a body protector at all times whilst on the carriage.
- g. All persons must wear protective head gear whilst on the carriage.
- h. Para Athletes can use compensating aids, as per Article 928 of BC Rules.
- i. Athletes who have competed in Gateway classes and have attended the Gateway National Championships will not be permitted to attend the National Championships in the same class in future years.
- j. Everyone on the carriage must wear a properly fastened hard hat at all times and a back protector for obstacles. All horses and ponies must have up to date flu vaccinations. Bitless bridles are not allowed.
- k. The Welfare of the Horse is paramount at all events.

The Competitions

- a. There will be 1 or 2 Judges.
- b. Athletes are expected to dress in a safe and tidy manner.
- c. Vehicles. The same vehicle is to be used in all three phases. There are no width or weight stipulations. If not a recognised driving trials carriage, it's use is at the discretion of the Organiser.
- d. There will be a safety inspection in the collecting area prior to compulsory shapes.
- e. For small ponies the groom does not need to be on the carriage (but must be in close attendance). In all other cases grooms can stand throughout.
- f. Compulsory Shapes will take place in an arena that will be between 20m x 40m and 80m x 40m.
- g. The Compulsory Shapes will be published on the British Carriagedriving website.

- h. Shapes will be marked on Rhythm, Suppleness and Contact. Trot should be active and forward - a good working trot. Walk should be free, forward going and cover the ground.
- i. The groom may 'call' the shapes for the Athlete.
- j. Cones. A course shall be between 10 and 14 numbered pairs of cones.
- k. Cones penalties. 3 penalties for each ball knocked down. 10 penalties for any pair of cones driven in the wrong order or in the wrong direction 20 penalties if a pair of cones is missed.
- l. The time allowed is calculated using a speed of 220 metres per minute.
- m. When the time allowed expires, the stewards will ring a bell and the Athlete will be asked to leave the course. They will be given 3 penalties for each pair of cones not completed.
- n. Marathon Obstacles. There will be either one 'obstacle' (to be driven 4 times), two 'obstacles' (to be driven twice each) or four 'obstacles' (to be driven once each). Every obstacle will have either 4 or 5 gates, labelled A to D or E.
- o. Obstacle penalties. 0.25 penalty for each elapsed second. 10 penalties for going through any gate in the wrong order or in the wrong direction. 20 additional penalties for missing a gate.

The Athlete with the lowest total penalties is the winner. If two Athletes have the same score, the Athlete with the best score for compulsory shapes shall be the winner. If two Athletes still have the same score, the Athlete with the best score for obstacle driving shall be the winner.

National Championships.

The winner of each class will qualify for the National Championship. Qualification will pass down the line if the winner has already qualified (to 6th place).

The scale of Marks			
10	Excellent	5	Sufficient
9	Very good	4	Insufficient
8	Good	3	Fairly bad
7	Fairly good	2	Bad
6	Satisfactory	1	Very bad
0	Not performed		

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Compulsory Shapes (2021)

Arena size:

Between 40m x 20m and 80m x 40m
(60m x 40m may also be used)

COMPETITOR
NUMBER

Errors of Course
5 penalty points per incident

MOVEMENT			MARK
1	A-C	Enter at trot	
2	C-M-B	Trot	
3	B-E	Half circle right - Trot	
4	E-B	Half circle right - Walk	
5	B-F-A-K	Trot	
6	K-B	Change rein - Trot	
7	B-E	Half circle left - Trot	
8	E-K-A-D	Trot	
9	D-X	Walk	
10	X	Halt	
TOTAL			

REMARKS:

All movements to be judged on Rhythm, Suppleness and Contact.
Trot should be active and forward - a good Working Trot.
Walk should be free, forward going and cover the ground.
Maximum marks - 100

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