

# SUSSEX YEOMANRY SPECIALIST MOUNTED SKILL-AT-ARMS GROUP



## Skill-at-Arms Competitions

### Course Layout and Course Equipment Rules

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#### THE GROUND, ARENA, RUN AND COURSE DIRECTION

The ground should be flat, level and firm.

The arena should be clearly identified to riders, judges and ground crew alike.

The run should be at least 120 yards in length – longer if possible. As a guide, a 120 yard run should be set up so that the peg is 60 yards from the start leaving 60 yards to stop. A longer run where possible is the preferred option as a longer stopping distance is easier on the horse's legs. Whatever the length of the run, the peg should be placed at a distance of 60 yards from the start.

The direction of the run should be such that the competitors are not required to ride into the sun.

## COURSE LAYOUT

**SAA** - a copy of the plan for the SAA course is appended hereto

### Element 1 (Sword Dummies and Jumps)

The start to be 10 yards from the first brush jump with wings **(1)** : the right-hand dummy **(2)** to be between and in line with the edge of the two jumps – at a distance of 15 yards from the first jump : the second brush jump with wings **(3)** to be 15 yards from the dummy (30 yards from the first jump) : the left-hand dummy **(4)** to be 15 yards from and in line with the edge of the second jump. The top of the target on the dummy is to be at a height of 7'6" from the ground. The target itself is to be 7" in diameter.

### Element 2 (Balloons and Jumps)

The first brush jump with wings and first balloon mounted on right-hand wing **(5)** to be opposite the second jump of Element 1 : the second balloon **(6)** to be 15 yards from the first jump and in line with the right-hand wing thereof : the second brush jump with wings and third balloon mounted on left-hand wing **(7)** to be opposite the first jump of Element 1.

*Brush jumps to be 2'6" to 2'9" high and 6' wide. The bottom of the first and third balloons shall be at a height of 3'0". The second balloon shall be mounted onto a holder at a height of 2'0").*

### Element 3 (Two Rings and Peg)

The lance to be placed in a holder **(9)** 18" to the right of the rings prior to the run : the first ring of 2.25 inches internal diameter 4 inches external diameter suspended 6'6" from the ground on a gallow **(10)** to be 25 yards minimum and 30 yards maximum from the lance holder : the second ring of 2.25 inches internal diameter 4 inches external diameter suspended 6'6" from the ground on a gallow **(11)** to be 15 yards from the first gallow : the peg **(12)** to be 15 yards from the second gallow : the markers for the carry line **(13)** to be 15 yards from the peg.

## TWO RINGS AND A PEG WITH LANCE AND SWORD

The first gallows to be 25 yards minimum and 30 yards maximum from the start, the second gallows to be 15 yards from the first gallows and the peg to be 15 yards from the second gallows. Two rings of 2.25 inches internal diameter 4 inches external diameter to be suspended from each gallows 6'6" from the ground.

## TWO ORANGES AND A PEG WITH SWORD

The course will be set up as for two rings and a peg. Oranges will however be suspended from the gallows instead of rings. The oranges must be of a uniform size and not smaller than the rings. They are to be suspended from each gallows, the top of each orange to be 7'2" from the ground.

## **TENTPEGGING WITH LANCE AND SWORD**

The starting marker must be at least 60 yards from the peg

Two markers should be placed either side of the pegging run – 15 yards from the back of the peg (or pegs) to define the carry line.

For individual, half section and section, the pegs will be placed across the track. The distance apart for half section and section will be a minimum of 4 yards. The No.1 peg is closest to the right hand side of the track, looking down the track from the start.

The peg (or pegs if it is a team run) should be driven into the ground at an angle of 60 degrees from the horizontal with the sloping side facing the start with 9 inches of the peg above ground – its face painted white.

In a team run, the pegs should be in a line across the arena with a minimum gap of 4 yards between each peg, teams may be composed of a half section or three or four riders.

## **THE PEGS**

The dimensions of the pegs are 12 inches long, 3, 2 and 1 inches wide and 1 inch thick with the bottom of the peg cut to a point. The pegs should be made of corrugated plastic with corrugations running vertically.

All pegs must be white and of a standard size and shape.

All pegs should be placed in a sand-filled trench at the same depth (at least 4.5 inches of the peg must be below ground level) and at an angle of 60 degrees.

# SKILL AT ARMS COURSE LAYOUT

