

Hurdle Race

Skills Needed:

Vaulting and hurdle skills.

Equipment Required:

- * 4 hurdles 30 inches (76 cm.) wide (2 low and 2 high)
They will be alternatively 1 foot (30 cm.) and 2 feet (60 cm.) high.
The width between the legs of the higher hurdles will be at least 27 inches (68.5 cm.).
The bars for the hurdles are 2" x 2" x 30". (5 x 5 x 76 cm.)
- 4 mugs
Strong plastic drinking cups or cans.

Race Set Up:

Four hurdles will be set up, 6' (1.8 m.) apart, across the centre line. They will be alternatively low, high, low high. There will be a movable mug on the top of each. Riders 1 & 2 will stand side by side on the start line, with Rider 4 behind them. Rider 3 will position him/herself on the change over line.

Game Play:

On the signal to start, Riders 1 & 2 will ride forward to the hurdles, where Rider 1 will dismount and hand his/her pony to Rider 2. He/she will step over the first hurdle, crawl under the second, go over the third and under the fourth. He/she will then remount and both riders will ride to the change over line, where Rider 1 will wait. Rider 2 will turn round after crossing the change over line, then he/she and Rider 3 will go to the hurdles, where Rider 2 will dismount and go over and under them. He/she will then remount and both riders will ride to the start line, where Rider 2 will drop out of the race. Rider 3 will turn round after crossing the start line, then he/she and Rider 4 will similarly complete the course, with Rider 3 negotiating the hurdles. Rider 3 will then drop out, and Riders 4 & 1 will complete the course, with Rider 4 negotiating the hurdles. The winning team will be the one whose final pair are first across the finish line, mounted on their ponies.

At each change over, the next pony to go must remain behind the line until both the previous ponies have crossed it. The rider who is told to hold the pony at the hurdles may grasp its rein before the start/finish line, or as they ride down the arena. Should any hurdle be knocked over, or a mug fall off, the rider concerned must replace them and re-negotiate all of the hurdles again.

