Miniature Horse Jump Guidelines

Jump Specifications:

- Fences range from 12 to 24 inches in height and are to be a minimum of 5 feet wide.
- All jumps must include a ground line, and standards can be no higher than 40 inches.
- Jumps can include fillers such as boxes, gates, lattice, straw bales, and flowers.
- Courses are to include 5 to 8 jumps.
- No solid fences/fixed rails. All jumps must be able to collapse for safety reasons.

Construction Tips:

Rails: It is recommended that jump rails be made of 1-1 1/2 " schedule 40 PVC piping or other suitable lightweight material with jump cups. This is easier on miniature horse's legs. Rails should be 5 feet long or longer. Home Hardware will cut PVC to length for you!

Standards: You can make your standards and cups out of any material you prefer as long as they are stable and safe for the horse. Standards cannot be taller than 40 inches. Common material choices are wood or PVC.

You can make 3 sets of jump standards like the one pictured below from two pieces of 4"x4"x8' lumber: one 3 ft. set and two 2.5 ft. sets. Or a set of four 2 ft. jumps. The supports on the bottom can be made from 1' offcuts from 2x4s, but one of our leaders has also used 1x3s and those work just fine as well.

The jump standard pictured below was made by one of the leaders on the Horse Committee and has 3D printed jump cups (she can make to order as well) which fit a 4"X4" post, attached with roofing screws (the rubber washer prevents the cup from cracking). Or you can drill holes all the way through the standard and do a normal bolt and pin as well for more adjustability. There are lots of creative ways to make jump cups to hold the rails on google; including cutting it into the wood as shown below. The rails need to be able to be knocked down by the horse to prevent injury, but not fall on their own.

You may wish to try this online guide for making mini horse jumps entirely out of PVC:
https://minihorseforsale.com/how-to-build-mini-horse-jumps/

Examples of Jumps:

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