

HANDY PONY 2011

There is no time limit – accurate riding and a forward walk will give you good marks. Each element is worth a maximum of 10 points. **PLEASE TAKE CARE TO AVOID HOLES AND UNEVEN GROUND.**

From the collecting area, walk to the starting cones, halt, and wait for your Judge to say you can start.

1. Your judge will have given you an egg and spoon. Walk on and drop the egg into the bucket. (For unled riders, helpers may assist with steering the pony without the rider incurring penalties, provided the judge deems that it was necessary). Hand the spoon to your helper/the judge to place in the bucket.
2. Bend through the 6 cones, riding to the RIGHT hand-side of the first cone. Ensure your pony maintains an active walk. Leaders to maintain a straight line outside the cones.
3. Halt between the two poles. Hold your reins in one hand, use the other hand to move the hoop from the hook on one pole across to the hook on the other pole.
4. Ride through the S Bend, taking care not to step over the white guttering. Helpers to walk outside S Bend guttering where possible.
5. Halt by the shopping basket, and place the items of fruit into the basket (not the veg). (Helpers of blind riders may give clear verbal guidance.)
6. Trot on from the first pair of jump blocks, over the pole, and walk at the second pair of jump blocks.
7. Halt by the net. Collect one of the coloured bean bags. Ride on and halt between the buckets. Drop the bean bag into the matching colour of bucket.
8. Walk to the centre of the green cones, and without stopping, ride a 'figure 8' with one of the green cones at the centre of each circle. Each circle should be a round shape and approx 10 metres diameter. Finish your 'figure 8' between the green cones and walk straight forward.
9. Halt between the parallel poles, with your feet in line with the centre of the poles. Salute to your judge. Thank your pony.
10. There will be 10 marks awarded to reflect the rider's effort to control their pony.

NOTES TO HELPERS

LED CLASS: wherever possible, allow the riders to demonstrate their riding ability. The least amount of assistance given for each task will result in more marks being awarded.

UNLED CLASS: helpers are allowed to walk beside their rider if necessary, and give verbal guidance. Any physical assistance will result in loss of marks for the relevant part of the course (excluding challenge 1. above, as deemed by the judge). Stay close to the pony during the trot, but resist giving any assistance unless it is really necessary. If your rider is not carrying a stick, then you may carry one in case the rider needs it.

