Building Show Jumps

This badge is designed to help Members build jumps safely when practising at home or in the warm up arena at competitions.

Guidelines

To be able to recognise various types of show jumps.
To be able to build various types of show jumps safely.
To have an understanding of how to build a simple show jumping course and understand the different lines.

Key points

- Understand the safety implications in relation to building show jumping fences.
- To be able to put trot and canter poles out with the correct distances, suitable for the horses/ponies taking part.
- Understand the reason each type of fence is built.
- Understand how wide to build spreads.
- Understand how to use safety cups and when to use flat cups.
- Understand when and how to use fillers.
- Know about ground lines and false ground lines.

Teaching & Testing

Most of the above could be tested at rallies by watching and questioning Members, letting them build some of the fences using the correct jump cups. Let them place trotting poles out at the correct distance.

Recommended Reading

- The Manual of Horsemanship
- Building Show Jumping Courses – A guide for Beginners
- The Pony Club Show Jumping rules