

Litter Race

B A Masters

Skills Needed:

Carrying, pickup, dropping and hand off skills.

Equipment Required:

6 pieces of litter (2 are spare)

One quart milk carton with the folded end cut off or plastic cartons with the neck cut off.

1 bushel basket

or a round plastic laundry basket of similar size.

1 cane

Doweling 4' (1.2 m.) in length and ½" (1.2 cm.) in diameter.

Race Set Up:

Six identical pieces of litter will be placed 3 yards (2.7 m.) beyond the change over line. They will be arranged in a straight line with the open ends facing away from the start line. Two pieces of litter are spares. A litter bin (bushel basket) will be placed on the centre line. Rider 1 starts the race behind the Start/Finish line. Riders 2, 3 and 4 start the race behind the 6 yard (5.5 m.) line. Give the cane to Rider 1.

Game Play:

On the signal to start Rider 1 will ride to the far end, pick up a piece of litter on his/her cane and return to dump it in the container on the centre line. He/she will then continue back to the start and hand the cane to Rider 2. Riders 2, 3 & 4 will similarly pick up a piece of litter and put it into the container in succession, and the winning team will be the one whose Rider 4 is first past the finish, mounted and carrying his/her cane.

The riders must remain mounted and must not hold the litter by hand when picking it up, carrying it on the cane or dumping it; but if the litter is hollow and slides down the cane, it may be allowed to rest against his/her hand, and if a piece is jammed on the end of a cane, it may be loosened by hand.

Should a piece of litter be dropped, the rider must remain mounted while picking it up again on the cane. A rider may pick up any piece of litter in his/her pile before re-crossing the change over line, but after crossing the change over line, he/she must continue with the same piece of litter. Litter dropped when attempting to put it into the bin may be put in the bin dismounted.

Should a container be knocked over, the rider must immediately set it up again. He/she may dismount to do this and must replace the litter that was in it by hand, including his/her piece, even if this had not yet been dumped in the bin. If litter is flattened, the rider may dismount and reshape.

