

Welcome to the world of Horse Agility

This month we have a simple six obstacle course for you to set up. You will find the course plan on page 2 with instructions on how to complete it. Read the notes carefully so that you don't lose valuable marks!!

For this month's course you will need:

1. Back over pole

Equipment

A pole on the ground, coloured or otherwise. Using a half round pole is useful to stop the pole rolling.



2. Tarpaulin

Equipment

A large tarpaulin in a solid colour. If weather conditions make the use of a tarpaulin impossible then carpet or other heavy weight fabric can be used—as long as there is an obvious change in surface.



3. Hula hoop

Equipment

A homemade or shop bought hula hoop placed on the ground. Hoop to be about 3ft (1m) in diameter.



4. Narrow Gap

Equipment

Barrels or other safe obstacles that can be made into a gap at least as high as the horse's elbow. a wall and a single barrel is acceptable. **The sides of the gap should be solid, in other words as the horse passes through the gap we should not see his legs or body.**



5. Weave

Equipment

5 cones, or other safe markers, set up in a straight line.



6. Scary Corner

Equipment

Flags, bunting, road signs anything that would be safe if knocked over or run over or through. There should be scary items on both sides for the horse to walk through.



PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR COURSE DESIGN AND RULES FOR COMPLETING THE COURSE.

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, following the instructions on how to build the obstacles on page 1.

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.

Each obstacle is marked out of 10.

5 marks for completing the obstacle as described and 5 marks for good horsemanship.

GOOD LUCK!

