



Boots & Bridles Equestrian Club, Mpumalanga

We may ride in different saddles, but we all get on from the same side.

Bitless & Bridleless Challenge

3rd Annual Bitless & Bridleless Challenge 2021

Entry fee: R400 [R200 to prize money]

Attire:

Appropriate riding clothes – no shorts, flip flops etc.

Hard hats are **MANDATORY** for riders under the age of 18

Tack:

Competitors may choose to ride with either halter with the rein attached at the bottom only (**new rule – no longer need to be only a single rein, can now be tied to form looped reins**) or with a neckstrap only.

Any saddle may be used.

General rules:

1. Open to all breeds and sizes of horses/ponies
2. Riders under the age of 19 ARE NOT permitted to ride stallions
3. Stallions are to have a YELLOW tag on their bridle or ribbon in their tail
4. Entry fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE**
5. Horses that kick must have a RED ribbon in their tail
6. No galloping outside the arena.
7. Respect each other, the venue and the equipment
8. You may not use your hands on the horse's neck
9. Entries are per horse & rider combination
10. Only competitors and officials allowed in the arena at any time
11. **NO ALCOHOL**
12. Please be at the show grounds at least 30 minutes before commencement of the first class.
13. If you damage any property you will be liable to pay for repairs/replacements
14. No dogs off leash or dogs that will disturb the horses allowed.

New Structure:

1. With the new structure riders may choose whether they ride with a halter with the lead attached at the bottom only OR with a neck strap only.
2. Riders riding with a neckstrap only will receive 2 points for the added difficulty.
3. There will be no separate competitions for riding with the halter or neckstrap.
4. The competition will consist of 3 phases:
 - a. Dressage – 2 tests
 - b. Obstacle Course – 2 tests
 - c. JumpingFor a total of 5 classes
5. Competitors will receive points for each phase. These points will be added together to determine the top 3 riders which will be:
 - a. Bitless & Bridleless Champion (1st)
 - b. Bitless & Bridleless Reserve Champion (2nd)
 - c. Bitless & Bridleless Runner Up (3rd)
6. Prizes will be awarded for the above placings, and will be determined once all entries have been received. Prizes will include cash prizes and sponsored prizes.

The phases explained:



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1. Dressage

- a. 2 Dressage tests will be ridden
- b. These tests will include walk, trot and canter. Two (2) of the 4 Western Dressage Basic level tests will be used.
- c. Please organise your own caller.

2. Obstacle Course

- a. 2 Obstacle courses will be ridden
- b. The obstacle course will include walk, trot and canter.
- c. Obstacles that **may** be found in the obstacle course are: gate, bridge, jump (max 50cm high), poles, drums
- d. The obstacles on the courses will remain in the same place for both courses, but the order to do them will differ.
- e. These obstacle courses will be based on Working Equitation Ease of Handling Courses.

3. Jumping

- a. A course of 6 jumps will be set up, maximum 50cm. The course will be done as an "Ideal Time" where a course time will be determined and riders will be placed according to the least amount of penalties in the closest time to the determined time.



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2nd Annual Online Bitless & Bridleless Challenge 2021

Entry Fee R300 [R200 to prize money]

1. Open to all breeds and sizes of horses/ponies
2. Entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE
3. You may not use your hands on the horse's neck
4. Entries are horse & rider combination specific
5. Attire:
 - a. Appropriate riding clothes
 - b. Hard hats are MANDATORY for riders under the age of 18
6. Tack:
 - a. Competitors may choose to ride with either a halter with the rein attached at the bottom only **(new rule – no longer need to be only a single rein, can now be tied to form looped reins)** or with a neckstrap only.
 - b. Any saddle may be used

New Structure:

1. With the new structure riders may choose whether they ride with a OR with a neck strap only.
2. Riders riding with a neckstrap only will receive 2 points for the added difficulty.
3. There will be no separate competitions for riding with the halter or neckstrap.
4. The competition will consist of 2 phases:
 - a. Obstacle Course
 - b. Show Riding
5. Competitors will receive points for each phase. These points will be added together to determine the top 3 riders which will be:
 - a. Bitless & Bridleless Champion (1st)
 - b. Bitless & Bridleless Reserve Champion (2nd)
 - c. Bitless & Bridleless Runner Up (3rd)
6. Prizes include cash prizes (depending on amount of entries)

Phases Explained:

1. Obstacle Course
 - a. 2 Obstacle courses will be ridden – the obstacles will be the same for both courses, but the order in which to do them will differ.
 - b. The obstacle course will include walk, trot and canter
 - c. Obstacles that **may** be found in the obstacle course are: gate, bridge, jump (max 50cm high), poles, drums
2. Show Riding
 - a. There is no pattern for this phase. This will be run similar to Western Pleasure with riders required to do walk, trot and canter in both directions, finishing with a reinback. The change of direction will be done by crossing the middle of the arena