

## Leading Rein Novelty Events – Rules

### 1. Eligibility

1. Leading Rein Novelty Events are open to children aged **3 years and over**.
2. Each horse or pony must be led by a competent adult handler aged **18 years or over**.
3. The adult handler must maintain effective control of the horse or pony at all times.

### 2. Permitted Events

The following Leading Rein Novelty Events may be conducted:

- **Bending:** Horse or pony led around a series of markers.
- **Flag:** Horse or pony led between markers while the child participates in a simple flag activity.
- **Mini Barrels:** Horse or pony led around a small barrel course.
- **Poles on the Ground:** Horse or pony led over poles placed flat on the ground.

### 3. General Conditions

1. All activities must be conducted at a **walk or trot only**.
2. Cantering, galloping, racing and speed-based competition are not permitted.
3. Jumping, raised poles and elevated obstacles are not permitted.
4. The child must wear an approved equestrian safety helmet and appropriate riding footwear.
5. Suitable Leading Rein equipment must be used, with the child retaining their own reins.
6. Horses and ponies must be suitable in temperament, size and experience for the child and activity.
7. Courses must be clearly marked, appropriately spaced and supervised by Show officials.

### 4. Safety and Supervision

1. All events must be conducted in accordance with the AgShows NSW Model Horse Regulations and applicable safety requirements.
2. The organising Show Society must include these activities in its event risk assessment.
3. The Ringmaster or Chief Steward may refuse or discontinue participation where the safety of a child, handler or horse is considered at risk.

### 5. Purpose of Events

Leading Rein Novelty Events are introductory activities designed to encourage participation, confidence and enjoyment for young children.

These events are not independent riding, speed events or Showjumping competitions.

**Note:** Insurer Approval of Leading Rein Novelty Events as Category D Activity



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