

The Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Pony present:

Dartmoor Hill Pony Competition course

THE OVERALL WINNER WILL BECOME THE DARTMOOR HILL PONY ON-LINE CHAMPION FOR 2015 AND WIN £100!

The competition will run until 1st February 2015

This is a very simple Horse Agility course that you can easily build in your paddock or arena. The focus is on good leading, safety and FUN. By good leading, we mean not dragging the pony around by his head! He should float along beside you as if there is no lead rope attached. No sticks or whips are allowed. The scoring is out of ten points per obstacle. 5 marks for completing the obstacle as per the criteria and 5 points for good horsemanship i.e. good leading, kindness to the pony and the pony looking relaxed and happy.



Obstacle 1

Cross a tarpaulin at least 6ft by 6ft in size at walk.

For maximum marks, pony and handler should cross the tarpaulin together.

Obstacle 2

Back through pole corridor which is about 30 inches wide. Use any method to back pony.

Handler to stay in or outside corridor but cannot change position.



Obstacle 3

Narrow gap 2m (6ft) wide, handler passes through gap while pony waits then pony follows when asked.



Obstacle 4

Handler leads pony over a single pole on the ground until his front feet are just across the pole then back him over the pole. Marks deducted for each knock of the pole. Use any method to back pony.

Obstacle 5 Carry a flag on a short stick from one point to another at least 15 feet (3m) apart while leading the pony. (sorry, no pic available)



Obstacle 6

Five cones each about 3m (12ft) apart in a line, pony AND handler to weave through at walk. The effect should be smooth like two birds flying together!

Obstacle 7

Jump, any design at a low height! Pony to jump, handler may or may not. Higher marks if you pass over or beside the jump at the same time as the pony!



Obstacle 8 The S bend

See picture for arrangement of poles Handler AND horse to pass through the S bend

Points deducted every time a pole is knocked and horse or handler step outside the S bend.

Obstacle 9

The Hula Hoop stand

Handler directs pony to stand in hula hoop, holds end of lead rope walks to other hula hoop which is about 10 feet (2.5m) away without the pony following, rope loose between pony and handler, stand for five seconds.



Obstacle 10 Pony remains in hula hoop from 9. Pony may be tied or held by a helper, handler picks up one front foot and then one back foot.
TOP TIP watch the rope!

HOW TO ENTER YOUR VIDEOS

Build the course as close as you can to the plan. in any enclosed area – a field or arena is fine.

Make sure you **practice first!** The video must be **made without any breaks** in other words the course must be filmed in one session (you can't do it lots of times and edit in the best bits!)

The **pony and the handler must be in the same shot at all times** but make sure the camera operator is not too far away. If we can't see it we can't judge it! At the start of the video you need to face the camera with your horse and tell us your name, and your pony's name. **Then off you go.** One entry per PONY.

For hints and tips on how to complete the course, visit <http://www.thehorseagilityclub.com/getting-started/> You can send a DVD or memory stick with return postage and address to:

Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Pony, c/o 11 Apple Tree Close, Frogmore, Kingsbridge, Devon. TQ7 2UT or you can e-mail it as an MP4 to SJ Norris – writetype@outlook.com

If you have any technical issues, please feel free to contact SJ and she will do her best to help!

PAYMENT: Your £10 entry fee can be paid by cheque, payable to The Friends of the Dartmoor Hill Pony and sent F.A.O. Charlotte Faulkner, Corndonford Farm, Poundsgate, Devon TQ13 7PP (please state on the back of the cheque what it is for) OR via our website <http://www.friendsofthedartmoorhillpony.co.uk/> and click on the payment link on the top right and select the donation option, preferably with Gift Aid. Again, any issues, please contact SJ and she will be happy to advise!

Have fun! Stay safe!

This document has been drawn up as a guide. Horses can be dangerous if not handled with care. Please wear suitable safety clothing and build your obstacle course to suit the level you and your horse are ready to tackle. We advise that you wear a safety hat, gloves and suitable footwear when handling horses.

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Dartmoor Hill Pony course 10 Obstacles each one marked out of ten.

5. Carry a flag from one point to another *at least 15 feet (3m) apart.*

4. Back over pole, front feet only

3. Narrow gap 2m wide (6 feet), handler passes through gap while horse waits then horse follows when asked.

6. Weaving cones, horse AND handler to weave through.

2. Back through pole corridor. Any method

7. Jump, 20cms, 12 ins high only! Horse to jump handler may or may not.

8. S bend. Handler AND horse to pass through the S bend

9. Stand front feet in one hula hoop, handler stands in other, stand for 5 secs.
10. Pick up one front foot then one back foot

1. Cross the tarpaulin at walk.

FINISH

START

