



STAIRCASE DOWN / IN-HAND



Levels 1 - 4	Dimensions are the same for all levels
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Description

A staircase of three or more steps to descend. Stirrups without fenders must be secured. Must be negotiated at the walk.

Objective

To demonstrate the correct approach of the rider and the balance and willingness of the horse. Horse to follow on a loose rein, maintaining a respectful distance from the rider.

Features

- Natural or man-made fixed staircase
- Length: 5 to 10 m according to the degree of slope
- Front width: minimum 1 m
- Stair depth: approx 40 cm
- Stair height: 20 to 30 cm

Style Evaluation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regular forward motion. Horse may skip stair step(s) if the rhythm of the stride remains consistent ➤ Correct rider position, looking ahead ➤ Horse and rider maintain balance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Horse moving straight ➤ Discreet and correct rider aids ➤ Progression on loose reins ➤ Horse's nose stays behind rider's shoulder |
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Effectiveness Faults

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Break of gait ➤ Running out ➤ Error of course corrected | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stepping back ➤ Refusal ➤ Circling |
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Penalties

Zero Overall Score

- Foot outside obstacle boundaries

Points Subtracted

- -1 - Flapping stirrups
- -5 - Brutality
- -5 - Dangerous handling



Obstacle #:

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Judge:

	Rider #					
Effectiveness						
Correct	7					
1 Fault	4					
2 Faults	1					
3 Faults	X					
	Total E					
Style						
Very good	3					
Quite good	2					
Good	1					
Average	-					
Mediocre	-1					
Bad	-2					
	Total S					
Penalties						
Flapping stirrups	-1					
Brutality	-5					
Dangerous riding	-5					
Foot outside	X					
Fall of rider/horse	Excused					
	Total P					
Score	E + S + P =					

Observations (Rider #, Comment):