

The Mane Show Course May 2024

Here is your course diagram for this month and instructions on how to complete it.

Build the course as close to the plan as you can. Follow the arrows as you complete the course. They are important!

Use only a headcollar/halter on your horse and a long lead rope. (fly rugs, protective boots etc are allowed)

You may use treats and clickers but NOT WHIPS OR STICKS OF ANY KIND.

Complete the course at walk keeping a loose lead rope between you and the horse, tight leadropes that pull or jerk on the horse will lose marks. Complete the course in number order following the arrows and instructions shown in each box.

You must not stop or circle BETWEEN obstacles or you will lose marks from the next obstacle's score.

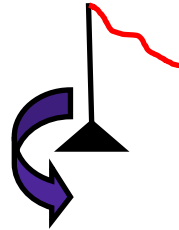
Scoring:

Obstacles are each marked out of 10. 5 marks for completing the obstacle, 5 marks for good horsemanship.

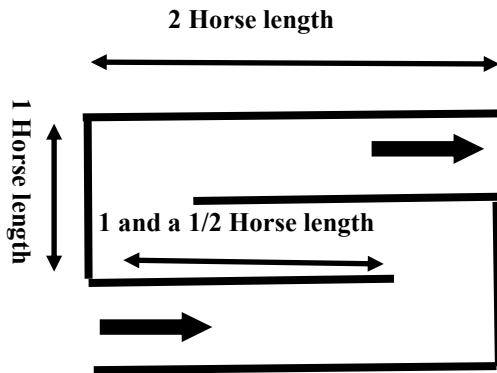
The course must be videoed without a break in the filming with the horse and the handler being in shot the whole time. Do make sure that the obstacle is clearly in view when being negotiated or you will lose marks.

GOOD LUCK!

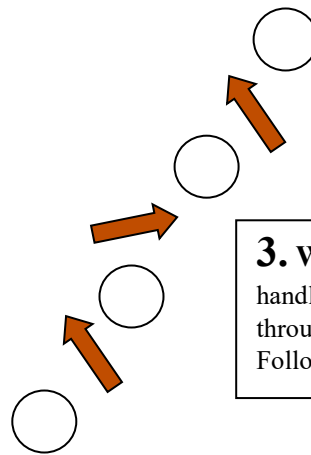
5. S-bend. Note the size, a horse length is measured chest to tail. S bends that are too wide will lose marks. Horse walks through without touching poles or stepping out, handler can be anywhere.



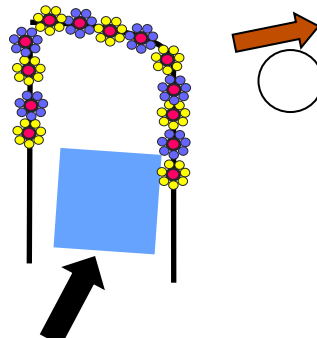
4. Around the May Pole. Using a sturdy upright support. Tie a piece of rope or ribbon to the top of support. Whilst leading horse, handler to hold the rope/ribbon with one hand and walk around the upright in one complete circle. Be prepared to let go of the ribbon if needs be and think safety first here. Follow direction of arrow.



3. Weave. Horse and handler to weave at walk through five cones together. Follow the arrows.



FINISH



1. Mayflower Arch. Create an arch decorated with flowers (real or fake!). You may use your curtain frame without the ribbons here if you wish. Horse walks part way through while handler goes around the outside, and then..

2. Mat. Using a mat or folded tarp or piece of carpet not more than 1m x 1m (3ft 3in x 3ft 3in). Mat is positioned just past the flower arch so that when the horse halts, the arch is over his back. Horse to step onto mat with front feet from walk and wait with handler for a count of three, then walk on.

START

6. Foot lift. Using a safe, strong block ask your horse to put his front foot on the block. Count to three then ask him to remove his foot and place it back on the ground. You can touch the foot if you need to.

