

BRITISH HORSE LOGGERS COMPETITION, GATCOMBE PARK, 2023

HORSE LOGGING COMPETITION ("OBSTACLE COURSE")

Score Sheet

Name of Contestant;-

Name(s) of Horse(s);-

Each horse (or team) will take a standard log, (straight, 7 metres long, ends rounded) through a series of tests. A choice of light and heavy logs will be provided, according to the size of the horse or team.

1.Start

_Start box marked out with 30cm logs on end, square 3m each side internally. Gates at front and rear, each 1m wide.

(For teams, internal width/length 4m, gates 2m.)

_Horse and Handler enter from front gate of start box. Turn within box, without stepping out of box, or knocking down marker logs.

Hitch to log (end of log within four logs of rear gate).

Exit from front gate with log.

Total Points;- 20

Deductions;- Step out of side of box , man or horse,(each step);- -2 points

Marker Log down (each) ;- -2 points

Total Points Deducted;- _____

Proceed to

2.Halt

Halt horse within marker stakes for count of 10 from Judge.

Total Points;- 10

Deductions;- Horse moves ;- -2 points

Horse leaves halt area before end of count;- -10 points

Total Points Deducted;- _____

3.Voice

_From Halt area, drive horse and log 10 metres by voice, with lines slack.

Total Points;- 10

Deductions;- Each tension on lines;- -2 points

Tension on lines throughout;- -10 points

Total Points Deducted;- _____

4.Obstruction

_Branches in track. Chainsaw running close to track.
Halt horse, set down lines, move branches to side, proceed.

Total Points;- 10

Deductions;- Horse needs restraint (each time);- -2 points
Horse leaves area before operation completed;- -10 points

Total Points Deducted;-_____

5.Shunt

Roller (short log with pointer on end) sited between 4 marker logs. Turn horse or team through 180 degrees. Propel log in reverse to turn over roller, moving pointer through 180 degrees, and keeping roller at right angles, without moving marker logs. Turn horse forwards and proceed.

Total Points;- 20

Deductions;- Marker log down (each);- -2 points
Roller not turned;- -5 points
Roller left not straight;- -5 points

Total Points Deducted;-_____

6.Balance

_A heavy log is fixed at right angles to the track. The horse or team pulls the skidding log across the fixed log, and attempts to stop with the log exactly at the point of balance.

Total Points;-20

Full Balance;- Maximum Points
Partial Balance, (can be brought to balance by pressure of one finger,);- -5 points
No Balance;- -20 points

Total Deductions;-_____

7.Stack

Two 7 metre logs are fixed parallel, in line with the track. The horse has to stack the skidding log on top of the two fixed logs, so that it ends up parallel to the other two, with the ends of all three in line.

The handler may use a hand tool, (tongs or sappie) to assist in lifting the log, but may only lift whilst the horse has the log in motion.

Total Points;- 20

Deductions;- Log not on stack;-	-20 points
Partial stack, (one end on stack, not parallel);-	-10 points
Fully stacked: end within 10cm of lower logs;-	Full Points
End greater than 10cm separation From lower logs;-	-5points
Use of aid tool whilst log stationary (each time);-	-5points

Total Deductions;- _____

8.Ramp

A fixed ramp is constructed of two logs. The horse brings the skidding log just past the inclined ramp. The horse is then turned at right angles, so that the log is drawn part way up the ramp. The horse must then stand with the load on the traces to keep the log stationary on the ramp for a count of 20. The log is then drawn over the top of the ramp.

Total Points;- 10

Deductions;- Held for 20 seconds;-	Full Points
Held for less than 20 seconds;-	-5 points
Not held;-	-10 points

Total Deductions;- _____

9. "Wobbly Bridge"

Two arches are each formed from three loose logs, with the arches about a metre apart. Two small marker logs are balanced end on the top of each arch,

The horse brings the skidding log close to the first arch. The choker is transferred to the back end of the log, and the horse propels the log forward under both arches. When the front end of the log is clear of the arches, the choker is returned to the front end, and the horse draws the log clear.

Total Points;-20

Deductions;- Each small marker down;-	-2points
Each Arch down;-	-10 points

Total Deductions;-_____

10. Loading

A small forwarder is sited with loading ramps in place on each bunk. The log is drawn to the foot of the ramps, and a rope with ends fixed to either bunk is drawn under the log. The middle of the rope is taken over the forwarder, and the horse hitched to it. The handler can direct assistants in the placing of the rope relative to the log and the ramps.

The horse then rolls the log up the ramps, and onto the forwarder.

Total Points;- 20

Deductions;- Log loaded on both bunks;-	Full Points
Log on one bunk;-	-10 Points
Log not loaded, or pulled right over;-	-20 Points

Total Deductions;-_____

11. Finish

The horse draws the log into the back gate of the start box, so that the front end of the log is within the four logs of the gate. The horse is then unhitched, and horse and handler leave the box through the front gate.

Total Points;- 20

Deductions;- Each step out of box, man or horse;-	-2points
Each marker log down;-	-2points

Total Deductions;-_____

Overall Total Points;-180

Overall Total Points Deducted;-_____

