

Driving Australia



EA Drive-1 and EA Drive-2 Cones Course A

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Driving Australia Cones Course – Introduction



- This EA Drive-1 and EA Drive-2 Cones Course was produced in order to be used by an EA-affiliated organising committee running a Dressage and Cones format event. It is designed to be a safe, flowing course, set out on a grid for easy erection. It is not designed to be a stand-alone course, but instead, always the second phase after the Dressage phase.
- It is able to be erected after the Dressage Phase in the same 40 x 80m arena.
- It replaces the need for a Course Designer to be on the ground, particularly for Clubs in rural and regional areas.
- It can be erected by a couple of people with a basic knowledge of a dressage arena, using the diagrams in this document. Like any task, the construction of this course will get easier for the volunteers each time it is erected. Obviously, the more volunteers, the better, but at least an hour should be allowed for assembly the first time.
- It is supported by photos showing what each line should look like, after erection and before the Dressage letters are removed.
- It can be erected for both the EA Drive-1 course (basic course where athletes just do numbers 1 through 15 then proceed to the Finish line) and the EA Drive-2 course (more advanced course where the athletes do the whole course of 1 through 20). The Drive-1 entrants simply leave out Cones pairs 15 through 20.
- The Chief Judge walks the course once it has been erected, followed by the course being opened for walking for Athletes and Navigator/Backsteppers (both EA Drive-1 and EA Drive-2). Athletes, particularly novices, should be encouraged to walk the course more than once, while the course is open. The course closes for walking 15 minutes before the draw time for the first Driver.



Driving Australia Cones Course – Requirements



- Dressage arena 40 x 80m with letters only (no arena boundary)
- Two markers (for example, traffic cones) for Start/Finish line
- A red 'S' for the right of the start line, and a black/white 'S' for the left side
- A red 'F' for the right of the Finish line, and a black/white 'F' for the left
- Twenty-seven (27) Driving cones for the Drive-1 course
- An extra eighteen (18) Driving cones to complete the Drive-2 course
- Red display numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15 for the Drive-1 course
- White/black display numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14 for the Drive-1 course
- Additionally, red display numbers 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, A, B, C, D for the Drive-2
- Additionally, white/black display numbers 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, A, B, C, D for the Drive-2 course
- Two stop watches
- Scoresheets
- Table and chairs for judge/officials
- Measuring stick for between the cones, 178cm (for Drive-1 Cones 1 through 10, and for Horse Pairs Drive-2 cones 16 through 20), 168cm (Cones 16 through 20), 188cm (for Horse Pairs for Drive-1 and Horse Four-in-hand for Drive-2), and 198cm (for Horse Four-in-hand for Drive-1)
- Spray paint or similar to mark the position of the red cones in each pair
- A copy of this presentation for assessing the position of the cones using the attached photographs
- At least two volunteers for erecting, and one for writing for the judge

Driving Australia Cones Course – How to Set Up



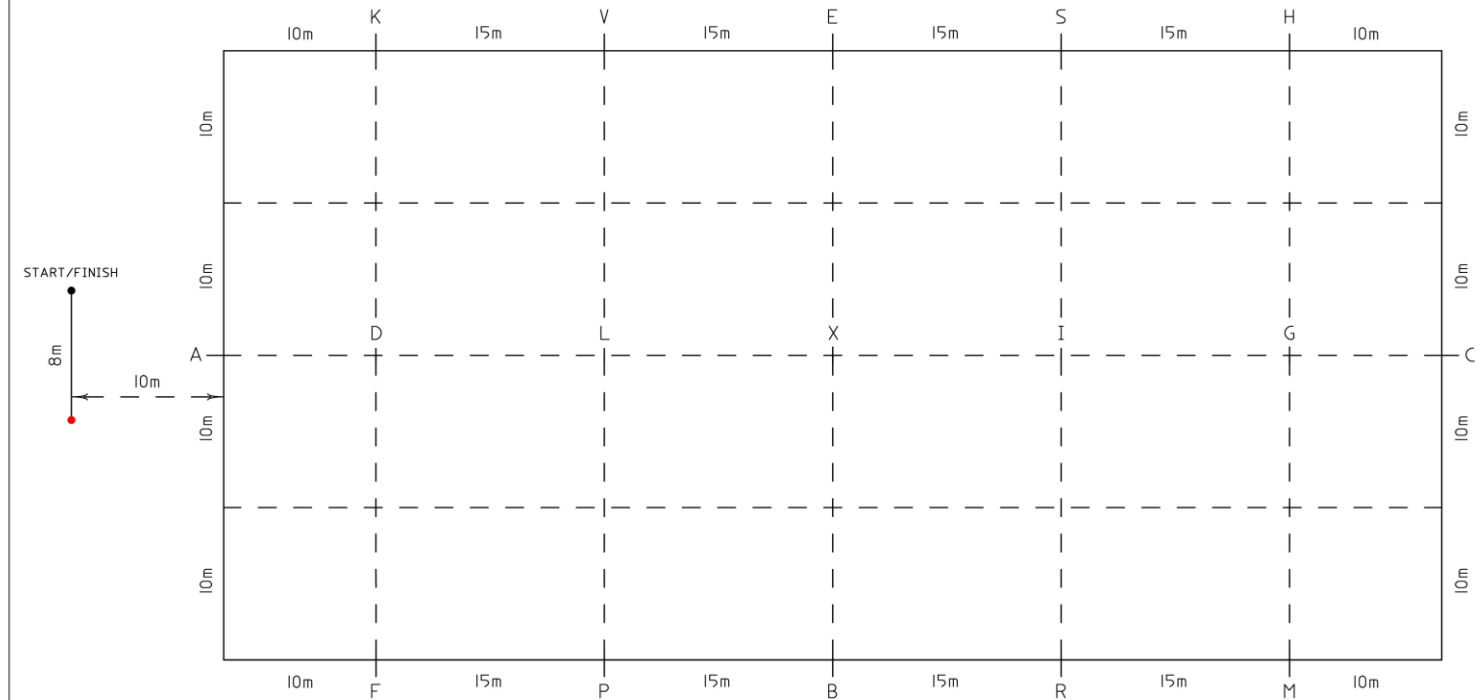
- Start with a 40 x 80m Dressage Arena Grid
- You will need at least two people. Lay out the Dressage arena letters as per usual, as in the grid image attached. You will need the letters A, F, P, B, R, M, C, H, S, E, V and K, as well as 8 other markers for the corners and the quarter line markers on the short sides.
- Place the cones as per the image with the cones on the grid. Have someone stand at the letters looking across to the other side letter (eg M lining up with H, then the quarter line marker lining up with the quarter line marker at the other end, etc). Have that person walk around the outside at least twice to check the placement of the cones (as per photos) while the second person adjusts the cones.
- Cones 5, 6 and 7 are on an angle to the line of travel, about 15 to 30 degrees depending on the skill of your anticipated competitors.
- Remove the dressage letters and short side markers, remembering to put up the Start and Finish line markers.
- Open the course for walking at least two hours before the first Cones draw time.

Driving Australia EA Cones Course A - Grid



Sheet 1 of 3
(Grids)

EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA DRIVE 1 & DRIVE 2 - CONES COURSE A TO BE USED AS PART OF THE DRESSAGE AND CONES CLASSES



Cones Pairs
I through 10
Distance between cones 178cm

Cones Pairs
16 through 20D
Distance between cones 168cm

Cones
11 through 15
Single cones to bend through

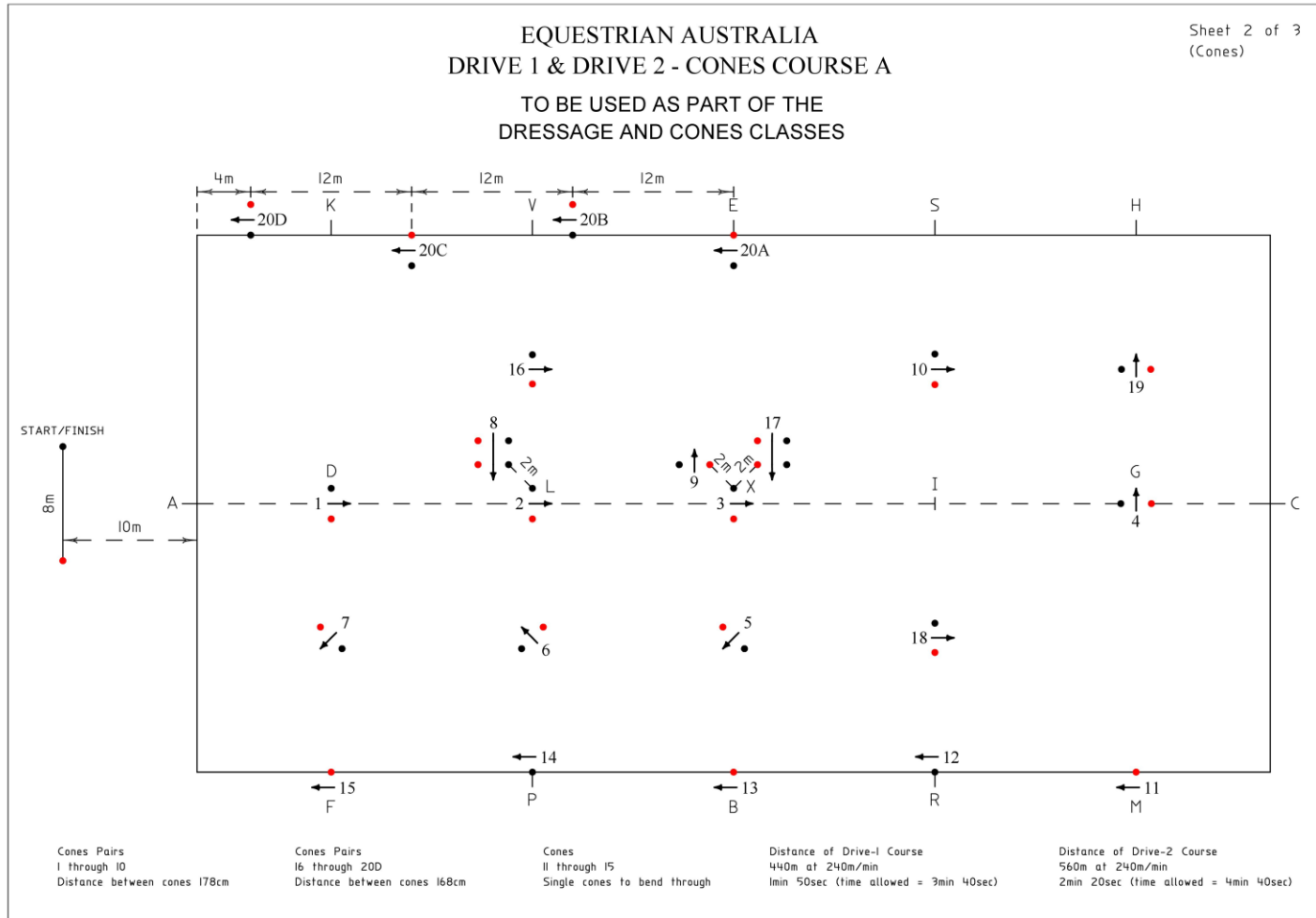
Distance of Drive-1 Course
440m at 240m/min
1min 50sec (time allowed = 3min 40sec)

Distance of Drive-2 Course
560m at 240m/min
2min 20sec (time allowed = 4min 40sec)



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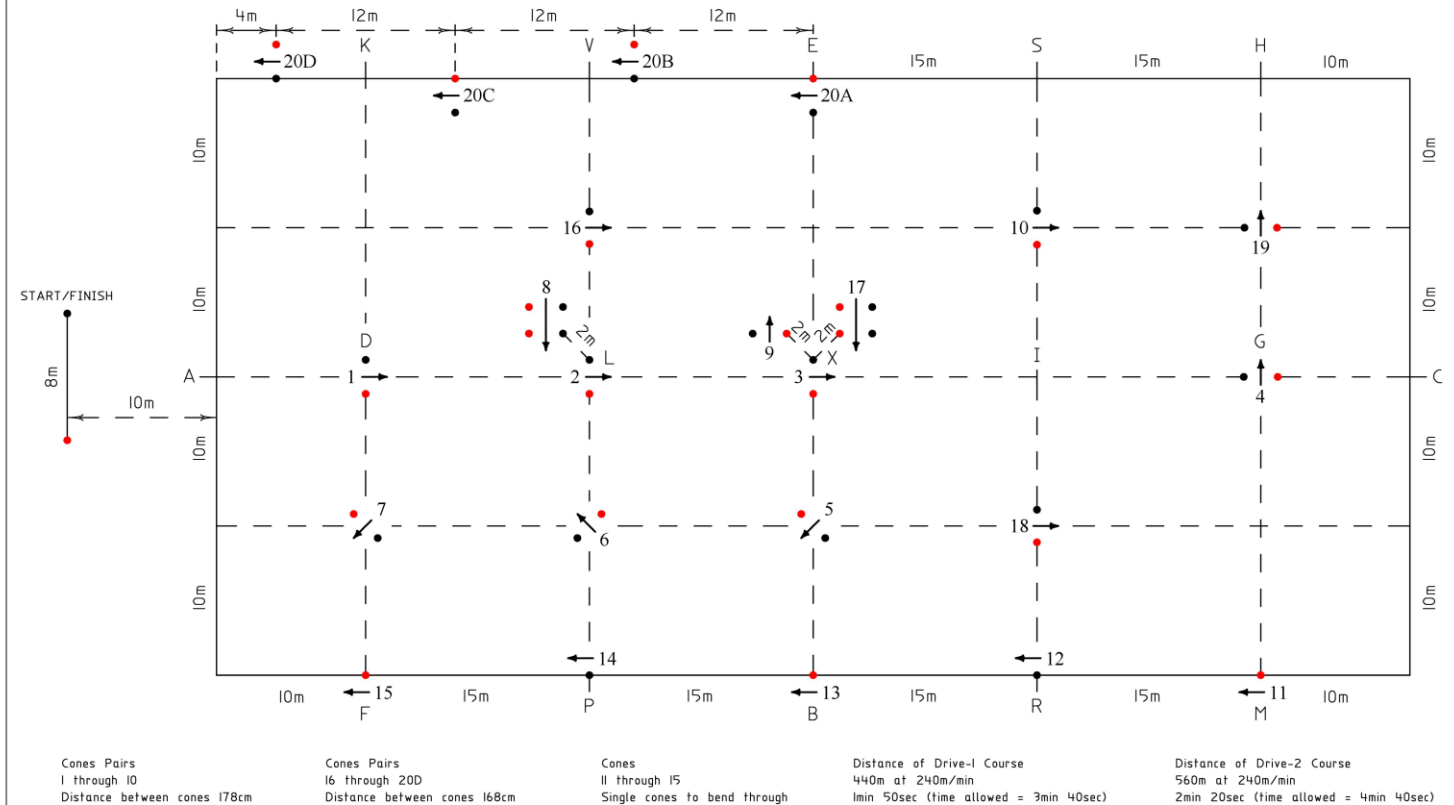
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EA Drive-1 and EA Drive-2

TIMES AND DISTANCES

- Distance between the Cones pairs numbers 1 through 10 - 178cm (inside edge to inside edge)
- Distance between the Cones pairs numbers 16 through 20D - 168cm (inside edge to inside edge)
- Cones 11 through 15 are single cones, to bend through

EA DRIVE-1

- Distance of the EA Drive-1 course is 440m (approximately, measured on a generous line)
- Speed for ideal time is 240m/min
- Time allowed for the course - 1 min 50 sec
- Penalties calculated at 0.5 of a penalty for each second, over 1 min 50 sec
- Time Limit (after which the athlete is eliminated, but can still continue on, for experience only) is 3 min 40 secs (twice the Time Allowed)

EA DRIVE-2

- Distance of the EA Drive-2 course is 450m (approximately, measured on a less generous line than Drive-1)
- Speed for ideal time is 240m/min
- Time allowed for the course - 2 min 20 sec
- Penalties calculated at 0.5 of a penalty for each second, over 2 min 20 sec
- Time Limit (after which the athlete is eliminated, but can still continue on, for experience only) is 4 min 40 secs (twice the Time Allowed)



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A to C – Centre line



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A and F along quarter line



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Long side between A
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View from F to K



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View from P to V



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View from B to E



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View from R to S



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View from M to H



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Quarter line between C
and M



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View from C to A



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View from a line about 4m from C (towards H), parallel to the centre line



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View from quarter line
between C and H



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View from the corner marker between C and H looking down the long side



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View down the long side from E to K –
20 A,20B,20C,20D



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View from E to B



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View from V to P

