



Hay Stacking

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

The Hay Stacking competition is a great event to draw a crowd. There are many possible variations of the Hay Stacking Competition. Below we have one example that has been approved by the insurer.

General Requirements

- Bale dimensions: 900mm (L) x 450mm (W) x 375mm (H)
- Surface: Flat ground free from obstacles within 10m of the hay bale retrieval and stacking area
- Team format: Heats of 2-3 teams, depending on available space
- Progression: Fastest teams progress to the final
- Judging: Winners and placegetters determined by fastest time
- Broken bales: No replacements during an event
- Safety: No standing on the completed haystack at any time

Junior Hay Stacking (Ages 10-15)

Objective: Stack 13 bales as fast as possible (maximum 5 bales high)

Stack Formation:

- 4 bales on the bottom layer
- 3 bales on the second
- 2 bales per layer for the top three layers

Rules:

- Only one team member may carry one bale across the line at a time
- Bale must be carried using both strings, not thrown
- Correct bending technique must be used

Stack location: 7 metres from start line

Finish: All team members must stand in front of the completed stack to stop the clock

Senior Hay Stacking (Ages 16 and Over)

Objective: Stack 17 bales as fast as possible (maximum 7 bales high)

Stack Formation:

- 4 bales on the bottom layer
- 3 bales on the second
- 2 bales per layer for the top five layers

Rules: Hay Stacking Competition Guide

- Only one team member may carry one bale across the line at a time
- Bale must be carried using both strings, not thrown
- Correct bending technique must be used

Stack location: 10 metres from start line

Finish: All team members must stand in front of the completed stack to stop the clock

Insurance Notice

If your Show Society wishes to use alternate rules or a different format, your insurance broker must approve these changes prior to the event.