

# 2024 Shanks Pony Cup

Today, some of you will die.

And it will be no normal death. You will be assassinated!

The 2024 Shanks Pony Cup is a game of assassination. You will be required to assassinate as many fellow Ferals as you can. Whoever assassinates the most Ferals is the winner of the esteemed Shanks Pony Cup.

Kids, don't worry. Nobody will actually die!

## The Courses

There are 2 courses to choose from:

- 5.8km long course
- 3.1km short course

As you can see on the board, these are the Bacchus Comp courses. The original plan had a new course on the other side of the hill, but the RFS burn-off put an end to that.

Follow the yellow arrows with the black star.

Both courses head down the roadway (DO NOT run on the road). 300m down the road take a right turn onto the main fire trail and follow the arrows.

## So this is how it works:

You were supplied a bib with a number on it when you signed on.

If you are running the short course you will have a blue number.

If you are running the long course you will have a pink number.

This number must be attached to the back of your shirt. It is important that runners approaching you from behind can clearly see your number.

If you need help attaching it, I'm sure Vince or Bob can assist.

As you approach the start line for your run, you need to take a number from one of these containers. Again, short course runners will select a blue number and long course runners will select a pink number.

Carry this number with you on your run. This is the number of the runner you need to assassinate!

Whilst on your run, if you catch up to the runner who has the number shown on your card, you then take the card that they are holding.

You have now killed a runner and that runner is out of the game.

You now have the number of the next runner you need to assassinate. Once you catch up to the next runner, you take their card also. You are now holding 2 extra cards meaning you have made 2 kills.

The person who crosses the line with the most cards has made the most kills and is crowned the Shanks Pony Cup champion.

Does this make sense so far?

### Some things to note

If you are killed, make sure you finish your run so that you get your Wardle Waddle points.

If you are a walker, you have a very high chance of being killed.

If you kill someone who has already killed other runners, then you take all the cards they are holding. For example, if you catch Simon Croce and he has 3 cards in his hand from previous kills, then you get to take all of them!

There is a chance that 2 runners are holding each others number. Think about it - neither runner can win the game.

If you are overtaken by someone whose number you are holding, bad luck. You missed the kill.

There is also a chance that no one gets killed. Unlikely, but certainly possible. In this case, the first person across the line will win.

When you get to the finish line, report back to me. I need to know if you are dead, alive and, if so, how many Ferals you assassinated.

As I mentioned earlier, the runner with the most kills is our champion.

Any questions?