

## **D-2 Western Standards**

### **Riding Over Trail Obstacles**

Maintain proper position at the jog on the flat and over ground poles.  
In an enclosed area, ride a simple obstacle course of four to five obstacles including trot poles, a bridge, a mailbox, and serpentine cones.

Maintain control while developing a safe balanced position over obstacles.

Discuss with examiner ways to improve ride.

### **Riding in the Open**

Ride safely and considerately on public and private property, in a group, at the walk and jog trot.

Ride with control, up and down hills at the walk and jog trot.

Discuss two or three things to do to show “good manners” or courtesy while riding on someone else’s property (i.e., regarding gates, planted rows in fields, etc.)

Demonstrate riding over natural terrain to include walking over a shallow ditch or bank, a bank or incline, and step over a log found on the trail.

Mount should carefully walk over obstacles. Jumping or rushing is undesirable.

#### Course Specifications at the D-2 Level

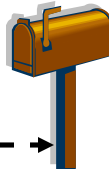
Walk through poles should be placed 30”-36” apart.

Jog/trot poles should be placed 36”– 42” apart.

Serpentine cones should be 10’-12’ apart.

**Remember- the obstacle sheets are only suggestions to give examiners and candidates ideas on how to lay out a trail course. They are not meant to be mandatory patterns, just suggestions!**

Start



Finish



### Sample D-2 Trail Course

1. Walk to Mailbox
2. Stop, open mailbox, remove package, show examiner and replace
3. Jog around corner and over poles, walk
4. Walk over bridge
5. Walk through poles
6. Jog around cones
7. Halt

