

NOVICE DIVISION OBSTACLE INSTRUCTIONS

2016

OBSTACLE #1 - NEGOTIATE DOWNFALL

There is downfall on the trail, and it is the rider's job to navigate the trail in the safest manner with the least amount of disturbance of the branches. You are being judged when you pass the entry cone. You are to start at the entrance cone, proceed through the downfall and walk beyond the exit cone, halt, turn 180 degrees and return in the path you just took past the entrance cone. Your horse must respond properly to cues and not rush or scatter the branches.

OBSTACLE #2 - FIGURE 8

Rider is to ride a nice round figure 8 around two oak trees. Rider to proceed past the entry cone to either side of the first tree and start a forward figure 8. At the middle of the figure 8, the rider to halt at the center pole and count aloud for five seconds, rider to go forward to complete the figure 8, past the cone and exit the obstacle. The judge will be looking for even circles and a quiet mount.

OBSTACLE #3 - LOG MOUNT

Using the log, rider is to smoothly dismount and mount their horse, their horse to stand quietly. Rider to proceed past the entry cone and dismount onto the log, keep the horse at a halt, and then remount the horse from the log. Rider may lead with the reins. After mounting, proceed past the exit cone and exit the obstacle.

OBSTACLE #4 - WAGON WHEEL

Rider is to ride their horse in a circle over the poles keeping the circle even and round. Rider to enter the wagon wheel from either direction at the entry/exit cone and complete one full circle, and pass the entry/exit cone and exit the wagon wheel. Proceed out of the obstacle.

OBSTACLE #5 - CROSSING THE LAKE

Rider to demonstrate a safe water crossing. Rider to safely cross the water over the trail. Rider to go past the entry cone, enter the water over the trail, after a few steps with all feet in the water, stop your horse, count to five, then continue forward walking along the underwater trail, proceed past the exit cone and exit the obstacle.

OBSTACLE #6 - LABYRINTH

Rider to enter labyrinth at the cone and walk forward through the maze without stepping on or over the poles. Rider to proceed past the exit cone and exit the obstacle.