**Area Competitions 2021**

Here are the rules for the races that have replaced Tyre and Rope -

**Stepping Stones**

Six Stepping Stones for each team will be placed across the centre line about 30cm apart and in a straight line up and down the arena between the lines of bending posts. Numbers One and Three will be mounted at the Start/Finish end of the arena and Numbers Two and Four at the Changeover end.

On the signal to start Number One rides to the stepping-stones, dismounts and, leading his pony steps on each stone and then the ground before remounting to cross the line.

Number Two, Three and Four will similarly complete the course up or down the arena in succession.

Should any pony or rider knock over a stepping-stone, or should a rider step on the ground crossing the stones, he must set up the fallen stones and in both cases return to cross all the stones again, in the direction he was travelling, even if it is the last one which has fallen.

Riders must lead the pony by the rein nearer to them. Fingers must not be in the bit ring at any time.

**Stepping Stones (PAIRS)**

6 Stepping Stones are placed centrally 30cm apart in a straight line up and down the arena between the lines of bending poles.

Number One is mounted at the Start end of the arena and Number Two is mounted at the Changeover end.

On the signal to start Number One rides to the stepping-stones, dismounts and leading his pony steps on each stone and then the ground before remounting to cross the Changeover line.

Number Two will similarly complete the course down the arena and cross the finish line. Should any pony or rider knock over a stepping-stone, or should a rider step on the ground crossing the stones, he must set up the fallen stones and in both cases return to cross all the stones again, in the direction he was travelling, even if it is the last one which has fallen.

Riders must lead the pony by the rein nearer to them. Fingers must not be in the bit ring at any time.
Pyramid
An upturned litterbin will be placed on the Centre Line and a table three yards (3m) behind the Changeover line. On the latter table will be placed four plastic cartons (un-stacked)

On the signal to start, Number One rides to the table behind the Changeover line and collects any carton which is then placed on the Centre line bin. Number One then returns to cross the Start/Finish line.

Number two rides to the table behind the Changeover line, collects a carton and stacks this upon the previous carton placed on the Centre line bin.

Numbers Three and Four complete in a similar manner and the winning team is the one whose Number Four is first over the Finish line with all four cartons stacked on the Centre line bin.

Should any rider wish to adjust the pyramid of cartons, this may only be done using the carton held in his hand before placing that carton on the top of the stack. If a table or bin is knocked over, or the pyramid falls, the rider concerned may dismount to replace them. On the top table or bin the cartons must be placed side by side, at the centre table or bin the cartons must be stacked upright. (See General Rules)

Pyramid (PAIRS)
An upturned bin (or upright table) is placed on the Centre Line and another 3m behind the Changeover line. On the latter bin will be placed four plastic cartons (un-stacked)

On the signal to start, Number One rides to the bin behind the Changeover line and collects any carton which is then placed on the Centre line bin, he then rides back to the bin at the changeover end to collect another carton, returning to the centre bin and placing it on top of the first. Number One then returns to cross the Start/Finish line.

Number two rides to the bin behind the Changeover line, collects a carton and stacks this upon the previous carton placed on the Centre line bin, he then rides back to the bin at the changeover end to collect the final carton, returning to the centre bin and placing it on top.

The winning pair is the one whose Number Two is first over the Finish line with all four cartons stacked on the Centre line bin.

Should any rider wish to adjust the pyramid of cartons, this may only be done using the carton held in his hand before placing that carton on the top of the stack. If a bin is knocked over, or the pyramid falls, the rider concerned may dismount to replace them. On the top bin the cartons must be placed side by side, at the centre bin the cartons must be stacked upright. (See General Rules).