

ZERO TURN MOWER OBSTACLE COURSE RULES

*The course will be set up using different brands of zero-turn radius under-belly mowers.

*The object is to:

*Follow the directions given in the diagram, circling the cones to the operator's left on the way down to the 55 gallon drum which is to be circled clockwise and circling the cones to the operators right on the return.

*Conclude pulling headfirst into the parking stall on the operators left & backing out and returning the vehicle to the start position.

***Seat belts must be used if zero turn is equipped with them**

16 YEAR OLD MINIMUM AGE TO ENTER

*Challenges:

*Balls will be placed on top of the cones to help judges determine when the contestant has struck a cone.

*The judges will attempt to reset any balls that are knocked off during a run. If they cannot reset a ball during the run, judges will monitor the cone for further contact and assess penalties as needed.

*The cones on the outside perimeter of the course are considered "out of bounds indicators" and a 30 second penalty will be assessed for every ball knocked off.

*The cones on the corners of the picnic table will be considered "contact indicators" and a 60 second penalty will be assessed for every ball knocked off.

*A ball will also be placed on top of a cone on top of the picnic table. If this ball falls off the cone, that will indicate that the contestant has "run over" the picnic table and he/she will be disqualified.

*55 Gallon Drums will be placed in the center of the course. Balls will be placed on a cone on top of each barrel to serve as "contact" indicators. If a tennis ball is knocked off a cone, it will count as a 60 second penalty.

*Dimensions for the obstacles will be 5" per side wider than the widest point of the widest mower used.

Timing:

*Time will start at the whistle and will end when the operator sets to parking brake and turns the machine off.

SCORING

*Total elapsed time from start to finish in seconds.

*For a bonus, subtract 30 seconds for a perfect run in which no cones or obstacles are hit; add any penalty time to determine final adjusted time score.

*Person with fastest final time is the winner.

PENALTIES

- 1.) Add 30 second penalty for each tennis ball knocked off a "out of bounds" cone.**
- 2.) Add 60 second penalty for "contacting" an obstacle**
- 3.) Disqualification for not following prescribed course in the directions indicated.**
- 4.) Disqualification for running over cones or obstacles. This will be determined by knocking the ball off the can on picnic table, knocking over a 55 gallon drum or knocking/driving over a cone.**

