



Boots & Bridles Equestrian Club

Online Bitless Challenge

November 2020

The last online show for the year (we need a break too ;)) is going to be something different completely.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE YOU ENTER!

For this challenge the pattern will only be made available on the day that riders will have to record the videos – 28 November 2020. The pattern will be sent out at 06:00 that morning and riders will have until 23:00 that evening to submit their videos.

The goal behind this is to truly test your horsemanship.

Riders under the age of 18 MUST wear hardhats.

The pattern will be an obstacle course and may include a gate, bridge, poles on the ground, small jumps.

The maximum amount of items you will need to set up any of the possible courses are:

- 13 poles
- 8 markers (such as cones)
- 4 uprights
- Some form of a bridge, like a tarp
- 2 drums
- A gate – rope between 2 uprights
- Something to create cross jumps of maximum 60cm

Please note this list is only an indication of what you MAY need and it is quite possible the course chosen (by random draw) may not contain some of the above obstacles.

There is a catch however – this is a **BITLESS CHALLENGE**. This means:

- You are allowed to ride with a saddle, but the only gear allowed on the horse's head will be a halter. **BUT** the lead rope may not be tied to form reins. It may only be attached to the halter like a normal lead rope. This means you will only have the rope on one side of the horse's neck at a time. You may switch it to the opposite side and back if you wish.
- You may **NOT** use your hands against your horse to steer.

There will be 2 options to enter:

- Bitless for which the headgear rules as above applies
- Bridleless – no bridle or halter, only a neckstrap or nothing will be allowed

Both options will only be required in walk and trot (this will be a first for most after all)

This course will not be the same as the one for the actual bitless challenge hosted by the club.

Tests will be judged per obstacle and rider's ability (i.e. horsemanship).

A portion of each entry fee will go directly towards prize money. Depending on amount of entries this may be either winner takes all or for the first 2 or 3 places.