

THE FOUR PHASES OF WORKING EQUITATION

THE WORKING DRESSAGE PHASE



Working Dressage phase is to train the horse for the obstacles encountered in the day to day work on the farm. Develop and advance the training, and maintain the regularity and correctness of the paces. Special attention to the lightness, impulsion, relaxation and roundness, as the aim is to ride one hand

THE MANEABILITY PHASE



Involves the horse and rider negotiating a number of obstacles that test the attributes of the correct training of horse and rider. All obstacles are numbered in order of execution, with markers indicating the start and finish of each obstacle .

THE SPEED PHASE



This phase is judged solely on the time taken to complete the course with time penalties for errors and bonus seconds for collecting the ring and knocking the ball.

THE CATTLE PHASE



The cattle phase is a timed event & consists of a team of 4 riders. One rider separates an assigned cow from the herd, to a designated pen. Once the chosen cow is separated from the herd, 1 or more team members may assist in herding the cow into the pen, once there, the next team member separates the 2nd cow.