



## EVPHC POSITIVE VENTURE

**Venue:** Maffra Recreational Reserve, Maffra Vic.

**Date:** Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 May 2024

**Activities:**

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| Sat 11May  | <b>Cones – Odds and Evens</b>                          | <b>Top Score</b>                 |                         |
| Sun 12 May | <b>Precision and Paces (P&amp;P)</b><br>P&P Test No 10 | <b>Cones – Fault Competition</b> | <b>Mobile Obstacles</b> |

### Classes

#### Singles

1. VSE – 90cm and under
2. Small Ponies – 91 cm and not exceeding 124cm
3. Pony – 124cm and not exceeding 149cm
4. Horse – over 149cm

#### Multiples (Tandem/Pair/Team)

5. VSE – 90cm and under
6. Small Ponies – 91 cm and not exceeding 124cm
7. Pony – 124cm and not exceeding 149cm
8. Horse – over 149cm

A complete timetable will be released when number of entries are finalised.

### Officials

Event Director: John Heath  
 Event Secretary: Tom Dowling  
 Course Designer: Tom Dowling  
 P & P Judges: TBA  
 Cones Judge: Tom Dowling  
 Scorer: Les Prosser

### General Information

Sunday 12 May is a self-stewarding event and competitors will be split into two groups. Group A will steward in the morning and Group B will steward in the afternoon.

**Dress/Attire:** A whip is compulsory for all activities. Marathon attire or club uniforms may be worn. Helmets and Body Protectors are highly recommended for all activities; however, helmets are compulsory for the obstacles.



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- Singles/Multiples: See 'Classes' on Page 1.
- Awards: Ribbons will be awarded for overall in each class.
- Catering: There are take away facilities in Maffra (Chinese, Fish and Chips, Pizza) and the Maffra Sports Club provide sit down meals. This will be conducted in the main pavilion – NO alcohol is permitted.
- Dinner and Trivia: Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm following immediately by a Trivia/Games night/Silent Auction. Anticipated finish is 9:00 – 9:30 pm
- Camping: Powered sites are available and includes toilets and showering facilities. Wellington Council fees, payable to EVPHC, are \$20.00 per night per campsite.
- Yards: Plenty of sheltered and open yards are available free of charge. The sheltered yards are in a Cattle Pavilion and it is recommended that portable yards be used also and/or electric fence unit be utilised.
- Dogs: Dogs are permitted but must always be on a leash and under control. Owners are expected to clean up after their dogs. Dogs are **not allowed** on the Main Oval of the Reserve. (Wellington Council rule).
- Grounds: The Maffra Reserve Committee has approved the use of the main oval. During the P & P activity, only two horses are allowed on the main arena – the one competing and the next competitor. Warming up of horses on the main oval is **not** permitted.
- The entire Maffra Reserve is surrounded by fencing with closable gates.

### Conditions of Entry

1. Only drivers that are ACDS members and horses registered to the ACDS will be timed during these events and be eligible for awards.
2. Non-ACDS members will need to fill out a One Activity Membership to participate, but will not be timed and are not eligible for awards. OAMs will not be permitted to drive the Top Score activity and will drive last on each day. An OAM is valid for Saturday and Sunday.
3. For Grooms, relevant ACDS CDE rules apply.
4. The winner of each class will be the highest average placing over the five events.
5. Any helmets/protective head gear suitable for equestrian sport worn at this event must be securely fastened and conform to ACDS requirements. Drivers, passengers & grooms under 18 years MUST wear an approved helmet whilst in the vehicle.
6. Viceroy's are not permitted.
7. It is the responsibility of each competitor to inspect their vehicle and equipment to ensure that it is safe to proceed with the day's activities.
8. **Clearly visible Medical Information Forms must be worn by drivers & grooms/passengers whilst on a carriage in Victoria.**
9. Competitors must be aware of and agree to pay the current excess that applies to any insurance claim that may arise from their participation in this event.
10. The organisers have the right to alter any advertised times, refuse any entry, with or without stating the reason, or re-allocate a competitor to the appropriate class.



11. Only horses on the entry form are permitted to attend, unless prior approval has been received from the organising committee.
12. Entry Forms must be completed. No FULLY completed forms – NO ENTRY.
13. No fires are to be lit on the grounds under any circumstances.
14. Parents are responsible for supervision of their children at this event.
15. RIGHT OF ADMISSION IS RESERVED.

## GENERAL RULES

### Saturday 11 May 2024 – Cones (Odds and Evens)

This cones course is a fault competition course and will be laid out in accordance with the current ACDS CDE Rule Book, with the exception that only 16 cones will be laid out, the maximum distance for this course is 400m and there is no elimination. Competitors will be timed for this event.

Driving the course will differ in that:

1. The driver will run the course twice:
  - a. On the first drive, the competitor negotiates the Start/Finish and odd numbered obstacles only (S/F-1-3-5-7-9-11-13-15-S/F).
  - b. If, for any reason, the driver that would normally be eliminated, according to the CDE Rules, will not be eliminated but placed last in the class. (See No 4 in Conditions of Entry).
  - c. On the second drive, the competitor negotiates the Start/Finish and even numbered obstacles only (S/F-2-4-6-8-10-12-14-16-S/F).
  - d. The rules in 'b' above apply for this round also.
  - e. For each drive, allowable time will be reduced by 20% of the normal times given for a fault competition.
  - f. The maximum time between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> drive is two (2) minutes.
  - g. Fault and time penalties remain the same for a CDE cones course.



Saturday 10 June 2023 – Top Score

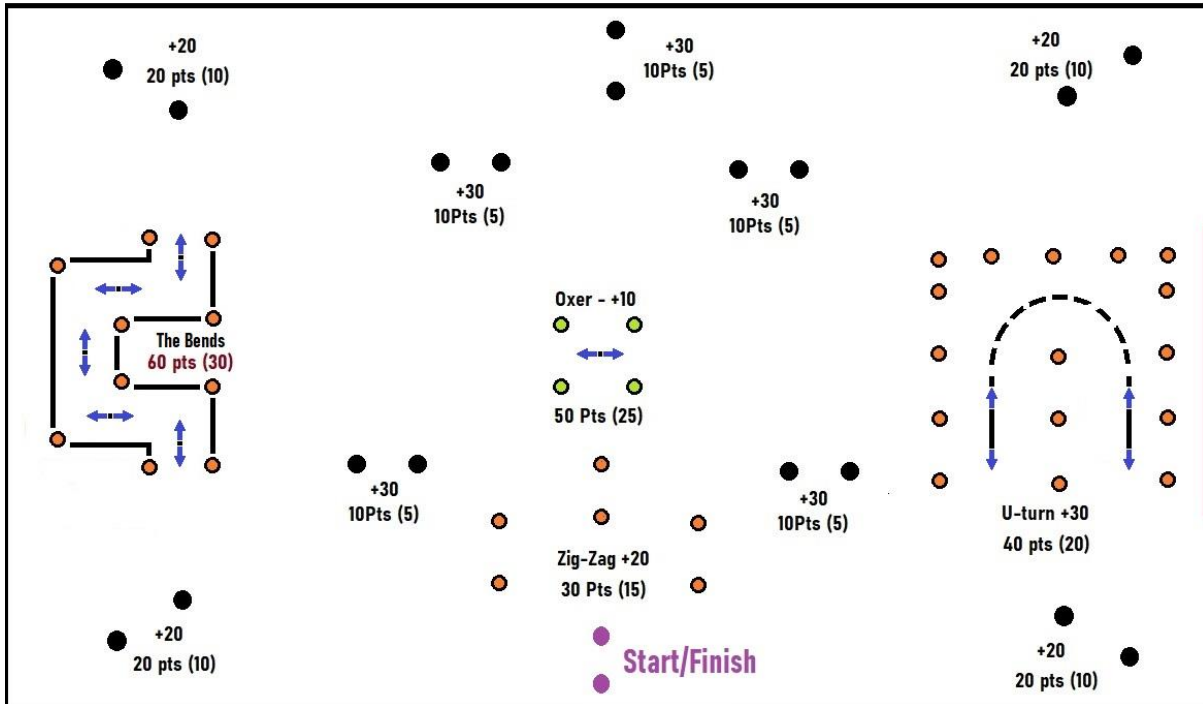


Figure 1 – Top Score Arena Layout

The Top Score arena will be laid out as shown in Figure 1 above.

The aim is to gain as many points in a set time, by successfully completing as many obstacles as possible. The competitor passes through the start gate and may then do the obstacles in any order. It is not necessary to attempt every obstacle.

Each obstacle has a set value depending on its degree of difficulty. The obstacles and the number of points for this course are:

- 1 x Bends Obstacle (elevated rails at 40cm) – 60 pts
- 1 x Oxer – 50 pts
- 1 x U-turn – 40 pts
- 1 x Zig Zag (three parts only) – 30 pts (20 cm clearance)
- 4 x Cones – 20 pts (20 cm clearance)
- 5 x Cones 10 pts (30 cm clearance)

Each of the obstacles shown in Figure 1 have information on them, for example, the Oxer has +10 (the clearance between wheel width and the distance between the cones), 50 pts – the points earned for clearing the obstacle and a number in brackets (the number of penalties if the obstacle is not cleared). The clearance, points earned and penalties are shown for each obstacle.



### Top Score Rules

1. A bell will be rung indicating the competitor can commence the course. Once the competitor goes through the Start/Finish line, the time will commence.
2. Allocated time on the course is 2:00 minutes. The objective is to gather as many points as possible over that allocated time.
3. All obstacles, including the Start/Finish line can be driven in either direction, except the Oxer, which can only be driven in two directions (not four), that is, left to right or right to left, as shown on the map.
4. If an obstacle is cleared (no balls down), the points for that obstacle will be scored.
5. If an obstacle is not cleared, half the points allocated for that obstacle will be taken from your overall score. If the obstacle is not cleared it will not be rebuilt and cannot be driven again in that round. If it is driven again in the same round, the penalty score will be awarded for that obstacle.
6. Each obstacle may be driven twice only, but not in succession. You must drive another obstacle in between driving an obstacle the second time.
  - a. If an obstacle is driven more than twice, for each time it is driven above that, and regardless of whether it is cleared or not, the penalty score will be given for that obstacle.
  - b. If an obstacle is driven again without going through another obstacle, regardless of whether it is cleared or not, the penalty score will be awarded for that obstacle.
7. At the 1 min 40 sec mark, a second bell will be rung to indicate 20 secs remain of the allocated time. The driver must drive through the finish line before the two (2) minutes is recorded. Failure to do so means their score will not be counted and they will be placed last in their class. (See No 4 in Conditions of Entry). See 9 below also.
8. Once the course is commenced, if the driver passes through the Start/Finish line again before the second bell is rung, the time will be taken from that moment and points earned will be awarded.
9. Each competitor may drive the Top Score Course a second time – only the highest score counts toward the overall result.
10. In the event of a tie – the fastest time wins.

### **Sunday 12 May 2024 – Precision and Paces**

This event will be conducted as per the 2021 Indoor/Outdoor Rules that can be found at:

<https://www.australiancarriagedrivingsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-Indoor-Outdoor-Rules.pdf>

The test for this event is the Indoor Precision & Paces Test No 10, which can be found at:

<https://www.australiancarriagedrivingsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Indoor-Dressage-Test-No-10.pdf>

### **Sunday 12 May 2024 – Cones**

This cones course is a fault competition and will be laid out and judged according to the requirements of the current CDE Rule book.



### **Sunday 12 May 2024 – Obstacles**

Four Mobile Obstacles (MOs) will be laid out according to the current CDE Rule Book. There will be a minimum of 50m between obstacles. No overall time will be taken for this section, however, a time for each obstacle will be taken and penalties as per the CDE Rule Book will apply. The finish for this section is when the competitor passes through the 'out' gate of MO4.

### **Timetable**

#### **Friday 10 May 2024**

Grounds are open for camping. If you are arriving on Friday, please contact Tom Dowling on 0428 957 052 or email [td3862@gmail.com](mailto:td3862@gmail.com)

#### **Saturday 11 May 2024**

- 10:45 am Brief for the Odds and Even Cones Course and Top Score. (Jack Williamson Arena)
- 11:00 am Odds and Even Cones Course and Top Score Arena open for inspection.
- 12:30 pm Activities commence.
- 5:30 pm Presentations  
Brief for the Sunday activities on 12 May 2024 (at Blackie's Paddock)  
Includes allocation of each person at a stewarding task.

#### **Sunday 12 May 2024**

- 7:00 am Entire course open for inspection
- 9:00 am Group A commence activities and Group B steward.
- 12:00 pm (TBC) Group B commence activities and Group A steward.
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm Presentations