



Performance Guides and Gauges

as of 2/15/09

- 1) Planks
 - a) 12 Inch minimum width
 - b) \varnothing 2x6" minimum width if placed on the ground.
 - c) Suggested 8 foot minimum to 12 foot maximum in length
 - d) \varnothing Raised can be no more than 1 foot off ground, and can be no less than 12 inches wide.

- 2) Duck Unders
 - a) Maximum dimensions: 5 foot high x 4 foot wide
 - c) Can be arched or straight and constructed out of branches, rails, wood or PVC. Optional recommendation is that they are covered as appropriate for the class (i.e natural looking vegetation for the trail/pack class, tarps/balloons, for obstacle/freestyle and PR/Companion.)
 - d) \varnothing Crawl Under Llama is asked to go down on knees front upon encountering a duck under obstacle, and then crawl under the obstacle. The duck under should be secure so pack does not knock it off if it brushes against it if the llama is wearing a pack. Height of duck under should accommodate the height variability of different size animals.

- 3) Bridges, Ramps and Platforms
 - a) Minimum width 24"
 - b) Minimum length 6 feet
 - c) Maximum height 24"
 - d) Steps maximum risers 9" with a minimum depth of 10"
 - e) All surfaces must be treated to prevent slipping
 - f) Platforms should be a minimum of 4' x4' if turnaround is required and not more than 12" off the ground

- 4) Step Over
 - a) Maximum height 16 inches
 - b) Minimum width of 4 feet
 - c) Minimum diameter 2 inches
 - d) For trail class Cross bars should be made out of a wood product if possible
 - e) Construction tiles can be used
 - f) Consecutive step overs must be spaced to allow the largest llama to fit in between each with all 4 feet on the ground in novice classes. Advanced-spaced to allow minimum of two feet in between each.

- 5) Water or mud crossing
 - a) Minimum width of 4 feet
 - b) Minimum length of 6 feet
 - c) Minimum depth 3 inches water or mud
 - d) Must have a no slip surface entering and exiting
 - e) ☉Walk through water with live ducks

- 6) Jumps
 - a) Width a minimum of 30 inches for advanced, 4 foot for Junior and Novice
 - b) Jumps can vary according to course level, novice maximum of 16", advanced a maximum of 30" No minimum height, but 12" is recommended.
 - c) Advanced only - asking a llama to jump (not step) over a pole or line on the ground
 - d) Solid jumps a maximum of 24"high x 24"
 - e) Poles should be a minimum 2" in diameter
 - f) Jump supports should be anchored so as not to tip

- 7) Passageways (forward or backing)
 - a) Minimum width to accommodate largest llama
 - b) Tunnels must be securely anchored
 - c) Backing onto or off of steep structures such as ramps, stairs, bridges not allowed.
 - d) Backing over low ramps, onto tarps, plywood or other flat objects on the ground for advanced only and allowed at the discretion of the judge.
 - e) Passageways may be curved, straight or angled.
 - f) It is recommended but not mandatory to keep backing distance 12' or under.

- 8) Loading in vehicles and containers
 - a) Full size vans and trailers may be used for all classes.
 - b) Mini vans, small station wagons, pickup trucks with stock racks, row boats and other vehicles and containers for advanced classes only.
 - c) Vehicles must have non-skid surfaces

- 9) Teeter-totters
 - a) Minimum width 24"
 - b) Recommend 8 foot length, 6 foot acceptable for advanced.
 - c) Surfaces must be treated to prevent slipping

☉Not recommended for Novice or Jr. Youth

- A) Safety is a main concern.
- B) All contact surfaces must be treated to prevent slipping, including trailers and backs of trucks and vans.
- C) Water obstacles should follow contact obstacles such as ramps, stairs, planks, and

- bridges. Care should be taken to assure that animals/people with wet feet do not negotiate wooden obstacles.
- D) The judge has the final decision on course safety, and equipment.
 - E) The judge will walk the courses with the exhibitors, (no animals).
 - F) At the discretion of the judge, tasks may be allowed that are not listed in the trial/class division criteria provided they test in relation to the specific requirements of that division. Any such tasks should be forwarded to the performance committee to include in the task list.
 - G) Optional class/trials can be offered specified to breed, age and sex.
For example advanced alpaca adult trail/pack, or female llama adult Freestyle Obstacle, etc.
 - H) Combination tasks such as step over-duck under must be spaced to allow entire llama length in between each object to maneuver through.