



**PONY CLUB**  
AUSTRALIA

# **RULES: THREE MUG RACE (INDIVIDUAL)**

1. There will be a line of four poles.
2. The distance between poles will be 6 metres and the distance between the start line and the first pole 8 metres.
3. Spacing between the lines of poles will be 12 metres.
4. There will be a demarcation line 6 metres out from the line of poles and a steward will supervise each demarcation line.
5. Crossing the demarcation line will incur disqualification. The competitor is deemed to have crossed the demarcation line if one or more of the horse's hooves are placed on or over the line.
6. Poles shall be between 1.35 and 1.5 metres high. At the State Championships, the base will be a cement block the size of a 4 litre ice cream container with a 25mm inside diameter UV in the centre. The base of the block is to be concrete. The pole will be of UV colour grey 20mm outside diameter.
7. Mugs will be placed on the three poles nearest to the starting line, i.e. poles 1, 2 and 3. At State Championships mugs must be enamel.
8. On the signal to start, the competitor will take the mug from pole number 3 and place it on pole number 4, then take the mug from pole number 2 and place it on pole number 3, and finally the mug from pole number 1 and place it on pole number 2 and proceed to cross the finish line.
9. If a rider knocks down a pole or drops a mug, he/she must immediately correct the error before continuing the race. Riders must be mounted when replacing mugs.
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  - a. At State Championships no horse may be held or accompanied to the starting line or outside assistance given. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.
  - b. All Clubs and Zones will be deemed to have adopted the above Rule 10(a) for the respective Club or Zone fixtures unless a Club or Zone at a properly convened Club or Zone Committee Meeting resolves to permit mounts of children under 13 or such lesser age the Club or Zone elects to be held at or accompanied to the start of the race, and that in the event of a child under 13 or such lesser age as the Club or Zone Committee elects, dismounting to pick up a Mug or Pole, such a child may be assisted to catch his or her mount and remount.
11. Schooling on the course is not permitted.
12. If at the judge's discretion a false start is declared, competitors will be recalled by whistle or bell.
13. At State Championships all competitors will complete one timed run with the five fastest contesting the final. The first past the finish line will be the winner.
14. The winner and placegetters are declared when the riders have passed the finish line, mounted on their horses, with all poles and mugs in place and their course has been completed in accordance with the rules.
15. In the event of all competitors in the final being disqualified for infringement of rules, the final will be re-run to determine the winner.
16. If all competitors in the re-run of a final are disqualified for infringement of rules, there will not be a further re-run. Competitors will be placed according to their qualifying times for the final.
17. If some of the finalists are eliminated for infringement of rules in the final, the eliminated competitors will be placed according to their qualifying times for the final.