

4-H BIKE RODEO - YORK COUNTY FAIR

Set up and procedure

2009

Registration

Each contestant must be enrolled in the 4-H Bicycle Safety project to be eligible and must have pre-registered by the July 15 registration deadline. There will be two age divisions: Junior Division - 8 to 11 years of age (4-H age) and Senior Division - 13 to 18 years of age (4-H age).

Control Event - Fast time

The Control Event is a timed event with the fastest time (fastest adjusted time) being the winner. At the starting signal each contestant will ride through the course as fast as they can. The time of riding course by each rider will determine their awards. Times of the ride will be adjusted by the number of course blocks moved during the ride. For every block moved one (1) second will be added to the contestants time.

Course layout:

Set up two rows of blocks, six inches apart for ~ 60 feet. Use twine or wires tied to stakes put in the ground to line the blocks for a uniform distance apart and straight course. Starting line and finish lines needed to be marked at a distance of 10 feet from the course ends. Start and finish lines must be identified. Official time will start when the rider is signaled to start the pattern at the Start Line and is completed when the rider crosses the finish line.

Bike Balance Event - Slow time

The Control Event is a timed event with the slowest time (slowest adjusted time) being the winner. At the starting signal each contestant will ride through the course as slow as they can. The time of riding course by each rider will determine their awards. Times of the ride will be adjusted by the number of course blocks moved during the ride. For every block moved one (1) second will be subtracted from the contestants time.

Course layout:

Will be the same as for the Control Event - Fast: Set up two rows of blocks, six inches apart for ~ 60 feet. Use twine or wires tied to stakes put in the ground to make a uniform distance apart for the blocks. Starting line and finish lines needed to be marked at a distance of 10 feet from the course ends. Start and finish lines must be identified. Official time will start when the rider is signaled to start the pattern at the Start Line and is completed when the rider crosses the finish line.

Bike Slalom - Fast time

The Control Event is a timed event with the fastest time (fastest adjusted time) being the winner. At the starting signal each contestant will ride through the course as fast as they can. The time of riding course by each rider will determine their awards. Times of the ride will be adjusted by the number of obstacles moved or knocked over during the ride.

Using poles or cones a course will be set up with 5 to 7 obstacles aligned in a straight line 20 feet apart. Start and finish lines are to be marked and be a distance of 15 feet from the first obstacle and last obstacle. At the starting signal each contestant will ride through the course as fast as they can. The time of riding course by each rider will determine their awards. Times of the ride will be adjusted by the number of obstacles knocked over during the ride at penalty of 5 seconds per obstacle.

Figure Eight - Fast time

The Figure Eight Event is a timed event with the fastest time (fastest adjusted time) being the winner. At the starting signal each contestant will ride through the course as fast as they can. The time of riding course by each rider will determine their awards. Times of the ride will be adjusted by the number of obstacles moved or knocked over during the ride.

Using six (6) poles or cones a course will be set up with 25 feet between each figure eight pattern, with the poles or cones to be twenty (20) apart. Start and finish lines are to be marked and be a distance of 15 feet from the first obstacle and last obstacle. At the starting signal each contestant will ride through the course as fast as they can. The time of riding course by each rider will determine their awards. Times of the ride will be adjusted if any of the obstacles are knocked over during the ride at penalty of 5 seconds per obstacle.

All Events: Rider's feet must not touch the ground once the crossing the starting line until the course is complete. Touching the ground by the rider with any object other than the bike will disqualify the contestant and no time will be awarded. Feet do not need to remain on the pedals but may not touch the ground. A pattern not completely ridden will disqualify the rider. If the rider loses control of the bike they are disqualified in that event and will be scored a zero for that event.

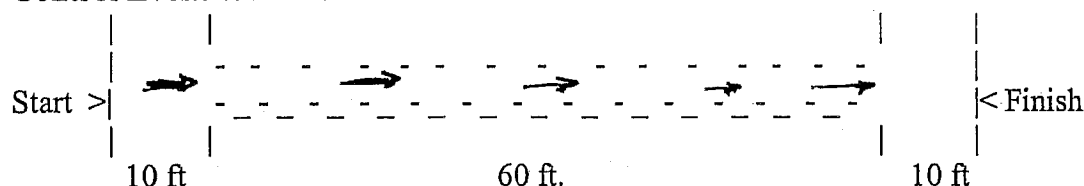
Equipment needed:

Registration/score sheets	Clipboards (4)	Pencils
Stopwatches (3)	Small blocks for course	Poles (5-7)
Twine for course (2 lengths)	Cones (6)	Awards and Ribbons
Tape measures (2)	Volunteers (4-6)	

Hints:

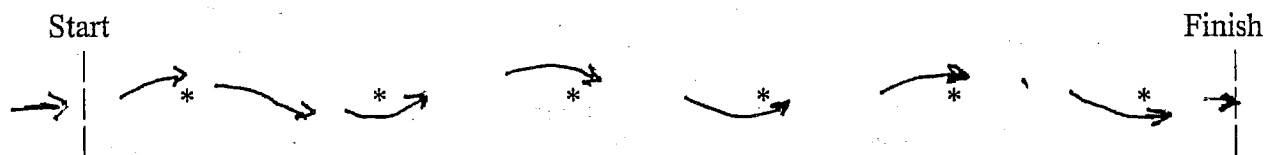
- Set up and measure courses ahead of time
- Need 1 person for bike slalom and figure eight and at least two for control event/bike balance events and an extra person for re-setting blocks
- Start with smaller number group (Jr or Sr) with fewest participants in the control event and bike balance to keep the events moving rapidly.

Control Event & Bike Balance



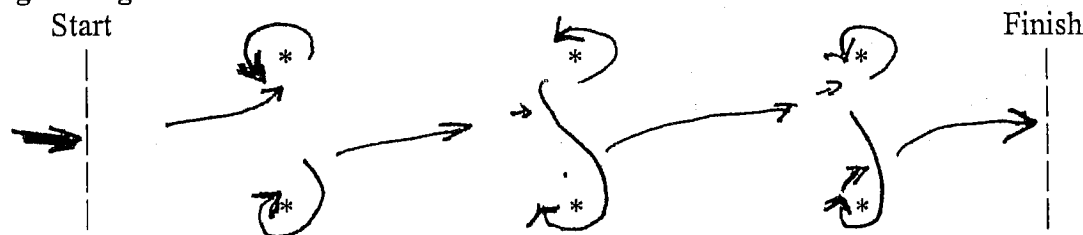
The time of riding course by each rider will determine their awards. Times of the ride will be adjusted by the number of course blocks moved during the ride. For every block moved one (1) second will be added or subtracted depending upon the event to the contestants time.

Bike Slalom



The time of riding course by each rider will determine their awards. Timer will signal the rider to start the pattern and time will begin on that signal. Times of the ride will be adjusted by the number of obstacles knocked over during the ride at penalty of 5 seconds per obstacle.

Figure Eight



The time of riding course by each rider will determine their awards. Timer will signal the rider to start the pattern and time will begin on that signal. Times of the ride will be adjusted if any of the obstacles are knocked over during the ride at penalty of 5 seconds per obstacle. Ride patterns not conforming to the set pattern course will be awarded a 'no time'. 'No times' receive white awards.