XC Course Design

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Lessons from 2021

• Ground Lines
  • When are they needed?
  • What is a ground line?
  • Height is important.

• Base spreads
  • What is included?
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Lessons from 2021

• Securing of narrow/all fences including MIMs.
• Profiles and shapes of narrow fences.
• Consistency on fence description forms, e.g. which category is a house.
• Crossing flags.
• Roof/archway over fences.
• Importance of lower level courses:
  • New rule regarding efforts.
  • Not every pair of flags is an effort.
Lessons from 2021

• Decoration on top of fences between flags.
• All fences must conform to the rules e.g. front leading edges or not be used.
• What we can do to help horses read fences & decoration to help depth perception.
• When does a square spread become an ascending spread?
Thank you for your attention.

Questions?