



# RULE BOOK

# Carroll County Western Circuit

Our mission is to bring all levels of horse and rider together in our surrounding area to become positive pillars of the riding community. "Together we ride"

## Constitution Article I

### Section 1. TITLE:

This association shall be known as the "Carroll County Western Circuit" and shall at all times be operated as a non-profit Association in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.

### Section 2. OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of the Association shall be to:

- A. Coordinate shows dates.
- B. Promote and/or conduct English/Western horse/pony shows, clinics and trail rides.
- C. To stimulate and regulate any and all matters such as may pertain to the Carroll County Western Circuit.
- D. To work in the interest of and for the improvement of horse/pony activities in Carroll County and the State of Maryland.

### Section 3. PLACE OF BUSINESS:

The principle place of business shall be in Carroll County, Maryland, but business may be carried on at any place convenient to such member of officers, as may be participating.

## Article II

### Section 1.

This association is open to organizational groups sponsoring English/Western horse/pony shows, clinics and trail rides.

### Section 2.

Application for membership in the Carroll County Western Circuit shall be filed with Association Secretary. The Executive Committee will set dues. An annual fee of \$30.00 for individuals, and \$40.00 for families (families must be immediate or resident members of the family home) shall be paid for each annual membership. This fee shall be due and payable each year. Annual membership is not transferable.

### Section 3.

Membership in the Association is a privilege, not a right. Application for which shall be made on forms and by fees and procedures prescribed from time to time by the Association.

Membership or application thereof may be terminated or rejected by the Executive Committee for cause detrimental to the interest of the Association, its programs, policies, objectives and harmonious relationships to its members. You must be at least 12 years of age to be able to vote.

**Section 4.**

All officers must attend all board meetings. If any vacancies are incurred during the year, the Executive Committee will fill the vacancy.

**Section 5.**

Should a question arise that is not covered by the rules, it will be referred to the Executive Committee whose decision is final.

**Section 6.**

Should a special circumstance arise, exceptions may be made on an individual basis, with a majority Executive Committee vote.

**Article III**

**Section 1.**

In the event the Association should fail to meet the obligations of its by-laws, all money will be turned over, by check to the Carroll Hospital Center, in Westminster, Maryland.

**Section 2.**

The Executive Committee must approve dissolution of the Carroll County Western Circuit in writing.

**Section 3.**

All assets will be held for thirty (30) days after notification of the organization and individual members of the proposed dissolution of the Circuit pending rebuttal by any member, organization or individual.

**BY-LAWS**

**Article I**

**Section 1.**

The business and property of the Circuit shall be managed and controlled by the Executive Committee.

**Section 2.**

The Executive Committee will consist of ALL elected officers.

**Section 3.**

Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held whenever called by the direction of the President.

**Section 4.**

The Executive Committee has the right to refuse those entries who have been unsportsmanlike in conduct, or who have cast aspersions on any member of this Circuit at previous horse/pony shows of an organization, of any circuit or have unpaid debts to this circuit, upon approval by the officers.

**Article II**

**Section 1. OFFICERS**

The officers shall be elected at the October meeting by the members in good standing of the Carroll County Western Circuit no less than 90 days and no less than the age of 18 years. These officers will assume their positions at the December meeting.

**Section 2. PRESIDENT**

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings. They shall see that the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Association are enforced and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time. They shall appoint all committees except as provided in the by-laws.

**Section 3. VICE PRESIDENT**

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the President.

**Section 4. SECRETARY (SPEED RING AND PLEASURE RING)**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership meetings, confirm show dates and advise on conflicting dates, mail minutes to the members and be responsible for records.

**Section 5. TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall receive and deposit all monies of the Circuit. The money will be disbursed only upon an itemized statement or receipt. He/she shall account for all of the same by itemized statements in detail at each annual meeting of the members. All checks issued by CCWC will require two (2) signatures by the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director, or any combination thereof.

**Section 6. PLEASURE RING STEWARD**

The Pleasure Ring Steward will be responsible for seeing that all the rules of the Circuit in all Divisions in the Pleasure Ring will be adhered to and to report to the President.

**Section 7. SPEED RING STEWARD**

The Speed Ring Steward will be responsible for seeing that all the rules of the Circuit in all Divisions in the Speed Ring will be adhered to and to report to the President.

**Section 8. SPEED RING ANNOUNCER**

The Speed Ring Announcer will be responsible for announcing the classes and riders to keep the show moving according to the published schedule.

**Article III**

**SHOW AND CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS**

These rules and regulations shall become effective 1/1/2021 and shall be used at all approved shows and contents of the Carroll County Western Circuit.

**RULE A: MEMBERSHIP**

Individual \$30.00                      Family \$40.00

**RULE B: COGGINS TEST**

Effective November 1, 1975

A regulation went into effect which states that all horses over the age of 9 months assembled for horse shows shall be accompanied by a copy of an official negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins Test) made within 12 months of the date of the event for the club to keep on file. All members must provide CCWC with a copy of their horse’s Coggins to keep on file for the entire show season.

**RULE C: POINT REGISTRATION OF HORSE/PONY**

Application for registration of points must be made by a CCWC member in good standing. All members in good standing are entitled to points per horse/rider/division team to entitle them for points in all pointed classes and a permanent number. Exhibitors assume responsibility for showing in proper entry number based on horse/rider combination. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

**RULE D: JUDGES**

1. A judge **may not** officiate in any shows in which a member of his family, any of his/her clients, or any of his/her horses, are competing unless relationship terminated six months prior to said show.

2. A judge may order any person or horse from the competition for bad conduct of one or both.
3. Either the Judge or the Ring Steward may request any exhibitor to remove a horse's bit for examination.
4. All judge's decisions are final.
5. Any act of disobedience or discourtesy to a Judge or a Steward by any person shall constitute a violation.
6. Once a class has been judged, it shall not be re-judged; and once the Judge has marked his records and placing for awards made, there shall be no changing of the Judge's records except for mathematical errors.
7. **Any request to speak to the Judge must be made through the Ring Steward.** When an exhibitor makes a request, it is urged that the Judge, in the presence of the Ring Steward, give his opinion in a courteous and sincere manner. **However, there will be no fraternization between the exhibitor and the Judge during the show.**
8. All Judges' cards will be provided by CCWC and must be signed by the Judge.

#### **RULE E: EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE**

1. It is mandatory that show management supply exhibitors with entry numbers. Failure by the exhibitor to wear the number in a visible manner shall result in disqualification. Exhibitors assume responsibility for showing in the proper entry number based on horse/rider combination. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
2. **Protective headgear (ASTM/SEI approved helmet) with a fixed harness MUST be worn by all riders 17 & under at all times when mounted or riding. Hunting Cap of any type is mandatory for all pleasure riders over the age of 18 in all-flat classes. THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED.**
3. **Tack** shall include
  - a. **Western:** A western saddle is required for all western riding classes. Breast collars are permitted. Acceptable bits for western mounts include hackamore (not mechanical), bosals, O-ring snaffle, egg-butt snaffle, or D-ring snaffle, a curb bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with leverage and are ridden with one hand. The port must be no higher than 3 ½" maximum; rollers and covers are acceptable. Chin chain must be flat. The inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachments which would provide leverage.
  - b. **Speed:** All tack must be in good working order. Tie downs are optional. however, jerk lines, draw reins and tack collars are prohibited. Acceptable bits for speed mounts include hackamore (not mechanical), bosals, O-ring snaffle, egg-butt snaffle, or D-ring snaffle, a curb bit that has a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with leverage and are ridden with one hand. The port must be no higher than 3 ½" maximum; rollers and covers are acceptable. Chin chain must be flat. The inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachments which would provide leverage.
  - c. **English:** An English saddle is required for all English riding classes. Breast collars/plates are permitted. Acceptable English bits for all horses are snaffle (no shank), kimberwick, pelham and/or full bridle (with two reins) all with cavesson nosebands. A leather brow band must be used. In reference to mouthpieces,

nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece (bar). The mouthpiece should be smooth round, oval or egg-shaped, slow twist, straight bar or solid. **For all English divisions: No** draw reins, rubber reins, quirts or gag bits are permitted. Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are prohibited, except in over fences classes.

**The Ring Steward may prohibit any tack or equipment he/she considers too severe. The Ring Steward may also excuse any horse that is not properly controlled by the rider.**

4. **Attire** shall include:

- a. **Western:** pants (slacks, trousers, jeans, etc.), long sleeved shirt with collar (band, stand-up, tuxedo, etc), western hat/**helmet** (youth 17 & under) and cowboy boots. Jackets and sweaters acceptable. Spurs and chaps are optional. **Protective headgear (ASTM/SEI approved helmet) with a fixed harness MUST be worn by all riders 17 & under at all times when mounted or riding.**
- b. **English** shall include coat, breeches, with tall English boots or jodhpur pants with jodhpur boots. Stock tie or choker is required. Spurs of the unrowelled type, crops, or bats are optional. No schooling chaps permitted. Hair must be neat and contained (net or braid). Standing or running Martingales, boots and leg wraps in jumping only. Hunting Cap of any type is mandatory for all pleasure riders over the age 18 in all-flat classes. **Protective headgear (ASTM/SEI approved helmet) with a fixed harness MUST be worn by all riders 17 & under at all times when mounted or riding. Hunting Cap of any type is mandatory for all pleasure riders over the age of 18 in all-flat classes. THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED.**
  - i. The judge may penalize an exhibitor who does not conform to the rules for proper attire.
- c. **Speed:** long or short sleeved shirt with collar, sleeveless shirt with collar, western hat/**helmet** (youth 17 & under) or no hat at all. **Protective headgear (ASTM/SEI approved helmet) with a fixed harness MUST be worn by all riders 17 & under at all times when mounted or riding,** No T-shirts or tank tops are permissible in any event. Tapederos allowed only in Leadline divisions. Tie downs are optional; however, jerk lines and tack collars are prohibited.
  - i. The lead line rider must have stirrups and reins that are the appropriate length and useable, this is in addition to the line the handler is using. The lead line handler must abide by the attire rules as listed above. No sneakers, open-toed shoes, T-shirts, tank tops or shorts are permissible.

#### **RULE F: TIMERS**

Equipment timers will be used in speed events along with a stopwatch. In the event the timers fail, the time from the stopwatch will be the official time. The Judge will not judge timed events. All exhibitors **in timed events who are age 17 & under must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet with a fixed harness.**

#### **RULE G: EXHIBITORS**

1. Exhibitors must comply with Carroll County Western Circuit rules and the Carroll County Agriculture Center regulations. All rules will be posted at the secretary booth on the day of the show.
2. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be ready and at ringside when his/her class is called.
3. Any exhibitor who sets or incites to act in a manner deemed dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or unethical shall be subject to barring by the Executive Committee.
4. Preregistration will be accepted up until 5PM on the Friday prior to a show. Pre-entries may be submitted through the Carroll County Western Circuit website. [www.theccwc.com](http://www.theccwc.com). Day-of registration will begin promptly at 8AM.
5. No one will be allowed in the show-ring once the class has started and there will be no additional sign-ups. **Sign-Ups must be completed at least two (2) classes prior to the one you are signing up for. Entries will close on class prior to the current class.**
6. To ensure the safety of the rider, the use of Velcro, rubber bands or other such fasteners to the saddle and/or boots or stirrups, will be prohibited unless the exhibitor has a medical reason and a doctor note stating this is medically needed for safety of the horse and rider. If an exhibitor is attached to a horse and does not have a medical reason to do so, they will be asked to remove said device. If the exhibitor does not, they will be notified and unable to compete.
7. Practicing patterns (i.e. jump courses, trail, barrels, or poles) is prohibited.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their parking area. Spread manure and hay before leaving. Trash should be taken from the show grounds.
9. **NO REFUNDS.**

#### **RULE H: CRUELTY**

Cruelty or abuse to a horse/pony by any person is in violation of the rules and renders the offender subject to a penalty. The offender will be barred from further participation for the remainder of the show. All entry fees will be forfeited. The Judge will enforce the rule in the ring and the Stewards will enforce the rule outside the ring. **It is the intent of the General Assembly that each animal in the State of Maryland be protected from intentional cruelty. CCWC WILL STRICTLY ENFORCE THIS RULE.**

#### **RULE I: PROTESTS**

1. A protest must be made within 15 minutes of the alleged violation by one individual to the Chief Steward and will be announced to all exhibitors.
2. All ribbons and prize money must be returned to the Steward until the protest has been resolved.
3. The Judge or Ring Steward's decision is final unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules. The soundness of a horse when determined by a judge is not protestable unless a veterinarian is present.

#### **RULE J: TIES**

1. **Ties for English and Western** classes will be at the discretion of the Judge. If the Judge chooses, the Equitation/Horsemanship pattern may be re-ridden in order to break a tie.
2. **Speed** ties will be run with the last class standing or TBA at that time.
3. **Year End** Ties will be the last show placings; i.e. most blues or reds.



**RULE K: SUBSTITUTION OF HORSE/PONY**

No substitutions of horses/ponies will be made. Substitutions in any division for health reasons will be accepted with a valid veterinarian certificate.

**RULE L: AWARDS**

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be given out in the following divisions at each show. Points will be determined with a horse/exhibitor combination only.

Speed Ring Divisions	
Green Horse	All Ages
Lead Line	7 & Under
Y, W/T Y	13 & Under
B	14-17
A, Novice	18 & Over

Pleasure Ring Divisions	
Green Horse	All Ages
Lead Line	7 & Under
Youth	17 & Under
Open	All Ages
Non-Pro	All Ages
In Hand	All Ages
Ranch	All Ages

For horse show purposes, the age of an individual as of January 1, 2021 shall be maintained throughout the entire year. This will also determine who is required to wear a helmet for the entire season. Exhibitors who are 17 on January 1 must wear a helmet for the entire season. Failure to do so could forfeit your eligibility for year-end awards.

Anyone wishing to move forward to the next division may do so; however, once done, may not return to their previous age division. Examples: an exhibitor may opt to move from Non-Pro to Open or Youth, but they may not move back to Non-Pro. For Speed classes, an exhibitor may move from Novice to A, but they may not move back to Novice. Points are not transferable.

**Awards/Divisions**

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be given out in the following divisions at each show. Points will be determined with a horse/exhibitor combination only. Exhibitors must compete in all classes for each division to be eligible for awards. *(Please see Rule O: Description of Events for a listing of classes for each division)*

Speed Divisions	Pleasure Divisions
Lead Line Speed	In Hand
Speed Novice	Lead Line
Speed W/T Y	Non-Pro (Western/English)
Speed Green Horse	Green Horse (Western/English)
Speed A	Youth (Western/English)
Speed B	Open (Western/English)
Speed Y	Ranch

## Points/Money Awards

Points are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	7 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	5 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4 pts
4 <sup>th</sup> place	3 pts
5 <sup>th</sup> place	2 pts
6 <sup>th</sup> place	1 pt

All pointed classes with 12 or more Exhibitors will be a payback class. Paybacks are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$8.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$6.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$4.00
4 <sup>th</sup> place	\$2.00

Exhibitors MUST attend 6 out of 8 shows and provide 2 hours of volunteer service in order to qualify for year-end awards. Volunteer hours must be completed by the end of the show season. Service time is available on a first come first serve basis. Please come to the entry booth.

### **RULE M: CANCELLATION DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If any shows are cancelled due to bad weather, the decision will be made by 10 pm the day before the show. This will be communicated to members via Facebook & Text. Weather conditions will be considered at the showgrounds of Carroll County Ag Center in Westminster, MD.

### **RULE N: DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS**

#### **Speed (Timed Events)**

In all speed events, horses are expected to enter and leave the gate at a controlled walk only. Speed event patterns will be measured and altered to fit the ring being used. In the event there is no starting gate, cones will be used. Adequate room will be provided. Riders must start and finish through the cones for qualifying times.

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be aware of when they fall in the schedule of the class and be prepared at the gate. No exhibitor will be allowed to run if they miss their gate call. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.

In the event the electric timer fails while the exhibitor is on course, they will be given a re-ride immediately or at the end of the class. If the first run is clean when the timer fails and the second is not, the rider shall run until the run is clean. However, should the rider knock or have

any physical penalty that penalty will still be applied to the re ride. Should the timers fail two times in the same class manual timers will be used. Each previous rider will then have 1/10th of a second added to their time.

Knocking over an obstacle while performing the pattern will be given a five-second penalty. No penalty for touching an obstacle while performing the pattern. Going off-course will result in disqualification. In the event of a breakage in equipment which would prevent the rider from completing the course, rider will be given the option to re ride as long as repairs do not take longer than 5 minutes.

"Tripping" the timer while performing the pattern will result in disqualification.

### **Speed Classes**

**Barrel Race:** The horse may take either of the side barrels first. If the right is chosen, it must be circled clockwise and the second and third barrels must be circled counterclockwise. If the left barrel is chosen, it must be circled counter-clockwise and the second and third barrels clockwise. A horse knocking over a barrel will result in five (5) second penalty. Cloverleaf pattern.

**Figure 8 Race:** Two Barrels or stakes will be set in a straight line eighty (80) feet apart. On a right-sided pattern, the rider will begin behind the Start/Finish line, run down to the second barrel, turn counterclockwise, cross through the center, make a clockwise turn around first barrel, cross through center, make a counter-clockwise turn at second barrel, and run straight to the Start/Finish line. Rider can start on left side but must reverse pattern. Rider must complete a figure 8. Knocking down a barrel or stake will result in a five (5) second penalty.

**Plug:** Horses will run down and turn the barrel and run back across the finish line. Knocking down barrel will result in a five (5) second penalty.

**Poles:** Six (6) Standing Poles set twenty-one (21) feet apart in a straight line. Horse will run to the farthest most pole, weave down and back and run towards the finish line. Knocking down a pole will result in a five (5) second penalty.

**Versatility:** Patterns are depicted in Attachment and are decided the morning of the show by Speed Ring Stewart

### **Speed Divisions**

#### **Lead line Speed**

Lead line class is open to riders who are 7 years of age and younger. Lead line exhibitors are required to have an attendee on the ground to assist the rider.

Parent/Handler in all Lead Line classes must be dressed appropriately per English or Western attire. No sneakers, open-toed shoes, T-shirts, tank tops or shorts are permissible.

Points are accumulated on the rider only. The exhibitor will be timed.

The person leading the child into the ring must be at least fifteen (15) years of age. Children under the age of 3 require additional handler on the side. Parent/Handler must stay at horse's shoulder when crossing the Start/Finish line. The Lead Line division will consist of the following classes for year-end awards: Barrels, Figure 8, and Plug. Tie downs are optional; however, jerk lines, draw reins and tack collars are prohibited. Mentally challenged or physically impaired can stay in the Lead Line class or move to the W/T class with an adult running the pattern with them.

Classes for the lead line division:

*Class #1 – Barrels*

*Class #2 – Figure 8*

*Class #3 – Plug*

### **Green Horse Speed**

Green Horse speed class is open to riders of all ages. 1st and 2nd Year Green Horse - Open to horses, regardless of horse's age, that have not shown within the past 2 years. Horses are ineligible after their second year of showing. **Green horses may not cross enter into any other divisions (except Lead Line).**

Classes for the Green Horse Division:

*Class #7 – Poles*

*Class #13 – Plug*

*Class #20 – Barrels*

*Class #26 – Versatility*

*Class #32 – Figure 8*

### **Novice Speed**

Open only to beginner or non-experienced show riders who are 18 years of age or older. Riders are ineligible to continue in Novice after their second year of showing. Anyone wishing to move forward out of the novice division may do so, however, once done, one may not return to the novice division.

Classes for the Novice Division:

*Class #5 – Poles*

*Class #11 – Plug*

*Class #18 – Barrels*

*Class #24 – Versatility*

*Class #30 – Figure 8*

### **Adult Speed**

Open to riders who are 18 years of age or older.

Classes for the Adult Division:

*Class #8 – Poles*

*Class #14 – Plug*

*Class #21 – Barrels*

*Class #27 – Versatility*

*Class #33 – Figure 8*

## **Youth Speed**

Open to riders who are 13 years of age and younger.

Classes for the Youth Division:

*Class #10 – Poles*

*Class #16 – Plug*

*Class #23– Barrels*

*Class #29 – Versatility*

*Class #35 – Figure 8*

## **Walk/Trot Youth Speed**

Open to riders who are 13 years of age and younger. Walk Trot speed riders must remain in the walk or trot during the entire pattern. If the horse breaks stride into a lope/canter the rider has (3) three strides to bring the horse back down to a walk/trot. Walk/Trot speed riders will be disqualified for loping/cantering more than five strides. Gaited horses are welcome but must hold a (2) two beat trot at all times.

Classes for the Walk/Trot Youth Division:

*Class #6 – Poles*

*Class #12 – Plug*

*Class #19 – Barrels*

*Class #25 – Versatility*

*Class #31 – Figure 8*

## **B Speed**

Open to riders who are 14-17 years of age.

Classes for the B Division:

*Class #9 – Poles*

*Class #15 – Plug*

*Class #22– Barrels*

*Class #28 – Versatility*

*Class #34 – Figure 8*

## Pleasure Ring Events

### In Hand Division

The In-hand Division is open to all ages and disciplines. It is intended to showcase a handler's ability to prepare a horse or pony for show, properly present their animal to a judge, and to safely and correctly negotiate obstacles while in-hand.

Horses and ponies may be shown in a plain leather halter (recommended for halter classes), silver show halter, or English bridle.

Points from Showmanship classes will also be counted for the respective division. (i.e. Western Showmanship points will count for both the in-hand division as well as the Western division). Exhibitors choosing to show in the In-hand Division and the Green Horse Division, or the Open Division will be charged entry fee for both divisions. For exhibitors who choose to compete in In-hand, Open, and Green Horse, the highest Showmanship placing will be counted towards In-hand Division awards.

Lunge Line – 2 and Under: The purpose of this class is to reward quality of movement, conformation and trainability for horses 2 years old and younger.

- Classes will be judged on performance-based movement. Classes will be judged on 70% movement and 30% conformation. Either a regular halter (in good repair) or a show type halter is acceptable. The lunge line may not exceed 30 feet in length. It is permissible to use a lunge whip; however, disqualification will occur if the exhibitor blatantly strikes the horse with the whip to cause forward or lateral movement at any time during the lunging demonstration.
- Horses will be penalized for stepping over lunge line or for lunge line touching the ground.
- Horses will have to walk, trot and lope in both directions on the lunge line in a set amount of time.
- The exhibitor will have 90 seconds to present their horse (45 seconds will be announced). English or western show attire must be worn during the class. The conformation inspection will occur as the horse is walked into the arena prior to the lunging demonstration at which time the judge will also evaluate the horse for conformation suitable for future under saddle performance.

Classes for the In-hand Division:

*Class # 17 - Open Halter 2 Years and Under- Open to horses aged 2 years old and under. Horse will be judged on general appearance, balance, skeletal structure, soundness and trueness to breed.*

OR

*Class #18 - Open Halter 3 Years and Over- Open to horses aged 3 years old and over. Horse will be judged on general appearance, balance, skeletal structure, soundness and trueness to breed.*

*Class #22 - Green Horse- Showmanship - Exhibitors are judged on their ability to prepare their horse for show. An in-hand pattern will be required.*

OR

*Class #24 - Open- Showmanship- Exhibitors are judged on their ability to prepare their horse for show. An in-hand pattern will be required.*

*Class #25 – Lunge Line 2 and Under – this class consists of two sections: Conformation/Equipment Inspection and Lunging Demonstration.*

*Class #26 -Open In Hand Trail*

### **Lead line Division**

The Lead line Division is open to exhibitors aged 7 years old and younger. An attendant must be present in the show ring to assist the rider. Mounts may be either attached or detached. Horses and ponies may be shown in either English or Western tack and attire. Exhibitors will be judged 50% on the suitability of the mount to the rider and 50% on the hands and seat of the rider.

Classes for the Lead line Division:

*Class #21 - Lead line Showmanship- judged on the exhibitor's ability to prepare and present their mount to the judge in-hand. Exhibitors may be asked to walk, perform a pattern, or back.*

*Class #27 - Lead line Pleasure- To be shown on a lead line or detached at a walk on the rail in both directions.*

*Class #28 - Lead line Horsemanship (pattern) - To be shown on a lead line or detached at a walk. Exhibitors will be asked to complete a pattern*

*Class #29 - Lead line Trail- To be shown on a lead line or detached at a walk. Exhibitors will be asked to negotiate obstacles*

### **Non-Pro Division – Western**

Open to exhibitors of all ages whom, in the three years preceding the show season, have not received direct (money) or indirect (goods or services) remuneration for the following activities:

- Training or showing astride in any equine discipline

- Giving instruction on the showing or training of a performance horse

Once a horse and/or rider has earned a championship in this division, they are no longer eligible to compete in Non-Pro. Exhibitors are permitted to move to either the Youth or Open Division, but are not permitted to move back to Non-Pro. Cross-entering in the Green Horse Division and Ranch Open is permitted.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

Classes in the Non-Pro Divisions are walk, jog. **No lope will be used in patterns or rail.**

Classes for Non-Pro Division – Western

*Class #22* - Non-Pro Showmanship – The class will be judged with emphasis on the exhibitor’s ability to handle and show their horse in hand. Pattern may be required.

*Class #31* - Non-Pro Western Trail – Exhibitors are required to maneuver through obstacles at designated gaits

*Class #36* - Non-Pro Western Pleasure – Exhibitors travel both directions on the rail

*Class #41* - Non-Pro Western Disciplined Rail- Horses are judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the judge

*Class #44* - Non-Pro Western Horsemanship – Exhibitors are required to complete a pattern and may be required to travel on the rail

### **Green Horse Division – Western**

Open to horses of any age that have limited show experience of no more than two years. No shank bits are permitted in Green Horse Classes. Green horses may cross enter in to Non-Pro **OR** Open, and Open Ranch but must retain the use of two hand bit. Classes require walk, jog, lope, halt, and backing. Other directions will be clarified by the judge.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

Classes for Green Horse Division - Western

*Class #22* - Green Horse Showmanship – The class will be judged with emphasis on the exhibitor’s ability to handle and show their horse in hand. Pattern may be required.

*Class #31* - Green Horse Western Trail – Exhibitors are required to maneuver through obstacles at designated gaits

*Class #36* - Green Horse Western Pleasure – Exhibitors travel both directions on the rail

*Class #41* - Green Horse Western Disciplined Rail- Horses are judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the judge



*Class #44 - Green Horse Western Horsemanship – Exhibitors are required to complete a pattern and may be required to travel on the rail*

### **Youth Division – Western**

Open to exhibitors 17 years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the respective show season. Exhibitors are required to wear an ASTM approved helmet while mounted. Western hats are acceptable for in hand classes. Youth riders can cross enter in to the Open, Green Horse, and Open Ranch. Classes require walk, jog, lope, halt, and backing. Other directions will be clarified by the judge.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

#### Classes for Youth Division – Western

*Class #23 - Youth Showmanship – The class will be judged with emphasis on the exhibitor’s ability to handle and show their horse in hand. Pattern may be required.*

*Class #32 - Youth Western Trail – Exhibitors are required to maneuver through obstacles at designated gaits*

*Class #37 - Youth Western Pleasure – Exhibitors travel both directions on the rail*

*Class #42 - Youth Western Disciplined Rail- Horses are judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the judge*

*Class #45 - Youth Western Horsemanship – Exhibitors are required to complete a pattern and may be required to travel on the rail.*

### **Open Division – Western**

Open to exhibitors of all ages and skill. Exhibitors 17 years of age and under are required to wear an ASTM helmet when mounted. Classes require walk, jog, lope, halt, and backing. Other directions will be clarified by the judge.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

#### Classes for Open Division – Western

*Class # 24 - Open Showmanship – exhibitors are required to complete a pattern in hand*

*Class #33 - Open Western Trail – exhibitors are required to maneuver through obstacles at designated gaits*

*Class #38 - Open Western Pleasure – exhibitors travel both directions on the rail*

*Class #43 - Open Western Disciplined Rail- horses are judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the judge*

*Class #46* - Open Western Horsemanship – exhibitors are required to complete a pattern and may be required to travel on the rail

### **Ranch Division**

Open to horses and riders of all ages. This division is judged on the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. Classes are designed to show the horse's ability to work at a forward speed while under control and responsive to the rider. Tack and attire for this division is simple and clean with minimal silver on tack and a button-down shirt and jeans for the rider. Exhibitors 17 years of age and under are required to wear an ASTM-approved helmet when mounted. Exhibitors will be required to walk, jog, extended jog, lope, extended lope, halt and back as well as any other direction provided by the Judge.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

#### Classes for Ranch Division

*Class #19* -Ranch Halter – In hand confirmation class judged on the ideal working horse

*Class #34* - Ranch Trail – Exhibitors will maneuver through designated obstacles in a pattern

*Class #39* - Ranch Pleasure – Exhibitors perform rail work to exhibit ideal characteristics of working horse

*Class #47* - Ranch Riding – Exhibitors will perform one of five AQHA Ranch Riding Patterns

*Class #49* - Ranch Round Up – Timed pattern event

### **Youth Ranch Division**

Open to horses and riders 17 and under. This division is judged on the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working horse. Classes are designed to show the horse's ability to work at a forward speed while under control and responsive to the rider. Tack and attire for this division is simple and clean with minimal silver on tack and a button-down shirt and jeans for the rider. Exhibitors 17 years of age and under are required to wear an ASTM-approved helmet when mounted. Exhibitors will be required to walk, jog, extended jog, lope, extended lope, halt and back as well as any other direction provided by the Judge.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

#### Classes for Youth Ranch Division

*Class #20* -Youth Ranch Halter – In hand confirmation class judged on the ideal working horse

*Class #35* – Youth Ranch Trail – Exhibitors will maneuver through designated obstacles in a pattern

*Class #40* – Youth Ranch Pleasure – Exhibitors perform rail work to exhibit ideal characteristics of working horse

*Class #48* – Youth Ranch Riding – Exhibitors will perform one of five AQHA Ranch Riding Patterns

*Class #50* – Youth Ranch Round Up – Timed pattern event

### **Non-Pro Division – English**

Open to exhibitors of all ages whom, in the three years preceding the show season, has not received direct (money) or indirect (goods or services) remuneration for the following activities. Once a horse and/or rider has earned a championship in this division, they are no longer eligible to compete in Non-Pro.

- Training or showing astride in any equine discipline
- Giving instruction on the showing or training of a performance horse

Classes in the Non-Pro Divisions are walk, trot, halt, and backing. Canter will not be called in rail classes. Horses and ponies are permitted three (3) canter strides after a jump in Over Fences classes. Exhibitors are permitted to move to either the Youth or Open Division, but are not permitted to move back to Non-Pro. Cross-entering in the Green Horse Division is permitted

Course will consist of eight (8) fences. Mounts will be required to jump 18-inch cross rails in Over Fences classes.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

### Classes for Non-Pro Division – English

*Class #2* - Non-Pro English Under Saddle – To be shown on the rail in both directions. Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and quality of gait.

*Class #5* - Non-Pro English Equitation- Mounts will be required to complete a pattern and may be asked to travel on the rail. Exhibitors will be judged on style and position

*Class #8* - Non-Pro English Disciplined Rail– Horses will be judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the Judge

*Class #11* - Non-Pro English Over Fences– Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and willingness over fences

*Class #14* - Non-Pro English Equitation Over Fences– Riders will be judged on their ability to negotiate a course of fences, as well as style and position as they do so.

### **Green Horse Division- English**

Open to horses of any age that have limited show experience of no more than two years. Green horses may cross enter in to qualified divisions. Classes require walk, jog, canter, halt, and backing. Other directions will be clarified by the judge.

Course will consist of eight (8) fences. Mounts will be required to jump 18-inch cross rails in Over Fences classes.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

#### Classes for Green Horse Division – English

*Class #2* - Green Horse English Under Saddle – To be shown on the rail in both directions. Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and quality of gait.

*Class #5* - Green Horse English Equitation- Mounts will be required to complete a pattern and may be asked to travel on the rail. Exhibitors will be judged on style and position

*Class #8* - Green Horse English Disciplined Rail– Horses will be judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the Judge

*Class #11* - Green Horse English Over Fences– Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and willingness over fences

*Class #14* - Green Horse English Equitation Over Fences– Riders will be judged on their ability to negotiate a course of fences, as well as style and position as they do so.

#### **Youth Division – English**

Open to exhibitors 17 years of age and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the respective show season. Exhibitors are required to wear an ASTM approved helmet while mounted. Youth riders can cross enter into any qualifying division. Classes require walk, jog, canter, halt, and backing. Other directions will be clarified by the judge.

Course will consist of eight (8) fences. Mounts will be asked jump 2' straight rails.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

#### Classes for Youth Division – English

*Class #3* - Youth English Under Saddle – To be shown on the rail in both directions. Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and quality of gait.

*Class #6*- Youth English Equitation- Mounts will be required to complete a pattern and may be asked to travel on the rail. Exhibitors will be judged on style and position

*Class #9* - Youth English Disciplined Rail– Horses will be judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the Judge

*Class #12* - Youth English Over Fences– Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and willingness over fences

*Class #15* - Youth English Equitation Over Fences– Riders will be judged on their ability to negotiate a course of fences, as well as style and position as they do so.

## Open Division – English

Open to exhibitors of all ages and skill. Lead line entries are not permitted. Exhibitors 17 years of age and under are required to wear an ASTM helmet when mounted. Classes require walk, trot, canter, halt, and backing. Other directions will be clarified by the judge.

Course will consist of eight (8) fences. Mounts will be asked to jump 2'3".

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

Classes for Open Division- English

*Class #4* - Open English Under Saddle – To be shown on the rail in both directions. Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and quality of gait.

*Class #7* - Open English Equitation- Mounts will be required to complete a pattern and may be asked to travel on the rail. Exhibitors will be judged on style and position

*Class #10* - Open English Disciplined Rail– Horses will be judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the Judge

*Class #13* - Open English Over Fences– Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and willingness over fences

*Class #16* - Open English Equitation Over Fences– Riders will be judged on their ability to negotiate a course of fences, as well as style and position as they do so.

## Jackpot Classes

Jackpot classes are not pointed. Up to 70% of entry fees will be paid back to the exhibitors, depending on number of entries. (*Please see table below*). The Carroll County Western Circuit will retain the remaining percentage. Ribbons and coins will NOT be awarded in any Jackpot Class. Paybacks will not be awarded if fewer than 5 entries are received.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

Paybacks will be distributed as follows:

5 Entries		6 or more Entries	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	40%	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	40%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	20%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	20%
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	10%

## Jackpot Classes

*(Class #1)* Open- English Jackpot Warm Up (non-pointed) - Class to be shown both ways of the ring at the walk and trot. May be asked to halt or back. Judged on the horse only.

*(Class #30)* Open- Western Jackpot Warm Up (non-pointed) - Class to be shown both ways of the ring at the walk and jog. May be asked to halt or back. Judged on the horse only.

# SPEED VERSATILITY PATTERNS

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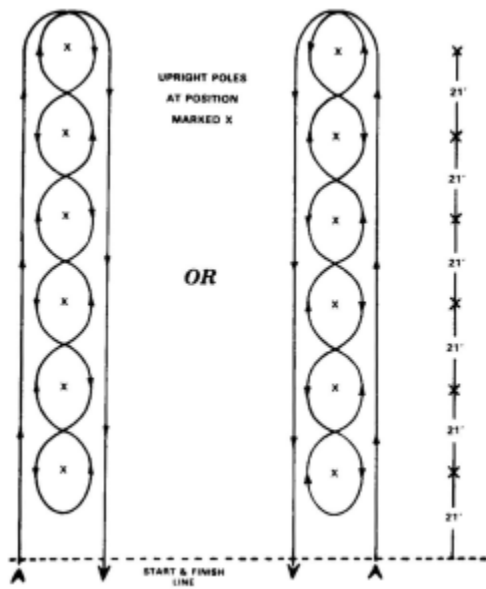
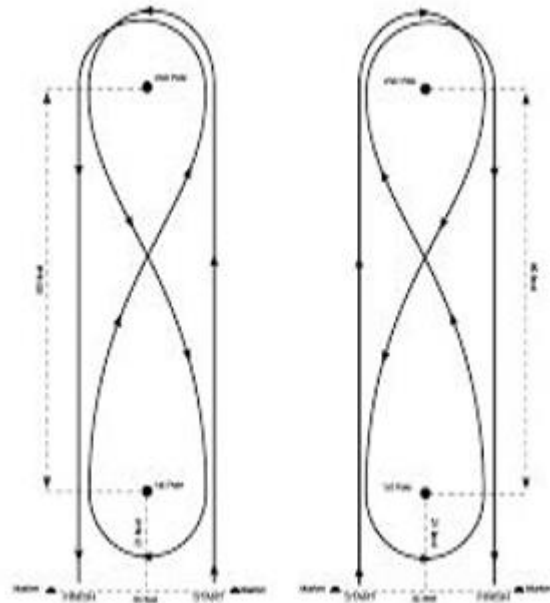
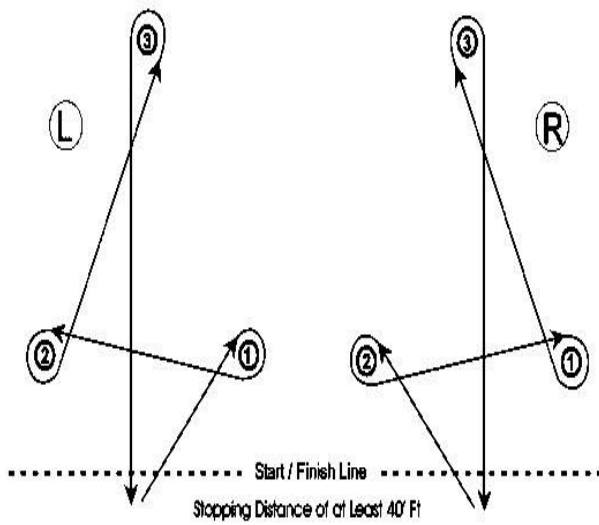


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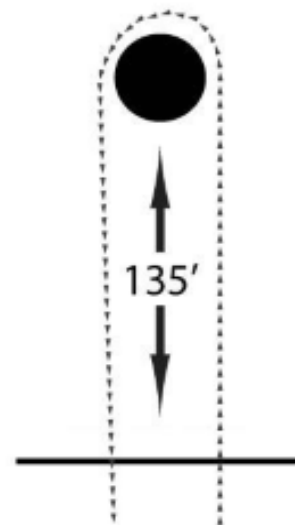
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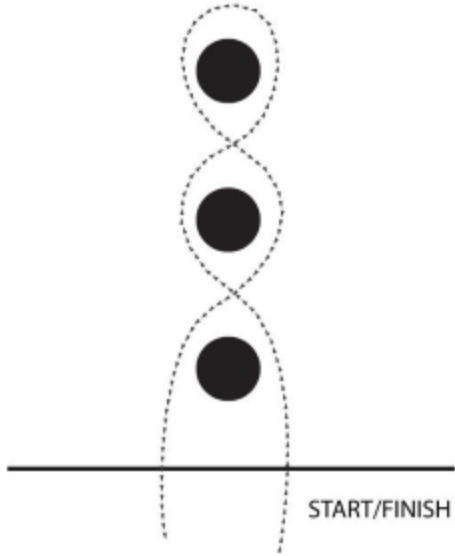
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1 Barrel Cowhorse

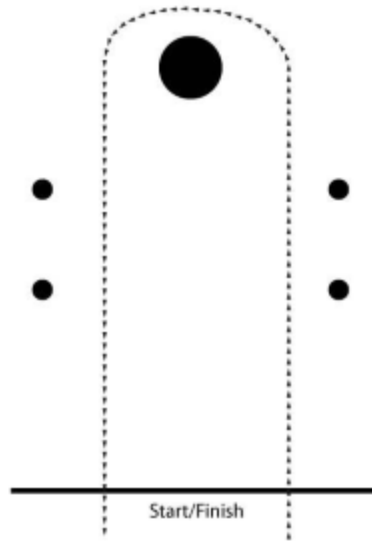


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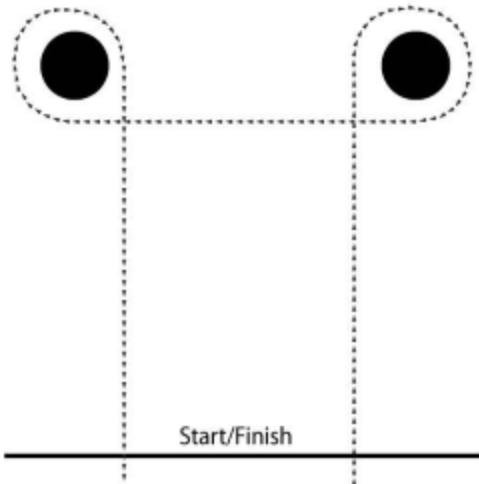
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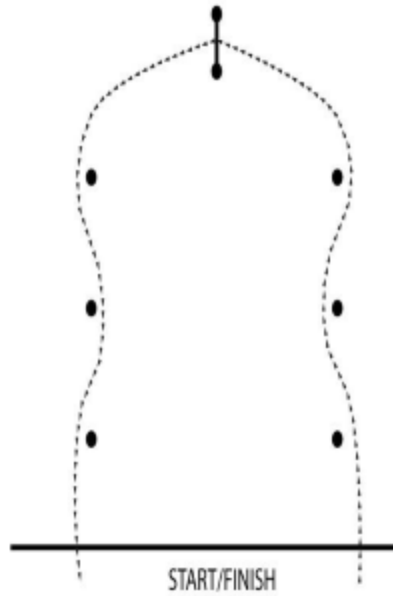
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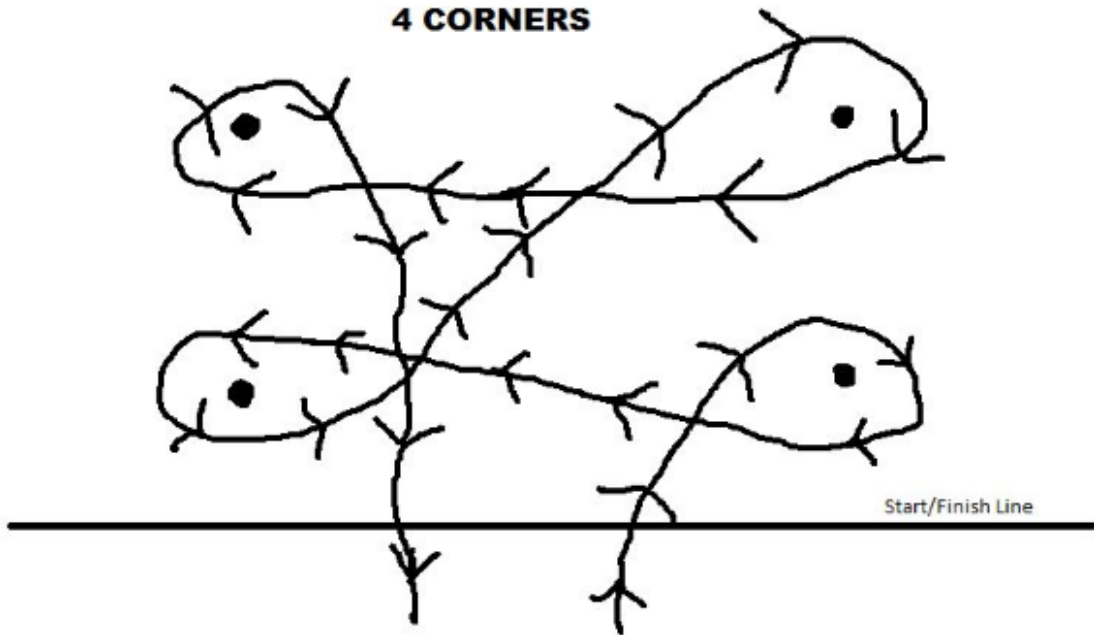


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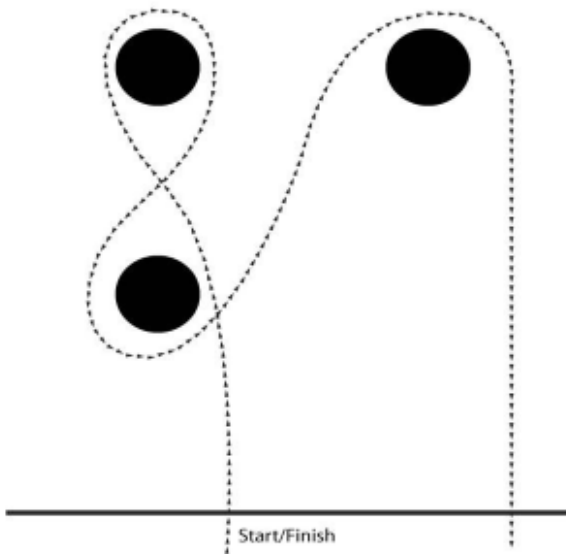




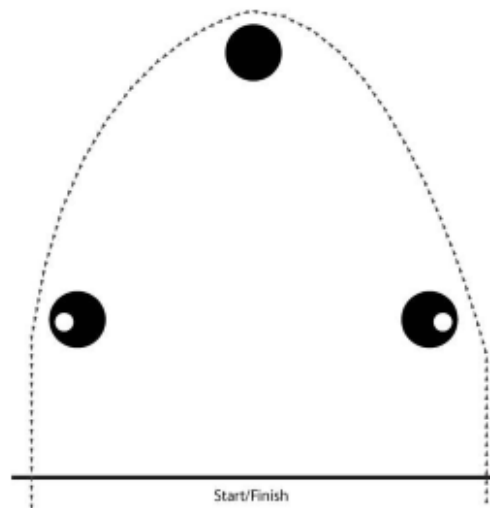
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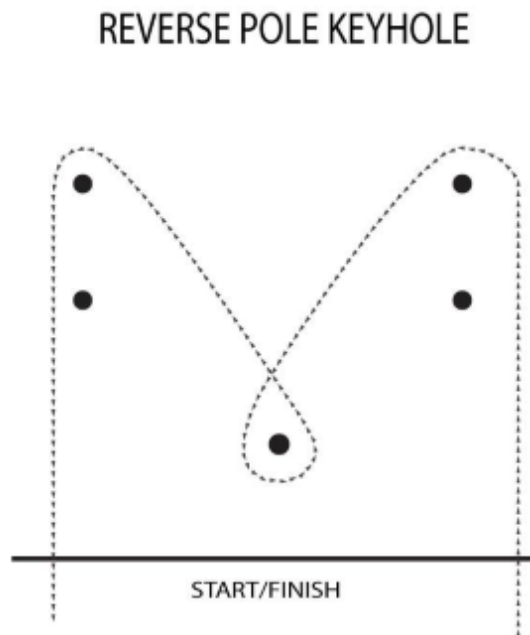
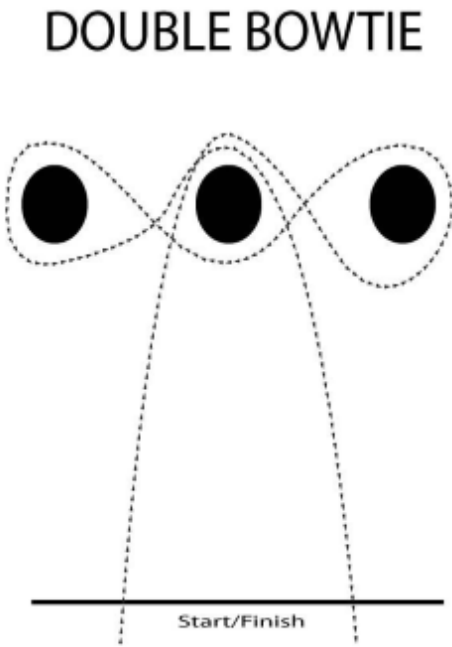
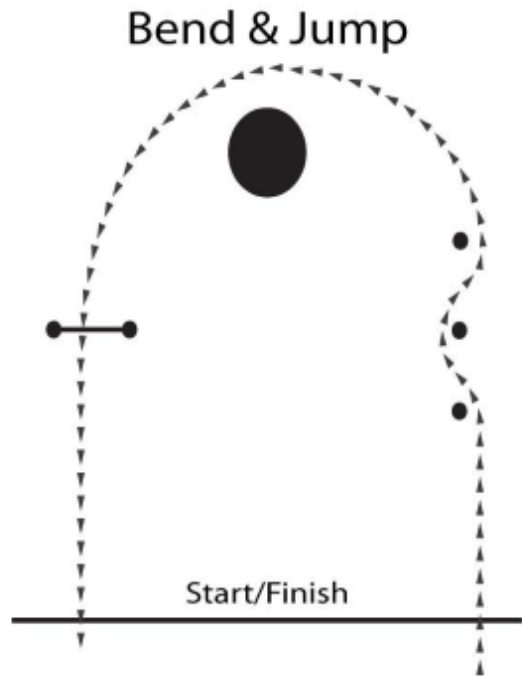
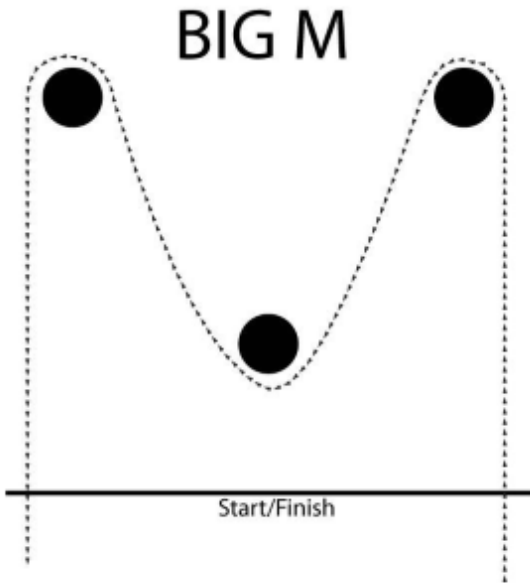


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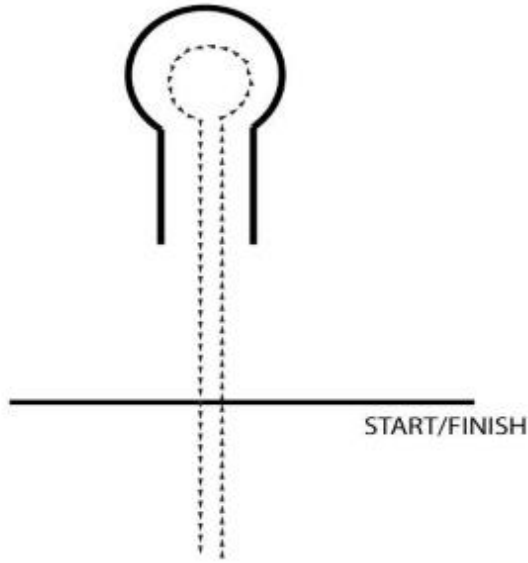


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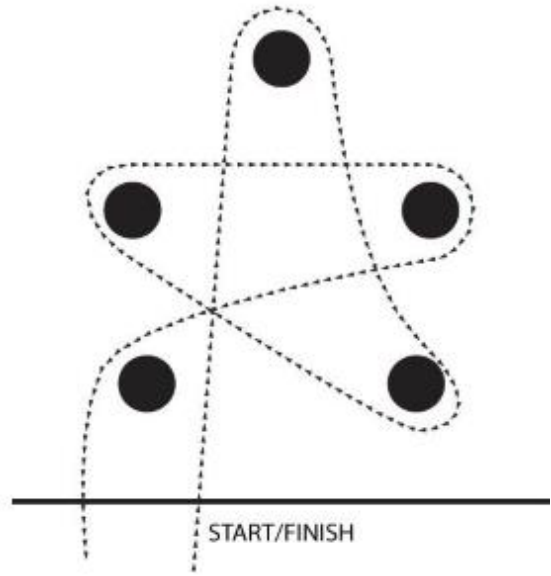




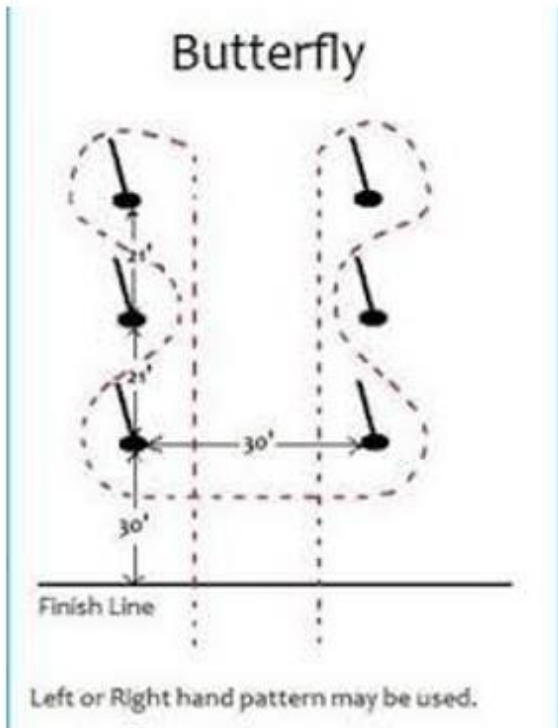
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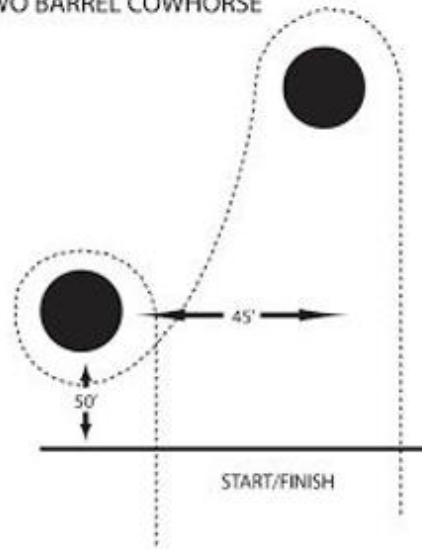
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# TWO BARREL COWHORSE



## Carroll County Western Circuit Rule Book Change Log

Date	Page	Section	Change
6-26-21	3	6	Added - Should a special circumstance arise, exceptions may be made on an individual basis, with a majority Executive Committee vote.
6-26-21	7	Rule E, C.i	Modified - The lead line rider must have stirrups and reins that are the appropriate length and useable, this is in addition to the line the handler is using. The lead line handler must abide by the attire rules as listed above. No sneakers, open-toed shoes, T-shirts, tank tops or shorts are permissible.
6-26-21	7	Rule E, C	Removed - If your hat falls off during your run, a verbal warning will be given for the 1st time. After the initial warning, there will be a \$5 fine. No baseball caps.
6-26-21	8	Rule G, #6	Modified - To ensure the safety of the rider, the use of Velcro, rubber bands or other such fasteners to the saddle and/or boots or stirrups, will be prohibited unless the exhibitor has a medical reason and a doctor note stating this is medically needed for safety of the horse and rider.