

Horse and Rider of the Year

Working Equitation (Ease of Handling) Course

Course 1

Obstacles

- Double slalom, 9 bending poles
- Gate, 2 large traffic cones and a length of rope
- Can switch, 2 bending poles and a can
- Sideways over a rail, rail
- Reverse L & Bell ring, 4 rails in a L, bell
- Raise a cup, cup with water

Fastest clean run

Gate, Can, Sideways Rail & Water may be done either left or right handed, Slalom as marked, Bell must be on right.

Penalties

10 penalties for the following:

- knocking pole in such a way it needs to be repositioned or missing a pole,
- letting go of the rope
- missing the can,
- not keeping 2 legs each side of the rail
- stepping out over the rail in the L (or mount knocking/kicking rail out of place in such a manner that the L is wider.)
- spilling the water (either by hitting drum or when moving cup)
- not completing obstacle

Elimination

Missing an obstacle without attempting it.

Course 1 layout

1. **Double slalom:** a row 4 poles 7m apart and a row of 3 poles 7m apart and 7m between rows. Rider rides around first pole on row of 4 with right turn, then turns left around first pole in 2nd row and so on, see diagram.
2. **Gate:** 2 traffic cones 2m apart with a length of rope with a loop in each end to fit over the cones. Rider rides to gate with horse facing gate, then turns horse to be side on, opens gates, moves horse through then closes gate.
3. **Can switch:** 2 poles 1.2m apart. Rider picks can up off pole, reverse up and place can on other pole.
4. **Sideways rail** 1 showjumping pole, rider places horse over pole with front feet one side and hind the other, move horse sideways along pole to end.
5. **Reverse L & bell** L made with 4 showjumping rails, corridor is 1.5m wide and a bell hanging from a stand on the right-hand side. Rider ride in around L, rings bell, then reverse out.
6. **Cup of water** 1 plastic cup with water to $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Rider halts next to drum, lifts cup above head and puts cup back on drum without spilling any water

