

Natural Equine Tournaments Club

2017 Guide Book

Welcome to The Natural Equine Tournaments Club.

Natural Equine Tournament days give like-minded equestrians a place to have fun and be part of a community, whilst putting their horsemanship skills to purpose, in a range of different disciplines.

At each event we will hold a range of Tournaments. Below are details on the regular Tournaments planned.

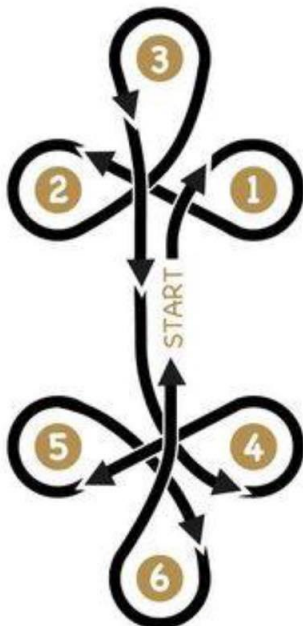
The Tournaments

Gymkhana

We love Gymkhana! This is a great opportunity to have giggle; certainly for the young at heart! The Gymkhana can be done on the ground or in the saddle. It will generally consist of 6 different games, which will include games such as: Bending Poles, Egg & Spoon Race, Sack Race, Flag Race, Water Race and Musical Statues!!

Barrel Racing

Barrel Racing is a timed Tournament which can be done on the ground or in the saddle, with or without a bridle.



Speed Events

Set over a set distance; things like, fastest walk, slowest trot etc. These Tournaments are done individually

Handy Pony

Our favourite class as kids! Handy Pony really puts your relationship with your pony to the test, over a series of obstacles. This can be done on the ground or in the saddle, Online or at Liberty! It will include things like: Putting your horse's feet on something, opening and closing a gate, dragging/moving items, being able to keep your feet still, backing up, a jump, crossing water and all sorts of other challenges!

Example Handy Pony Score Sheet

Natural Equine Tournament Handy Pony			
Names:		Score:	Time:
This event will be timed, when you hit the maximum time you will be asked to finish and your score will be calculated into a percentage, if same scores time will be deciding factor. Total score divided by 120 x 100 for % Tasks can be done in any order. Max time 5 minutes.			
	Task	Max Score	Score
1	Back up through an L, then Through L Phases/aids/quality	10	
2	Jump Quality, score will reflect confidence,	10	
3	Squeeze through tyres Feel/Lightness/aids/quality	10	
4	Get off, do below task and then mount Good stand still, and mounting, can use a block or the pedestal	10	
5	Drag an item, whilst on the ground Confidence, efficiency, technique	10	
6	Pedestal 2 feet on 5 points 4 feet 10	10	
7	Circle pedestal on board or from standing in middle Feel/lightness/aids, quality of circle	10	
8	Cross Tarp Nose, neck, maybe feet, confidence and savvy impacts score	10	
9	Sideways over a Pole Phases/aids/quality	10	
10	Open and close a gate Showing good yields and harmony	10	
11	Harmony & Rapport Putting the relationship first, doing the right thing at the right time for your horses level of ability	10	
12	Wow Factor Turn-out, Showmanship, Pizaz	10	
		120	

Show Jumping

At our Show Jumping Tournaments, you can take part on the ground or in the saddle, at Liberty, with or without a bridle! Each rider will get a score sheet at the end of the day.

On the day we will have a board where you can add your name so you know approximately what time your entry will be, or you can come along after everyone on the board has taken part.

Natural Equine Tournament Show Jumping			
Date:			
Names:		Score:	Time:
This score is calculated by adding penalties for faults and going over time. Then penalties are deducted from Horsemanship scores, time is then taken into consideration placing			
Penalty	Details	per penalty	Score
Obstacle knock down	No eliminations	4	
Exceeding time	1 for every four sec's over	1	
Rapport	Refusal, run out, bolting, on individual situations	4	
		Total	
Horsemanship Scores		Maximum	
Horsemanship	Doing the right thing for you and your horse	10	
Harmony	aids, impulsion, flow	10	
Turn-out Horse	Horse presentation	10	
Turn- out Human	Human Presentation	10	
Wow Factor	10's might be things like, ON from a distance, stick to me in perfect harmony, bridleless with no visual corrections, perfect flexion	10	
		Total	

Dressage

In our Dressage tests, you will be scored in the traditional way a test is marked, BUT we have added a few things to the score sheets which are important to US!

Natural Equine Tournament Dressage			
DATE:			
NAMES:		SCORE:	
	Movements	Max score	score
1	A Enter in working trot and proceed down centre line. C Turn left	10	
2	H - K Half circle 15m Diameter left Between E - H Return to track	10	
3	C Circle right 20m diameter Over X Transition to walk (one horse's length) and proceed to trot	10	
4	M - F Working Trot Before F Half circle 15m diameter right Between B - M Return back to track	10	
5	C Circle 20 m diameter Over X Transition to walk (one horse's length) and proceed in working trot	10	
6	HXF Change rein in working trot. A transition to medium walk	10	
7	K - B Change rein in free walk on long rein B Transition to medium walk BM Medium walk	10	
8	C transition to working trot	10	
9	HEK Working Trot	10	
10	A turn on the centre line. D transition to medium walk Between X& G Halt, immobility and salute	10	
	1 - 10 this score is based on the moves being carried out at the correct marker , correct gait etc.		
	Relationship Doing the right thing at the right time for the horse	10	
	Confidence and Relaxation - Horse	5	
	Confidence and Relaxation - Human	5	
	Horse Turnout Effort	5	
	Horse Turn-out Effort	5	
	Paces Freedom and regularity	10	
	Impulsion Desire to move forwards, elasticity of steps and suppleness of back	10	
	Harmony & Rapport Horses understanding of aids, confidence, balance, lightness and ease of movement	10	
	Riders Position and Seat or Feet if on ground Correctness and effect of aids	10	
	Flexion	10	
	Overall Picture Horse and Human	10	
	TOTAL	190	

Natural Equine Tournament Dressage			
2002 Test Series Preliminary 4			
DATE:		NAMES:	
		SCORE:	
	Movements	Max score	
1	A enter at working trot and proceed down centre line C track right	10	
2	B Circle right 20 metres diameter BFA Working Trot	10	
3	A Down centre line C Track left	10	
4	E Circle left 20 metres diameter EK Working Trot	10	
5	Between K & A Working Canter left AFB Working Canter	10	
6	B Circle left 20 metres diameter	10	
7	BCEK Working Canter K Working Trot	10	
8	A Medium walk BX Half circle left 10 metres diameter XE Half circle right 10 metres diameter	10	
9	E Working Trot between H & C Working Canter	10	
10	B Circle right 20 metres diameter	10	
11	BAEH Working Canter H Working Trot	10	
12	C Medium Walk MXK Change rein at free walk on a long rein K Medium walk A Down centre line	20	
13	D Working trot G Halt. Immobility. Salute. Leave arena at walk on a long rein at A	10	
	1 - 13 this score is based on the moves being carried out at the correct marker, correct gait etc.		
	Relationship Doing the right thing at the right time for the horse	10	
	Confidence and Relaxation - Horse	5	
	Confidence and Relaxation - Human	5	
	Horse Turnout Effort	5	
	Human Turn-out Effort	5	
	Paces Freedom and regularity	10	
	Impulsion Desire to move forwards, elasticity of steps and suppleness of back	10	
	Harmony & Rapport Horses understanding of aids, confidence, balance, lightness and ease of movement	10	
	Riders Position and Seat or Feet if on ground Correctness and effect of aids	10	
	Flexion	10	
	Overall Picture - Horse and Human	10	
	TOTAL	230	

There are two dressage classes:

Intro / Walk & Trot

Prelim

On the day we will have a board where you can add your name and which test you would like to do, if you're unsure you can always just come along at the end.

Horsemanship Showcase

The best way to end a day! Time for a bit of inspiration! You get 5 - 8 minutes, i.e. one or two songs, to showcase your relationship with your horse and you can do anything you like!

Horsemanship Showcase			
Date:		Names:	
Score:			
Whatever you like to one or two songs. Bring songs on an ipod or we will have a selection available.			
		Max Score	Score
Turnout Human	Appearance, outfit, clean, equipment	10	
Turnout Horse	Appearance, outfit, clean, equipment	10	
Respect	Feel/lightness/aids/quality	20	
Impulsion	Human and Horse Impulsion - matching.	10	
Technical Ability	To demonstrate the abilities developed through practice, showing skill and proficiency.	10	
Harmony	Harmonious Relationship	20	
Showmanship	Wow Factor, Choreography, timing and appropriate use of music	20	
	TOTAL	100	

If you have a Tournament suggestion to add to the list please contact us!

Rules

Tack and equipment

Keep it basic, keep it natural. Less is more!

NO: Martingales
Flash nosebands
Side Reins
Tie downs of any sort
Riding without a hat.

YES: BHS approved riding hats
Snaffle or equivalent bridle
Rope hackamore or equivalent
Bridleless!!

GO FOR IT! : Bridle-less
Bareback
Liberty

General

NO: Dogs
No children under 16 without a parent or guardian present for the duration.

YES: Be aware of other people and other horses – safety comes first.
Respect the venue and keep it clean and tidy.

Our biggest rule

Have fun, put the horse first and support each other!

Tips

1. Always put your relationship with your horse first – you will be scored highly for it! For example, in Handy Pony, if you know an obstacle will be harder for your horse, leave it to the end. Always set your horse up for success.
2. Horse and human turnout: The score is not all about being in the perfect 'show' outfit, although we love that too! It's just as much about making an effort – you and your horse being turned out well and appropriately. We love to have fun so be creative, but always stay safe!
3. Plan your day around your horse. There is no need to sign up for each tournament, so decide what to do first once you're there and if your horse isn't ready yet, spend your time finding relaxation in a new environment.
4. Make sure you print off, read and practice the Dressage tests before the day.
5. Get your horse confident with umbrellas, gymkhana flags, opening and closing gates and dragging objects. These things are always scarier in new environments!
6. Don't worry about winning, just progressing with your horse. You can always win next time!

Example of a typical N.E.T day

09.00-10.00	Check in
10.00-12.30	Tournaments ; a combination of all or some of the following
	Handy Pony
	Gymkhana
	Barrel Racing
	Speed events
12.30-13.30	Pot luck lunch ; bring something to share in a giant picnic – a great way to get everyone together!
	Note for 25 th July - we are unable to do pot luck lunch at this venue but the café will be open.
14.00-16.30	Tournaments
	Dressage
	Show Jumping
	Horsemanship Showcases
17.00	Hand out Score sheets and prize giving

Prizes

Rosettes will be given for 1st to 3rd places in each tournament, plus an overall Champion and Reserve Champion of the day for those who really impressed!