

Equestrian Carnival



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Hawkesbury Showgrounds



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General Information

Arndell Anglican College Interschool Equestrian Carnival accepts no responsibility for injury, damage occasioned to persons, property, spectators, or competitors. It is a Condition of Entry that each person shall hold the event organising committee blameless and indemnify it against legal proceedings arising from any accident.

Arndell Anglican College accepts NO responsibility for lost property.

It is recommended that all riders have current EA membership. This provides riders with cover of 24/7 Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance. [Click here](#) for more information.

All riders require a parent or guardian to supervise and accompany on the day of the event.

All competitors, spectators and officials must conform to the Code of Conduct set out in this document.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to:

- cancel any class or event , divide any class,
- transfer competitors between sections of a class, alter the advertised times,
- refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason, and/or
- make additional statements with regards to the rules/processes based on horse welfare and safety.

An Emergency Evacuation Plan is in place and relevant officials will implement the plan if required. Parking is at your own risk.

Medical personnel will be available on the competition day.

NO DOGS ALLOWED at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds for the duration of the event.

Only competitors who have made prior arrangement may use the stable and camping area can utilise these facilities.

Tying of horses to the show ring boundary fence is NOT permitted.

In the event of wet or extreme weather, organisers will contact entrants.

Venue

Hawkesbury Showgrounds
Racecourse Road, Clarendon

Access via Gate 4. Gates will open at 6:30am

Enquiries

All enquiries should be directed via email to equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au.

Further Information

Visit the Arndell Equestrian News on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for further information and regular updates.

Camping & Stabling Queries

All camping and stabling queries should be directed to Hawkesbury Showgrounds (HDAA) in the first instance via email hdaa@hawkesburyshow.com.au

Sponsorships

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact equestrian@arndell.nsw.edu.au.

Entries

All entries and payment via Nominate.

Entries will close on Sunday 9 August, 2026 or when the event is fully subscribed.

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per rider

Volunteer Levy: \$10.00 per rider

Late entries will attract a \$15.00 late fee per rider.

Refunds are only applicable on entry fees where a medical or vet certificate is supplied within 24 hours until 15 August, 2026.

Contact HDAA regarding camping/stabling refunds.

Draw

There will be no published draw, each rider will remain in their entered ring classes for the duration of day apart from completing sporting events. Ring classes will be run in a ring and workout format.

Rules and Regulations

- This event is an Equestrian NSW Interschool affiliated event and run under EA rules where permissible. EA membership is advised.
- Entries are at the discretion of the Arndell Equestrian Committee (AEC). One horse/One rider.
- Horses must only be ridden by the student competitor on the carnival day. No other rider is permitted to ride on the day.
- No official gear check will be performed. It is the rider/parent/carers responsibility to ensure equipment is safe and meets the Equestrian Australian Standards.
- Only students currently enrolled in school are eligible to compete.
- Classes will not all be announced, competitors should remain near their ring to avoid missing a class. If a competitor misses a class, they are not permitted to ride in another year's class.
- Judge's decision is final. Judges may disqualify any mount which they consider unsuitable for a school event.
- Judges and AEC may request rider ring changes where they deem it necessary for safety.
- Warming up may only be performed in the designated areas. Young children and inexperienced riders must be supervised by a parent/carers while warming up.
- Lunging is ONLY permitted in round yards.
- Intermediate and Open ring sporting events will be bunted off from ring events. All riders will compete at the sporting area closest to the train station.
- All competitors, parents/helpers and volunteers must follow current COVID-19 guidelines.



Dress

- Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards of [Equestrian Australia](#) – Helmet tagging is not required.
- No standing or fixed martingales, no side reins/draw reins.
- Heeled riding boots, school jumper in school colour. NO blazers or riding coats permitted.
- Gaiters/top boots are only to be worn by riders over 17 years of age.

Ring Descriptions

**** Riders may only ride in one ring at the event**

PRIMARY BEGINNERS (Led):

Students in K - 12 who cannot walk and trot unassisted. Riders must always remain on the lead, when mounted - Beginners ring is in a roped off area. Beginner riders are not permitted to canter for the duration of the carnival including sporting events.

NOVICE (Unassisted):

Students in K - 12 who cannot canter safely. Novice riders are not permitted to canter for the duration of the carnival. All show ring work, including workouts, will be done at a walk and trot only including sporting events. Primary novice ring will be in a roped off area.

PRIMARY INTERMEDIATE:

Primary students in K – 6 who can walk, trot and canter safely unassisted. This ring is designed for riders who do not compete regularly in any discipline.

PRIMARY OPEN:

Primary Students in K – 6 who can capably ride their mount and have competed/compete regularly at similar level events in any discipline.

SENIOR INTERMEDIATE:

Senior students in 7 – 12 who can walk, trot and canter safely unassisted. This ring is designed for riders who do not compete regularly in any discipline.

SENIOR OPEN:

Senior Students in Year 7 – Year 12 who can capably ride their mount and have competed/compete regularly at similar level events in any discipline.

Note: Any riders who have won a riding or horse class at a previous gymkhana (similar or higher level) or who competes at shows in open competition **MUST** compete in the open ring.



Special Classes

Fancy Dress :	Open to ALL riders from all rings. To be held at the completion of the Beginners ring, riders will be given plenty of time to get prepared. The judging of the fancy dress class will not wait for other rings/classes. The commencement of this class will be announced.
Grand Champion Exhibit:	All supreme winners (rider & horse) from Rings 3, 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to compete. This will be judged by judges from these rings at their completion. The commencement of this class will be announced. Sponsored by Camelot Horse Rugs

Class Descriptions

Best Presented:	Judged on the clean, neat, and tidy appearance of horse, rider, and saddlery. Judged mounted in ring line up – no workout.
Best Mount:	Judged on the horse's manners, paces and education suitable for its rider.
Handler:	Judged on the rider's ability to present their horse/pony on the ground.
Rider:	Judged on the position and riding ability of the rider.
Pleasure Mount:	Judged on the rideability and enjoyment of the horse.
Open Show Horse:	For horses with finer substances, judged on horses' presence, confirmation, manners, paces, and education. Riders are only eligible to compete in Open Hack OR Hunter Hack. NOT both classes. Riders are to nominate prior to the event.
Hunter Horse:	For horses with more bone and substance, judged on horses' presence, confirmation, manners, paces, and education. Riders are only eligible to compete in Open Hack OR Hunter Hack. NOT both classes. Riders are to nominate prior to the event.
Pairs:	Pairs should be ideally riders from the same school, you may combine school's to pair if required, this is permissible if the riders are from the same competition ring level (eg. both have competed in the Junior Intermediate Ring). Riders are not permitted to ride a different ring for this event.
Champion Classes:	All winners from classes within section are eligible to compete in the champion class. When Champion is sashed the 2nd placegetter of the winner will contest in the class. It is important that riders are on standby for the judge. The Judge's decision is final.

Event Sponsors



Ring 1 – Beginners

Ring Commences at 9:00am

Judge

Ellie Rudder

Best Presented

- 101) Kindy
- 102) Year 1
- 103) Year 2
- 104) Year 3
- 105) Year 4
- 106) Year 5
- 107) Year 6
- 108) Years 7 - 12

Rider

- 109) Kindy
- 110) Year 1
- 111) Year 2
- 112) Year 3
- 113) Year 4
- 114) Year 5
- 115) Year 6
- 116) Years 7 - 12

Best Tail

- 117) Kindy
- 118) Year 1
- 119) Year 2
- 120) Year 3
- 121) Year 4
- 122) Year 5
- 123) Year 6
- 124) Years 7 - 12

Best Mount

- 125) Kindy
- 126) Year 1
- 127) Year 2
- 128) Year 3
- 129) Year 4
- 130) Year 5
- 131) Year 6
- 132) Years 7 - 12

Sporting Events

Potato Sack Race

- 133) Kindy
- 134) Year 1
- 135) Year 2
- 136) Year 3
- 137) Year 4
- 138) Year 5
- 139) Year 6
- 140) Years 7 - 12

Egg & Spoon Race

- 141) Kindy
- 142) Year 1
- 143) Year 2
- 144) Year 3
- 145) Year 4
- 146) Year 5
- 147) Year 6
- 148) Years 7 - 12

Fancy Dress

All riders eligible

Ring 2 – Novice

Ring Commences at 9:00am

Judge

Chloe Fleming

Best Presented

- 201) Kindy
- 202) Year 1
- 203) Year 2
- 204) Year 3
- 205) Year 4
- 206) Year 5
- 207) Year 6
- 208) Years 7 – 9
- 209) Years 10 - 12

Handler

- 210) Kindy
- 211) Year 1
- 212) Year 2
- 213) Year 3
- 214) Year 4
- 215) Year 5
- 216) Year 6
- 217) Years 7 - 9
- 218) Years 10 - 12

Rider

- 219) Kindy
- 220) Year 1
- 221) Year 2
- 222) Year 3
- 223) Year 4
- 224) Year 5
- 225) Year 6
- 226) Years 7 – 9
- 227) Years 10 – 12

Best Mount

- 228) Kindy
- 229) Year 1
- 230) Year 2
- 231) Year 3
- 232) Year 4
- 233) Year 5
- 234) Year 6
- 235) Years 7 – 9
- 236) Years 10 – 12

Pair of Riders

- 237) Kindy
- 238) Years 1 & 2
- 239) Years 3 & 4
- 240) Years 5 & 6
- 241) Years 7-12

Sporting Events

Potato Sack Race

- 242) Kindy
- 243) Year 1
- 244) Year 2
- 245) Year 3
- 246) Year 4
- 247) Year 5
- 248) Year 6
- 249) Years 7 – 9
- 250) Years 10 -12

Egg & Spoon Race

- 251) Kindy
- 252) Year 1
- 253) Year 2
- 254) Year 3
- 255) Year 4
- 256) Year 5
- 257) Year 6
- 258) Years 7 – 9
- 259) Years 10 - 12

Ring 3 – Primary Intermediate

Ring Commences at 9:00am

Judge

Jessica Callus

Best Presented

- 301) Kindy
- 302) Year 1
- 303) Year 2
- 304) Year 3
- 305) Year 4
- 306) Year 5
- 307) Year 6

Handler

- 308) Kindy
- 309) Year 1
- 310) Year 2
- 311) Year 3
- 312) Year 4
- 313) Year 5
- 314) Year 6

Rider

- 315) Kindy
- 316) Year 1
- 317) Year 2
- 318) Year 3
- 319) Year 4
- 320) Year 5
- 321) Year 6

CHAMPION RIDER

- a) K – 3 (15-18 winners)
- b) 4 – 6 (19-21 winners)

SUPREME RIDER

Show Horse

- 329) Show Pony ne 12.2hh
- 330) Show Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 331) Show Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 332) Show Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 333) Show Hack over 15hh ne 16
- 334) Show Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SHOW HORSE

(Winners from 29-34)

Show Hunter Horse

- 335) Hunter Pony ne 12.2hh
- 336) Hunter Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 337) Hunter Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 338) Hunter Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 339) Hunter Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 340) Hunter Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SHOW HUNTER HORSE

(Winners from 35-40)

SUPREME HORSE

Pleasure Mount

- 341) Kindy
- 342) Year 1
- 343) Year 2
- 344) Year 3
- 345) Year 4
- 346) Year 5
- 347) Year 6

Pair of Riders

- 348) Kindy
- 349) Year 1 & 2
- 350) Year 3 & 4
- 351) Year 5 & 6

Sporting Events

To be completed 10:00am - 11:30am

Ring 4 – Senior Intermediate

Ring Commences at 9:00am

Judge

Alyssa Walsh

Best Presented

- 401) Year 7
- 402) Year 8
- 403) Year 9
- 404) Year 10
- 405) Year 11
- 406) Year 12

Handler

- 407) Year 7
- 408) Year 8
- 409) Year 9
- 410) Year 10
- 411) Year 11
- 412) Year 12

Rider

- 413) Year 7
- 414) Year 8
- 415) Year 9
- 416) Year 10
- 417) Year 11
- 418) Year 12

CHAMPION RIDER

- a) 7 – 9 (13-15 winners)
- b) 10 - 12 (16-18 winners)

SUPREME RIDER

Show Horse

- 419) Show Pony ne 12.2hh
- 420) Show Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 421) Show Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 422) Show Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 423) Show Hack over 15hh ne 16
- 424) Show Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SHOW HORSE

(Winners from 19-24)

Show Hunter Horse

- 425) Hunter Pony ne 12.2hh
- 426) Hunter Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 427) Hunter Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 428) Hunter Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 429) Hunter Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 430) Hunter Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SHOW HUNTER HORSE

(Winners 25-30)

SUPREME HORSE

Pleasure Mount

- 431) Year 7
- 432) Year 8
- 433) Year 9
- 434) Year 10
- 435) Year 11
- 436) Year 12

Pair of Riders

- 437) Year 7 & 8
- 438) Year 9 & 10
- 439) Year 11 & 12

Sporting Events

To be completed 10:00am – 11:30am

Ring 5 – Open (Primary & Senior – Split)

Ring Commences at 9:00am

Judge

Georgia Currall

Best Presented - Primary

- 501) Kindy
- 502) Year 1
- 503) Year 2
- 504) Year 3
- 505) Year 4
- 506) Year 5
- 507) Year 6

Handler - Senior

- 508) Year 7
- 509) Year 8
- 510) Year 9
- 511) Year 10
- 512) Year 11
- 513) Year 12

Rider - Primary

- 514) Kindy
- 515) Year 1
- 516) Year 2
- 517) Year 3
- 518) Year 4
- 519) Year 5
- 520) Year 6

CHAMPION PRIMARY RIDER

- a) K – 3 (14-17 winners)
- b) 4 – 6 (18-20 winners)

SUPREME PRIMARY RIDER

Show Horse - Senior

- 521) Show Pony ne 12.2hh
- 522) Show Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 523) Show Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 524) Show Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 525) Show Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 526) Show Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SENIOR SHOW HORSE

(Winners from 21-26)

Show Hunter Horse - Junior

- 527) Hunter Pony ne 12.2hh
- 528) Hunter Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 529) Hunter Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 530) Hunter Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 531) Hunter Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 532) Hunter Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION JUNIOR SHOW HUNTER HORSE

(Winners from 27-32)

SUPREME SENIOR HORSE

Pleasure Mount

- 533) Kindy – Year 2
- 534) Year 3 & 4
- 535) Year 5 & 6

Pair of Riders

- 536) Kindy – Year 2
- 537) Year 3 & 4
- 538) Year 5 & 6

Sporting Events

To be completed 11:30am - 1:00pm

Ring 6 – Open (Primary & Senior – Split)

Ring Commences at 9:00am

Judge

Taryn White

Best Presented - Senior

- 601) Year 7
- 602) Year 8
- 603) Year 9
- 604) Year 10
- 605) Year 11
- 606) Year 12

Handler – Primary

- 607) Kindy
- 608) Year 1
- 609) Year 2
- 610) Year 3
- 611) Year 4
- 612) Year 5
- 613) Year 6

Rider - Senior

- 614) Year 7
- 615) Year 8
- 616) Year 9
- 617) Year 10
- 618) Year 11
- 619) Year 12

CHAMPION SENIOR RIDER

- a) 7 – 9 (14-16 winners)
- b) 10-12 (17-19 winners)

SUPREME SENIOR RIDER

Show Horse - Primary

- 620) Show Pony ne 12.2hh
- 621) Show Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 622) Show Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 623) Show Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 624) Show Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 625) Show Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION PRIMARY SHOW HORSE

(Winners from 20-25)

Show Hunter Horse - Senior

- 626) Hunter Pony ne 12.2hh
- 627) Hunter Pony over 12.2 ne 14hh
- 628) Hunter Galloway over 14 ne 14.2hh
- 629) Hunter Galloway over 14.2 ne 15hh
- 630) Hunter Hack over 15hh ne 16hh
- 631) Hunter Hack over 16hh

CHAMPION SENIOR SHOW HUNTER HORSE

(Winners 26-30)

SUPREME JUNIOR HORSE

Pleasure Mount

- 632) Year 7 & 8
- 633) Year 9 & 10
- 634) Year 11 & 12

Pair of Riders

- 635) Year 7 & 8
- 636) Year 9 & 10
- 637) Year 11 & 12

Sporting Events

To be completed 11:30am - 1:00pm

Sporting Events

- Keyhole
- Western Pole Bend
- Snakes & Ladders

Intermediate and Open riders are eligible to compete in all three events. Please ensure you are completing your sporting events during your ring allocated time.

Riders are to have ONE run only.

Results will be calculated within your ring (e.g. Senior Open) into year groups as below.

Primary Rings

- Kindy – Year 2
- Year 3 – Year 6

Senior Rings

- Year 7 – Year 9
- Year 10 – Year 12

1st to 6th place will be awarded for each event within each section.

Champion will be awarded to in each ring.

*Primary Beginners & Novice riders will complete sporting events within their rings.



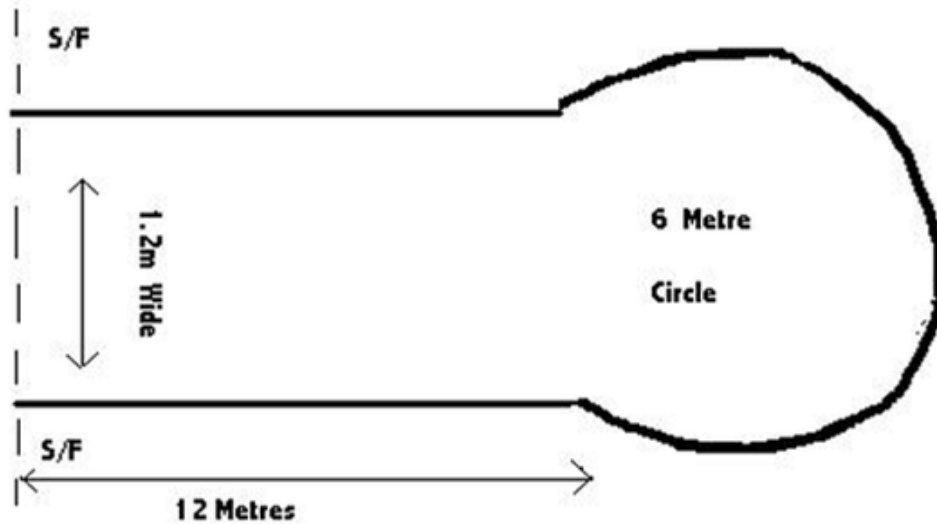
Keyhole Race

Competition

- The rider rides down the lane turning inside the circle and returning down the lane.
- Time starts and stops upon entering and leaving the lane.
- Start area rules apply.

Elimination

- Rider will be eliminated if horse steps on or over a line with one or more feet.
- Knock down of a start/finish peg.
- Fall of horse or rider.



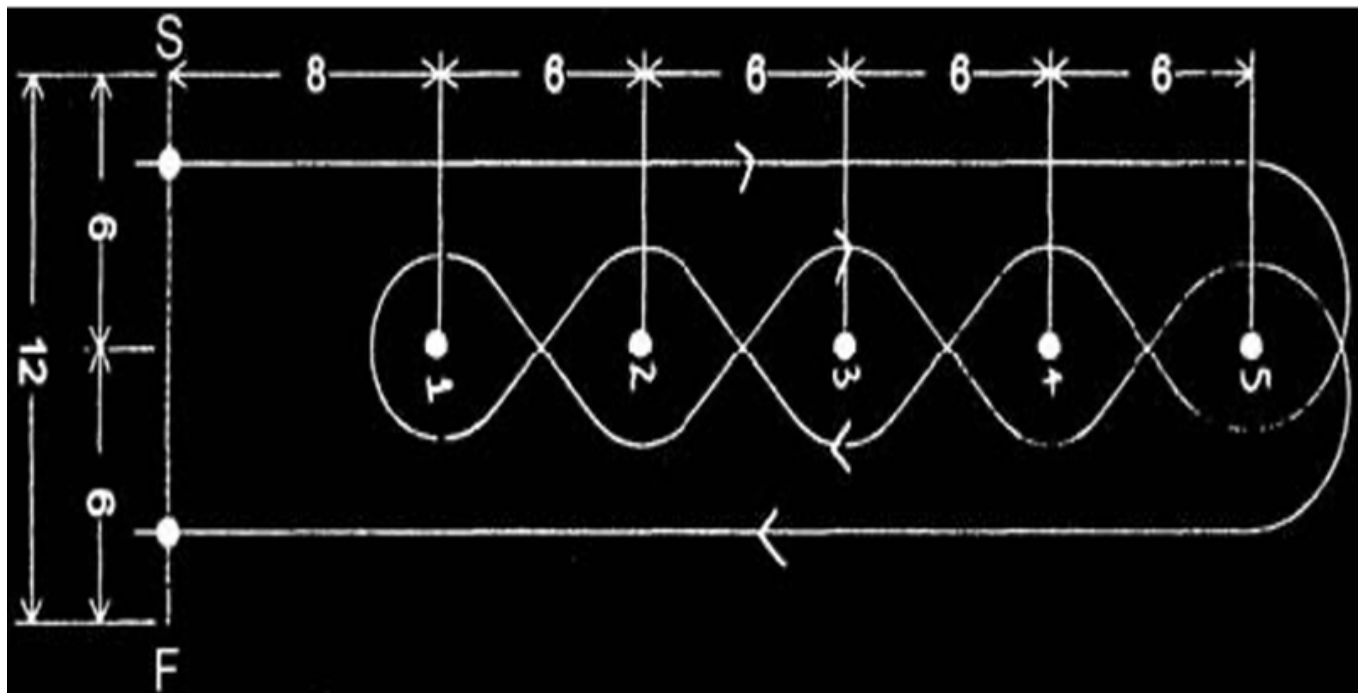
Western Pole Bend

Competition

5 bending poles are used. Ride through the start poles straight to pole number 5, rounding this on your right-hand side and proceed to bend back through the poles towards the start, rounding pole number 1 on your right-hand side. Bend back through the poles to pole number 5, round pole number 5 on your right-hand side and ride straight back through the finish poles.

Elimination

- knock over a peg
- deviate from the prescribed course
- touch a peg with hand



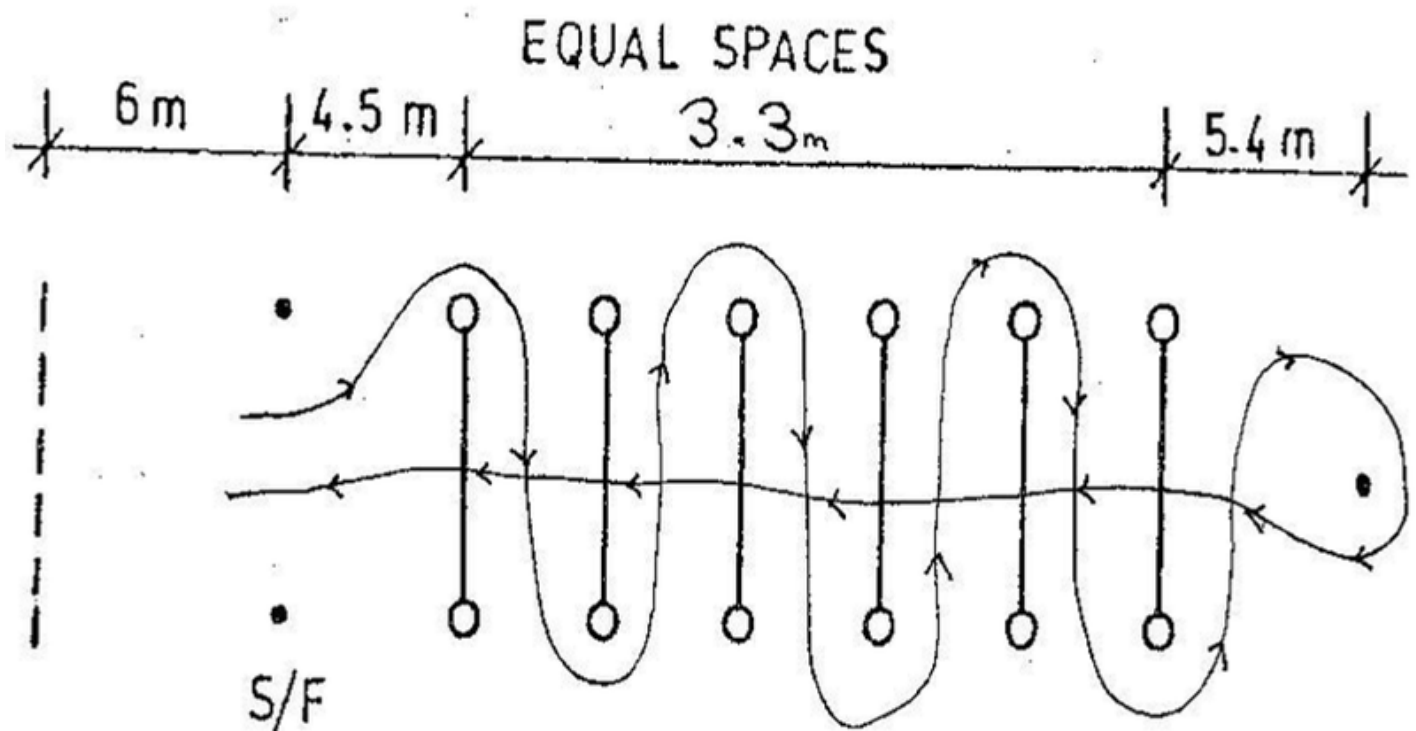
Snakes & Ladders

Competition

Competitor may have a flying start from the 6 metre line. Bend through the rails, with first rail being a right hand. A right hand turn around the top peg. Straight home over the hurdles.

Elimination

- Knocks down a hurdle
- Turns tail or runs out on a hurdle 3 times during the course.
- By passes a hurdle and does not retake it or spreads any two or more hurdles.
- Knocks down or breaks pegs.
- Error of course not rectified
- Touching of a peg with the hand
- Fall of horse or rider



Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Participants

- Abide by the principles of the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow participants, parents / coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators.
- Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow competitors.
- Care for and respect the equipment provided to you as part of the competition.
- Conduct yourself in a positive manner relating to language, temper, and punctuality, be courteous.
- Always maintain high personal behaviour standards.
- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the official, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision.
- Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team
- Cooperate with parents / coaches to adequately prepare you for competition.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach the codes of conduct, as they apply to you.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child or other children for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Show appreciation for good performance by all competitors (including opposing competitors)
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under the age of 18 years, as your words and actions are an example.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (competitor, parent /carer, officials etc)
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, or cultural background.
- Be a positive role model.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach the codes of conduct, as they apply to you.

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct for Spectators

- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a competitor for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials, volunteers, or competitors.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no competition
- Do not use violence, harassment, or abuse in any form (that is, do not use foul language, sledge, or harass competitors, parents / carers, coaches, officials or other spectators)
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural or background.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach the codes of conduct, as they apply to you.

Failure to Meet the Codes

- Failure to meet the codes of conduct, as they apply to you, and as determined by the Headmaster of Arndell Anglican College, or his delegate and the AEC, may result in your and / or your student/s exclusion from the event and / or future events hosted by Arndell Anglican College.

