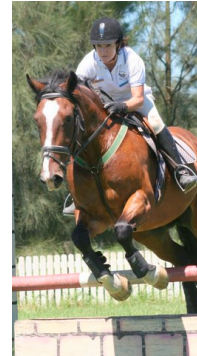


# DERBY DAY

What is it? How does it work?.....



Kellyville Riding Club will run a Derby Day again for members on Sunday, July 12, 2009. I am sure many of you will be asking, what is a Derby Day? Derby Days are a competition test of horse and rider over both showjump fences and cross country obstacles within the same round. Each round takes approximately three minutes - so it's not overly taxing on horse or rider...but is challenging and A LOT of fun!

We will run four classes at this event, Encourager, Newcomer and Introductory levels and an Open Class, starting at 45cm, then 60cm and 75cm and finally 95-100cm. We will plan a very friendly course for our members, to give you the experience of riding a great competitive round suited to you.

An optimum time will be set and published on the course maps – generally the course consists of 15-20 showjump and cross country obstacles. Times will be set a little slower than the recommended eventing times of 325 mpm (metres per minute) for Encourage, 350 mpm for Newcomer and 400 mpm for Introductory levels. Course maps will be provided on the day and the course open for walking early on the day. It is permitted to walk the course after competition has begun, but walkers MUST give way to horses on course at all times. The horse/rider finishing the course with the least amount of penalties and closest to the optimum time wins.

*Body protectors are compulsory from July 1, 2009 for cross country There will be some spares available on the day for your use.*

## What you and your horse should wear

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HRC uniform is acceptable (or a suitable collared t-shirt and jodpurs). Riders must wear correct riding footwear – plain half-chaps are acceptable. ASA and EFA approved safety helmets are compulsory and must be worn at all times when mounted on HRC grounds. Back protectors are compulsory from July 1, 2009. Horses do not need to be plaited. Running martingales are allowed, however no draw reins or standing martingales. Boots and bandages allowed. Short dummy spurs only.

## Penalties for the Derby Day are:

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- 1st disobedience (refusal, etc) at a jump 20 penalty points incurred
- 2nd disobedience (refusal, etc) at same jump - 40 penalty points incurred
- 3rd disobedience (refusal, etc) at same jump - Elimination
- Knockdown of any part of a showjump fence - 10 penalty points incurred
- Fall of rider or horse - Elimination
- Time Faults:
  - Exceeding the optimum time – 0.4 penalty points per second ie. if you are 15 seconds over time you will have 6 penalties
  - More than 20 seconds UNDER the optimum time – 0.4 penalty point for every second or part thereof in excess of 20 seconds ie. if you are 26 seconds under time you will have 2.4 penalties

We will also need assistance at the working bee on the Saturday, as well as on the day, so if you need working bee points to fulfil your membership, or if you have any questions, please contact Jenny Merity, [jmerity@au1.ibm.com](mailto:jmerity@au1.ibm.com) or mobile 0414-968-939.