

JUDGES COMMENTS - EUMUNDI CTR 22ND JUNE 2025

Our very warm thanks to all judges for sharing their time and expertise with the riders. They have also provided us with a brief overview of how the riders and horses fared at their particular judge point, and suggested improvements that riders can strive for.

1. Presentation/Mount – Robyn & Carol

Overall horses were well presented and calm – a pleasure to judge

2. Groundwork Challenge – Roz & Maddie

Overall riders & horses went well & completed within the time limit. Definite need to prepare ahead & think of positioning your horse at the mounting block. Delighted to see rewarding & patience. Also prepare to mount, loose reins, holding back of saddle just lost marks. Main problem was positioning horse at the mount, standing square & horse moving away. Great job with some difficult horses being handled well.

3. Log Side Pass – Joanne & Marley

Riders should always confirm instructions to make sure they have understood what they are doing. They all did well but most riders need to practice both ways. There is plenty of time to stop your horse and set it up for your next move.

4. Gate & Sign – Julie & Mary

Looking for rider positioning horse correctly. Clean step over without brushing crossover. Safety at sign!! Not going under sign or too close. Halting 'square' and for '10' seconds. Point taken off if rider proceeded past Judge Ahead sign before being asked. All horse and rider teams completed the tasks calmly and within time limits. Work needed on horses cleanly stepping over the crossover.

5. Log Jumble – Karla & Kate

Good to see all riders attempt obstacle. Riders were challenged by the judge point, but all completed. Overall horses & riders did well. Some riders need to give horses a little more guidance and direction.

6. Log Straddle – Callie & Jess

We saw riders giving calm, gentle encouragement with soft aids. We remind riders to ask questions and ensure they understand the instructions and remember to count. Many horses lost points because they didn't step cleanly over the log. Some could do with further practice on this judge point. It was good to see riders calmly re-attempting the judge point if they missed it the first time.

7. Tree Weave – Lauren & Beck

Seemed simple having to ride one hand in a figure 8 but was a nice little challenge.

8. Back It Up – Judi & Anne

Very pleasing to see everyone giving soft aids – no one pulled on their horse's mouth. Riders need to be aware of their backup path to keep the horses away from obstacles. Some riders forgot to halt at the final cone.

9. Tyres – Kirsten & Scott

Downhill obstacle, easy to do, or was it? Was looking for riders looking forward and up, and that the horse was calm throughout. Well done riders.

10. Rug Walk – Sandy & Catherine

The majority of riders and horses performed well at this judge point. We were appreciative of how riders used soft hands and aids with their mounts. Some riders lost points because they were looking for perfection and their horses lost concentration. Overall, a lovely group of riders who coped well with the dead sheep. Thanks to all.