

The Course of the European Eventing Championship for Juniors 2010 in Bad Segeberg.

Bad Segeberg was chosen to host the European Eventing Championship for Juniors 2010 because of previously well organized German Championships.

My main intention is to give all competitors and teams the chance to complete the course. In order to achieve this, more chicken ways than usual at 1* level have been constructed. These routes are more time consuming but should not disturb the rhythm. This gives riders the chance to continue after a stop. Nevertheless the best horses and riders should have the chance to complete the course in time without penalties. The best schooled and balanced horse will be successful.

The way to the first obstacle is slightly uphill leading to fence **No 1 „JODAs Ouverture“**, passing the catering tent giving the spectators and riders a good introduction into the course. After passing the practise area the horse is now confronted with an imposing logpile **No 2 „Holzstoß des Holsteiner Verbandes“** on level ground which can be tackled in good rhythm.

The same applies to fence **No 3 „Erdwall der Allianz Generalvertretung Ulf Petersen“**, an earth embankment which is again a spread. >From here on the appropriate pace for the course should be obtained.

After these 600 m a long left turn takes the horse and rider to the first real question of the course, the „Hornbrooker Hof“ a flowerfence combination built on a hill, which requires a bold jump. This will cause quite a lot of downhill impulsion. Good balance is needed in approaching the following V-brush **No 4 „V-Bürste der Firma Hydraulik Müller“** at four strides.

By now the rider will have learned to keep up the necessary pace and balance and will have understood how much scope, suppleness and boldness is required in this course.

The next fence **No 5, the „Volvo-Autotisch“** a table at maximum dimensions will support rhythm and pace.

The line to the next obstacle **No 6a/b „Doppelbürsten der Stallgemeinschaft Pettluis“** takes horse and rider downhill in a long right turn, then turning on the slightly sloping ground. This is a question of balance. The rider has to keep the horse's hocks well engaged – an accurate approach is necessary. The two brushes are at an angle and should be tackled at a good pace with two strides.

A long uphill gallop takes horse and rider to the „**TSF Trakehner Graben**“, fence **No 7** which usually isn't difficult but shouldn't be neglected. It's meant to be a let-up-fence and should prepare for coming ditches.

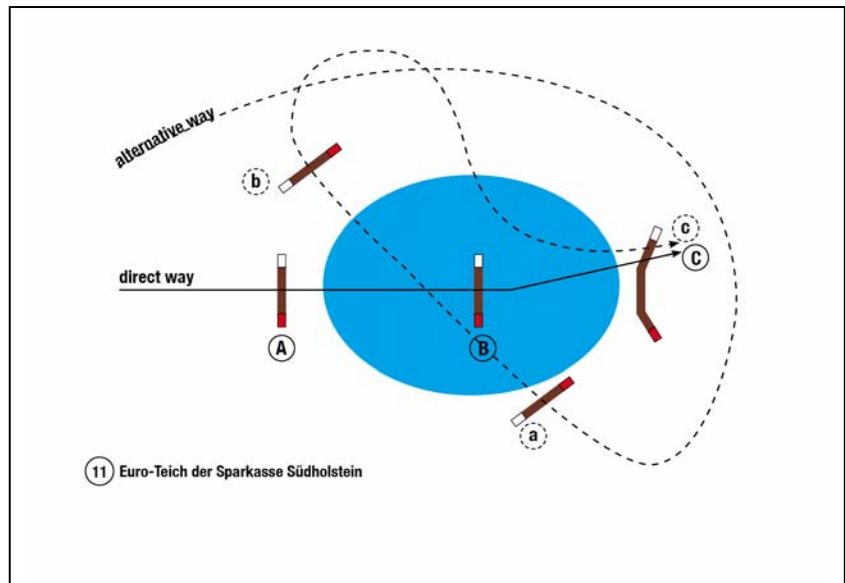
Fence **No 8 „Birkenrick des Fördervereins CDV“** needs a considerate approach, taking the possible hesitating of the horse into account because of the drop effect behind the fence. The birchwood of the fence between the trees is visible even on a cloudy day.

Galloping the race track should be great joy and the rider can make up lost time.

The next two obstacles **No 9 „Bank und Rastplatz des Landhandels Herbert Hinz“** and **No 10 „Heubett des Vitalia Seehotels“** are straight forward let-up-fences, though rather narrow, requiring

concentration and control.

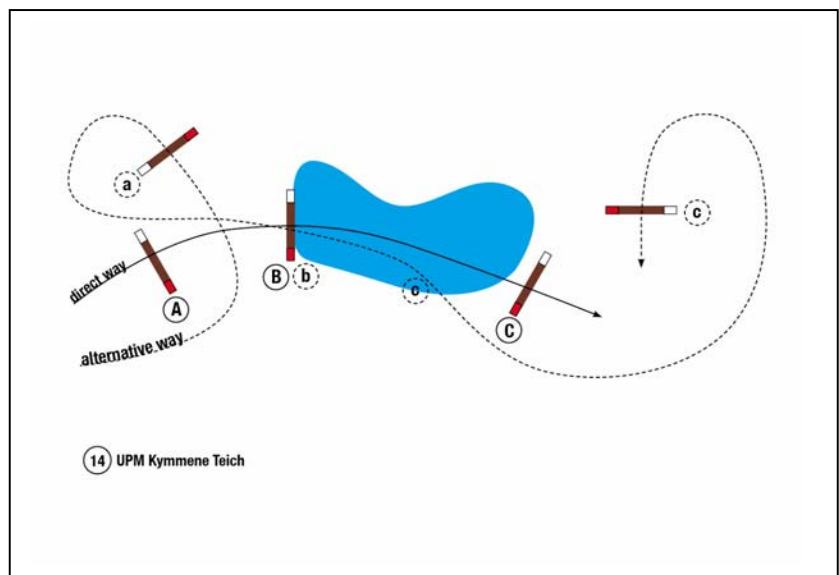
The following water complex **No 11a/b/c „Euroteich der Sparkasse Südholstein“** offers different lines. The direct route 11 a with the bank requires boldness and balance. The rider has to make sure that he gets a good line from 11a to 11c; five strides take him to the raft in the water and another four strides to the reeds fence. The alternative route needs a swift change of direction into a long righthand turn which is more time consuming. It's an option to take the chicken way with the black flag after a stop on the direct line.



The two following let-up-fences **No 12 „Muldentisch – Die Pappnase“** and **No 13 „Baumstamm der Tierarztpraxis Schwan“** should ride without problems and establish a good rhythm again.

Quickly after the first water complex another one follows **No 14 a/b/c „UPM Kymmene Teich“** which starts with a solid corner open to the left and leads with five strides over a log into the water. It is vital to see the correct line to 14b already before the corner. After the leap into the water the next question is to meet the narrow single fence behind the water edge.

For this complex accurate riding, the right pace, balance and a supple horse are vital. Because of this there are chicken ways for the fences 14a and 14c which can be opted for immediately or after a stop; thus the course can hopefully be completed.



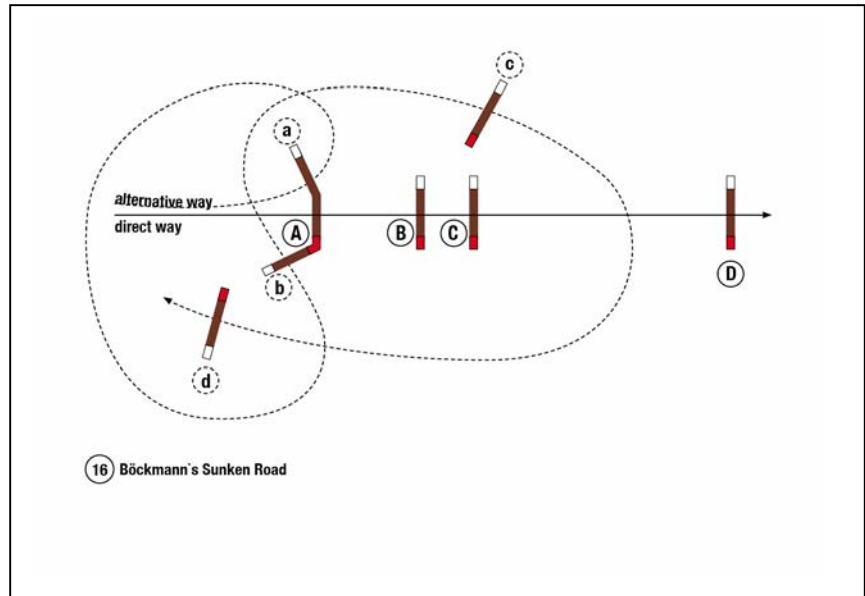
After this demanding complex a long gallop takes horse and rider to the well decorated area of fence **No 15 „Oxer am Karl-May-Indianerdorf“**. This is a big straight forward spread which should ride

well.

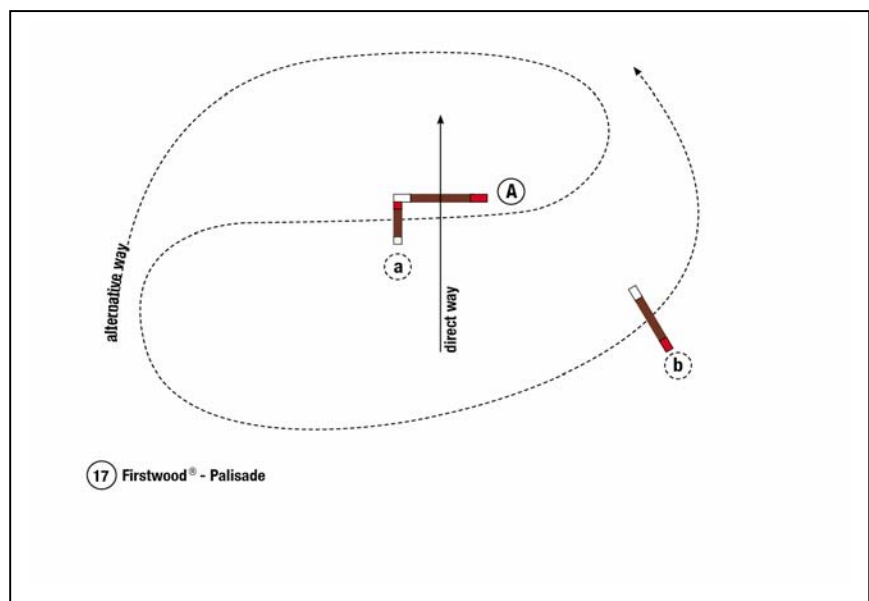
A short canter leads to the next complex **No 16 a/b/c „Böckmann’s Sunken Road“**. It has been constructed on a almost straight line. The introduction is a drop, then two strides, up a step with a bounce over a narrow brush fence, which looks rather impressive. So it is vital to set the horse up well before the complex.

After this challenge of courage, scope and suppleness an undulation follows which takes five strides to get to fence 16d. So balance is required again. There is a chicken way over a similar type of obstacle, which can be opted for either immediately or after a refusal at 16c. The alternative for 16d seemed important because

riders often find it difficult to approach such a narrow fence again after a stop. The alternative to fence 16d offers as well another line to the chicken way from 16a to 16b.



After a long 180° left turn it takes determined riding and a good pace to tackle the big ditch fence **17a/b „Firstwood – Palisade** with ditch. The ditch looks so daunting, because the far side is revetted way down to the bottom. Nearly at the end of the course the horse might now show a lack of impulsion and concentration. So there is a rather long chicken way through the ditch and over an alternative fence.



The last really demanding combination **18a/b/c „Jorkisch Coffin“**, which takes accurate riding follows after 150m. Fence 18a leads with one stride to the ditch. After two strides a brush-fence comes at an angle.

To clear this combination without penalties it is vital for the rider to ensure the line from 18a to 18c in advance. The ideal straight line must be obtained because any deviation will necessarily lead to a run out at 18c. If this should happen, a new approach from the right hand side is possible.

A longer gallop takes horse and rider to obstacle **No 19 „Westernstadt am Kalkberg“**. The imposing look of the site might be challenging to the horse, but it will definitely set up concentration again.

The final phase is introduced by two banks leading to fence **No 20 „VFV Futtertisch“ and No 21 „Blumentisch der Hilka Cesar SA“**. These two tables are built to maximum dimension with a good ground line and a slight right turn into No 21. If ridden with the necessary impulsion they will cause a good feeling for horse and rider at the end of the course, hopefully without penalty points.

As the course designer I wish all the competitors a successful completion of the course. I would like to thank the course constructors Mr Fried Schwien, Mr Martin Zastrow and all the helping hands for building this course.

As well I would like to thank all the sponsors for their support, which enabled us to present this course.

In expectance of many other interesting courses it was a pleasure for me to design this course.

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