



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"

SHOW AND CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations shall become effective 1/1/2022 and shall be used at all approved shows and contents of the Carroll County Western Circuit.

Article I

RULE A: MEMBERSHIP

- Individual \$30.00
- Family \$40.00 (Family Membership is defined as immediate family, including unmarried children up to 21 years of age living in the household.)

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.

B1. A signed Hold Harmless Agreement is required for each exhibitor wherein each exhibitor waives any claims of liability of neglect or fault against CCWC and Carroll County Equestrian Center and affiliates. Exhibitors assume and accept full responsibility and liability for any damages done by their horse, children or themselves at these events. The Carroll County Equestrian Center, CCWC, show committee, and board of directors will not be held responsible for injuries, loss or damages to riders/exhibitors, spectators, horses/ponies, tack, equipment, vehicles, etc.

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 combination 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/division combination. Failure to do so will result in disqualification for the rest of the show day.

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 which could result in disqualification as determined by the Judge or Steward.
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. The East Coast Ranch Riding Association (ECRRA) will provide ECRRA judges cards for ECRRA pointed classes.

RULE E: EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE

1. It is mandatory that show management supply exhibitors with entry numbers if they do not already have one. Failure by the exhibitor to wear the number, which is based on horse/ride combination, in a visible manner (either on the exhibitor's back or the saddle pad) shall 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.** Failure to comply with this rule will result in removal from the grounds for the day.
3. 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.
4. **Tack** shall include:
 - a. **Western:** Equipment and Apparel Horses shall be shown in a western stock saddle. Silver equipment will not count over good clean, working equipment. Horses of all ages may be shown in a snaffle, bosal, or curb bit. Split reins or romal reins shall be used with all curb bits. Split reins may be used with snaffle bits. When a bit is used, the mouth piece must be at least 5/16" and not more than 3/4" in diameter measured one inch from the cheek and must be smooth; no twisted wire mouth-pieces. Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece such as prongs. Curb straps are required for curb bits and the curb chains or straps must be at least ½ inch in width and must lie flat against the horse's chin. No wire curbs are permitted, regardless of the amount of padding or tape. Protective leg gear is acceptable in all performance classes. Prohibited

Equipment Tie downs, cavessons, gag bits, twisted-wire mouth pieces, mechanical hackamores and running martingales are prohibited. A judge may prohibit the use of any equipment deemed to be inhumane. Judges may inspect bits and equipment at anytime. Trimming horses is optional.

- b. **Speed:** All tack must be in good working order. A Western or English saddle may be used. 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:** 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. No figure eight, drop, or flash nosebands allowed. A leather browband 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, gag bits, or running martingales are permitted. Standing martingales to be used in over fences classes only. 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.**

5. **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. Riders shall wear protective headgear or western hats, long-sleeved shirts and western boots. Western boots shall include typical cowboy boots or lace-up ropers. All other footwear is prohibited. The use of spurs and chaps shall be optional. Clothing should be neat and clean. This rule applies to all ECRRA approved classes.
- b. **English:** shall include coat, breeches, with tall English boots or jodhpur pants with jodhpur boots. A show shirt with attached collar, 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). Hunting Cap of any type is mandatory for all pleasure riders over the age 18 in all-flat classes.
 - 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 and closed toe boots. No T-shirts or tank tops are permissible in any event. Tapederos allowed only in Leadline divisions.

- 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

Electric ~~Equipment~~ timers will be used in speed events. 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. The Judge will not judge speed events

RULE G: EXHIBITORS

1. Exhibitors must comply with Carroll County Western Circuit rules and the show venue regulations. The Rule Book will be available 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 Board of Directors.
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. 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. Practicing patterns (i.e. jump courses, trail, barrels, or poles) is prohibited.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their parking area. Spread manure and hay before leaving. Trash should be taken from the show grounds.

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 Ring 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.

- 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.

RULE J: TIES

- 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.
- Speed** ties will be run with the last class standing or TBA at that time.
- Show Day Ties** will be broken by the most blues or reds.
- Year End** Ties will be broken by the most blues or reds.

RULE K: SUBSTITUTION OF HORSE/PONY

No substitutions of horses/ponies will be made. In the event that a horse/pony cannot be ridden, substitutions in any division must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the show.

RULE L: AWARDS

- 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. *(Please see Rule O: Description of Events for a listing of classes for each division)*

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

Pleasure Ring Divisions			
Lead Line English/Western	7 & under	Novice/Green Horse English	All Ages
Youth English W/T	13 & Under	Novice/Green Horse Western	All Ages
Youth Western W/J	13 & Under	Open English	All Ages
Youth English W/T/C	17 & Under	Open Western	All Ages
Youth Western W/J/L	17 & Under	Non-Pro Ranch	All Ages
Youth Ranch	17 & Under	Open Ranch	All Ages
In Hand	All Ages		

For horse show purposes, the age of an individual as of January 1, 2022 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 Novice/Green Horse to Open or Youth, but they may not move back to Novice/Green Horse. For Speed classes, an exhibitor may move from Novice to A, but they may not move back to Novice. Points are not transferable.

Points/Money Awards

Points are as follows:

1 st place	7 pts
2 nd place	5 pts
3 rd place	4 pts
4 th place	3 pts
5 th place	2 pts
6 th place	1 pt

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

1 st place	\$8.00
2 nd place	\$6.00
3 rd place	\$4.00
4 th 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 canceled 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 Equestrian Center in Mt. Airy, MD. If payment was received prior to the show day, the payment will be applied to the next show.

Article II: SPEED EVENTS

Speed (Timed Events)

1. A start and finish line will be clearly indicated by cones or markers. The cones or markers will be set as wide apart as arena conditions will allow. Horse and rider must pass between the cones to start and finish the event.
2. **Rider must have his/her horse under control as it enters the arena.** Riders may either continue forward motion through the gate and onto the pattern where the gate will be closed promptly after the rider enters, or they may enter the gate and pause or circle to wait for the gate to be closed. All exhibitors will finish the pattern to a closed gate.
3. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be aware when they fall in the schedule of the class and be prepared at the gate. Exhibitor missing a gate call will show at the end of

the class. Exhibitors who miss a gate call without pre-approval of the ring steward will not be allowed to run.

4. Raking the arena will be done at the discretion of the ring steward. If timers are moved to accommodate raking, re-measuring will be required.
5. Abusive use of bats, spurs, whips reins, or over and under rope will result in disqualification.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. "Tripping" the timer while performing the pattern and/or failure to follow the pattern will result in disqualification.

Speed Classes

Poles: Six (6) Standing Poles will be placed upright on the surface or in the ground 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.

Plug: One barrel will be placed 120ft from the start/finish line, mid-line in the ring. Barrel will be set so as not to lean or topple. Rider may start on either side and will run down and turn the barrel and return on the opposite side. Knocking the barrel down will result in a five (5) second penalty.

Barrel Race: Three barrels will be placed in the ring according to the specifications found in the pattern's appendix of the rule book. Barrels will be set so as not to lean or topple. 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 counterclockwise and the second and third barrels clockwise. A horse knocking over a barrel will result in a five (5) second penalty.

Versatility: Patterns are depicted in patterns appendix section of the rule book and will be posted the morning of the show by Speed Ring Steward.

Figure 8 Race: Two Barrels, stakes or poles will be set so as not to lean or topple in a straight line eighty (80) feet apart, the first barrel, stake or pole will be placed thirty (30) feet from the start/finish line. 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.

** Speed event patterns will be measured and altered to fit the ring being used if specifications above and/or listed in the pattern's appendix cannot be met. In the event there is no starting gate, cones will be used. Adequate room will be provided.

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 to beginner or non-experienced show riders of any age. 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

Article III: PLEASURE 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 # 25 - 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 #26 - 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 #33 – Youth Western Showmanship - Exhibitors are judged on their ability to prepare their horse for show. An in-hand pattern will be required.

OR

Class #34 – Open Western Showmanship- Exhibitors are judged on their ability to prepare their horse for show. An in-hand pattern will be required.

Class #54 – Lunge Line 2 and Under – this class consists of two sections: Conformation/Equipment Inspection and Lunging Demonstration.

Class #37 -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 (English/Western)- 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 #22 - Lead line Pleasure (English/Western) - To be shown on a lead line or detached at a walk on the rail in both directions.

Class #23 - Lead line Pattern (English Equitation & Western Horsemanship - To be shown on a lead line or detached at a walk. Exhibitors will be asked to complete a pattern

Class #24 - Lead line Trail (English/Western) - To be shown on a lead line or detached at a walk. Exhibitors will be asked to negotiate obstacles

Novice/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 Novice/Green Horse Division - Western

Class #31 – Novice/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 #38 – Novice/Green Horse Western Trail – Exhibitors are required to maneuver through obstacles at designated gaits

Class #47 – Novice/Green Horse Western Pleasure – Exhibitors travel both directions on the rail

Class #55 – Novice/Green Horse Western Disciplined Rail- Horses are judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the judge

Class #59 – Novice/Green Horse Western Horsemanship – Exhibitors are required to complete a pattern and may be required to travel on the rail

Youth Walk/Jog Division – Western

Open to exhibitors 17 years of age and under as of January 1st 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, halt, and backing. Other directions will be clarified by the judge.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

Classes for Youth Walk/Jog Division – Western

Class #32 - Youth Walk/Jog 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 #39 - Youth Walk/Jog Western Trail – Exhibitors are required to maneuver through obstacles at designated gaits

Class #48 - Youth Walk/Jog Western Pleasure – Exhibitors travel both directions on the rail

Class #56 - Youth Walk/Jog Western Disciplined Rail- Horses are judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the judge

Class #60 - Youth Walk/Jog Western Horsemanship – Exhibitors are required to complete a pattern and may be required to travel on the rail.

Youth (Walk/Jog/Lope) Division – Western

Open to exhibitors 17 years of age and under as of January 1st 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 (Walk/Jog/Lope) Division – Western

Class #33 - 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 #40 - Youth Western Trail – Exhibitors are required to maneuver through obstacles at designated gaits

Class #49 - Youth Western Pleasure – Exhibitors travel both directions on the rail

Class #57 - Youth Western Disciplined Rail- Horses are judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the judge

Class #61 - 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 # 34 - Open Showmanship – exhibitors are required to complete a pattern in hand

Class #41 - Open Western Trail – exhibitors are required to maneuver through obstacles at designated gaits

Class #50 - Open Western Pleasure – exhibitors travel both directions on the rail

Class #58 - Open Western Disciplined Rail- horses are judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the judge

Class #62 - Open Western Horsemanship – exhibitors are required to complete a pattern and may be required to travel on the rail

Open 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 Open Ranch Division

Class #30 - Open Ranch Halter – In hand confirmation class judged on the ideal working horse

Class #45 – Open Ranch Trail – Exhibitors will maneuver through designated obstacles in a pattern

Class #54 – Open Ranch Pleasure – Exhibitors perform rail work to exhibit ideal characteristics of working horse

Class #66 – Open Ranch Riding – Exhibitors will perform one of five AQHA Ranch Riding Patterns

Class #70 – Open 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 #27 -Youth Ranch Halter – In hand confirmation class judged on the ideal working horse

Class #42 – Youth Ranch Trail – Exhibitors will maneuver through designated obstacles in a pattern

Class #51 – Youth Ranch Pleasure – Exhibitors perform rail work to exhibit ideal characteristics of working horse

Class #63 – Youth Ranch Riding – Exhibitors will perform one of five AQHA Ranch Riding Patterns

Class #67 – Youth Ranch Round Up – Timed pattern event

Walk/Trot 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, halt and back as well as any other direction provided by the Judge.

Note: Lead line entries are not permitted.

Classes for Walk/Trot Ranch Division

Class #28 – Walk/Trot Ranch Halter – In hand confirmation class judged on the ideal working horse

Class #43 – Walk/Trot Ranch Trail – Exhibitors will maneuver through designated obstacles in a pattern

Class #52 – Walk/Trot Ranch Pleasure – Exhibitors perform rail work to exhibit ideal characteristics of working horse

Class #64 – Walk/Trot Ranch Riding – Exhibitors will perform one of five AQHA Ranch Riding Patterns

Class #68 – Walk/Trot Ranch Round Up – Timed pattern event

Non-Pro 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 Non-Pro Ranch Division

Class #29 – Non-Pro Ranch Halter – In hand confirmation class judged on the ideal working horse

Class #44 – Non-Pro Ranch Trail – Exhibitors will maneuver through designated obstacles in a pattern

Class #53 – Non-Pro Ranch Pleasure – Exhibitors perform rail work to exhibit ideal characteristics of working horse

Class #65 – *Non-Pro* Ranch Riding – Exhibitors will perform one of five AQHA Ranch Riding Patterns

Class #69 – Non-Pro Ranch Round Up – Timed pattern event

Novice/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 Novice/Green Horse Division – English

Class #2 – *Novice/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 #6 – *Novice/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 #10 – *Novice/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 #14 – *Novice/Green* Horse English Over Fences– Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and willingness over fences

Class #18 – Novice/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 Walk/Trot Division – English

Open to exhibitors 17 years of age and under as of January 1st 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, 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 Walk/Trot Division – English

Class #3 - Youth Walk/Trot 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 - Youth Walk/Trot 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 #11 - Youth Walk/Trot English Disciplined Rail– Horses will be judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the Judge

Class #15 - Youth Walk/Trot Combo Class – Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and willingness over fences

Youth (W/T/C) Division – English

Open to exhibitors 17 years of age and under as of January 1st 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 #4 - 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 #8- 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 #12 - Youth English Disciplined Rail– Horses will be judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the Judge

Class #16 - Youth English Over Fences– Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and willingness over fences

Class #19 - 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 #5 - 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 #9 - 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 #13 - Open English Disciplined Rail– Horses will be judged on their prompt obedience, on a loose rein, in performing commands called by the Judge

Class #17 - Open English Over Fences– Mounts will be judged on manners, softness, correctness and willingness over fences

Class #20 - 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 st Place	40%	1 st Place	40%
2 nd Place	20%	2 nd Place	20%
		3 rd Place	10%

Jackpot Classes

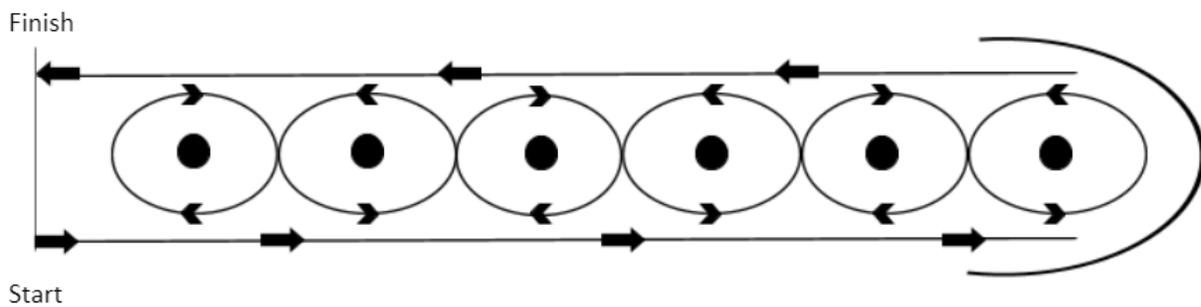
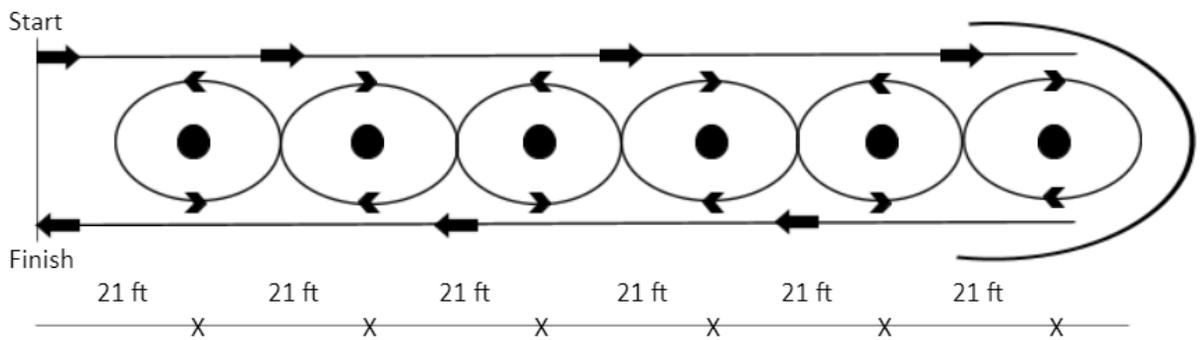
(Class #1) Open- English Jackpot Warm Up (non-pointed) - Class to be shown both ways of the ring at the walk and trot. May be asked to halt or back. Judged on the horse only.

(Class #36) 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.

Appendix

Speed Standard Patterns:

Poles



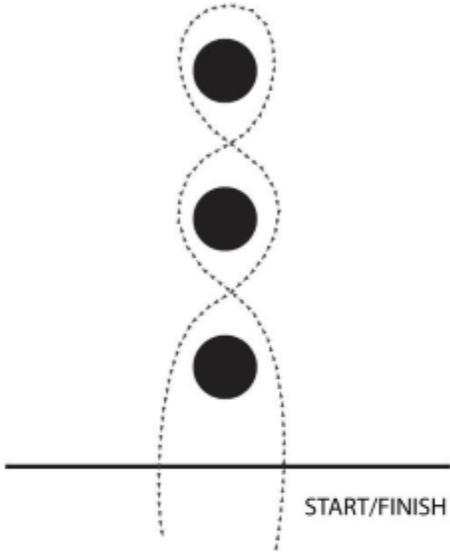
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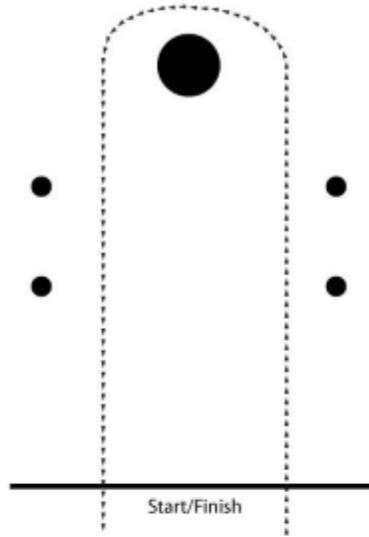
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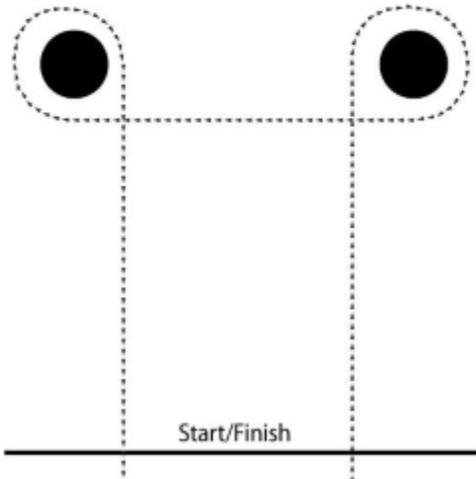
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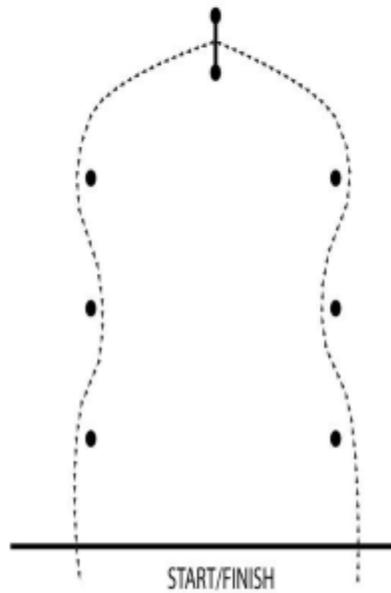
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BOWTIE



LONDON BRIDGE



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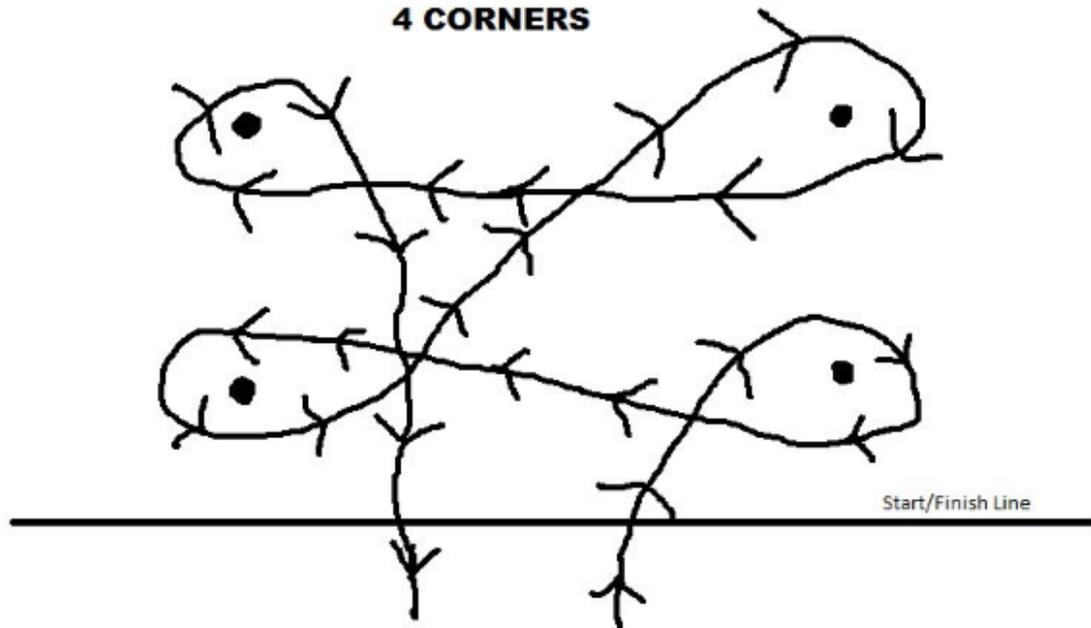
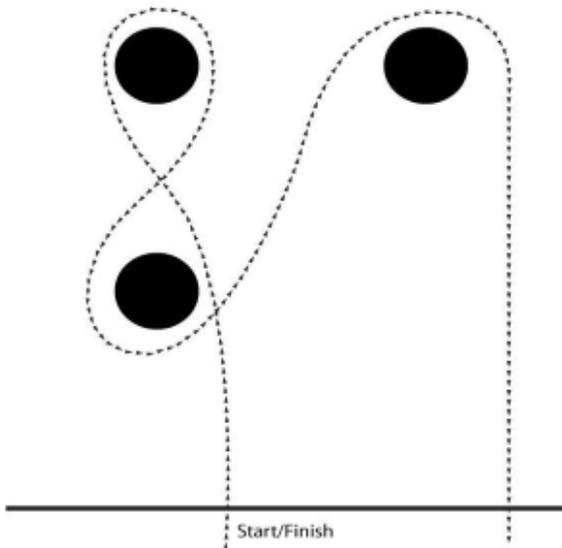
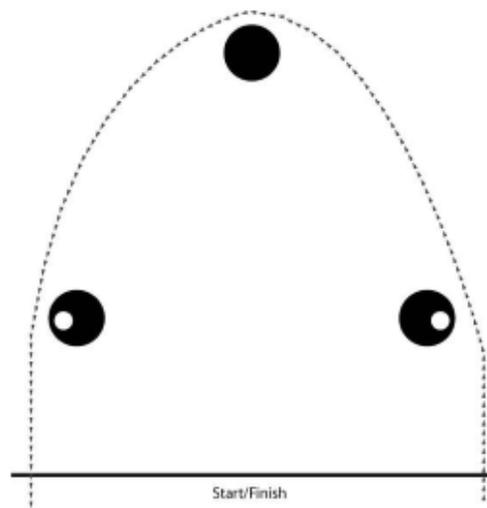
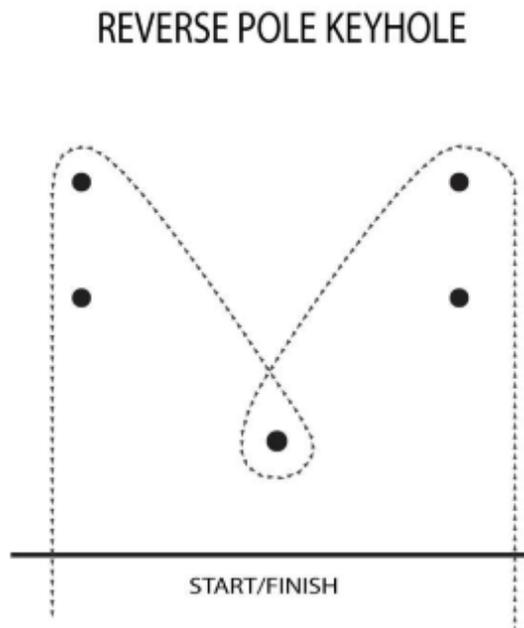
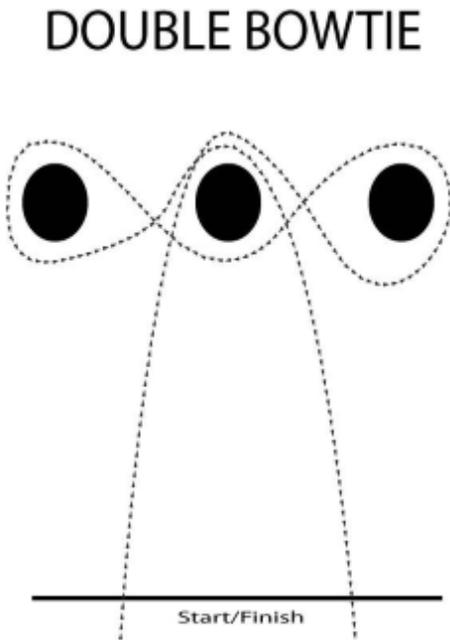
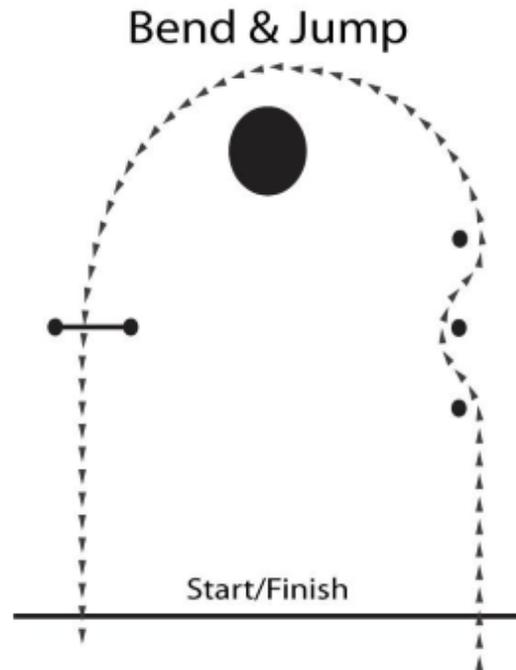
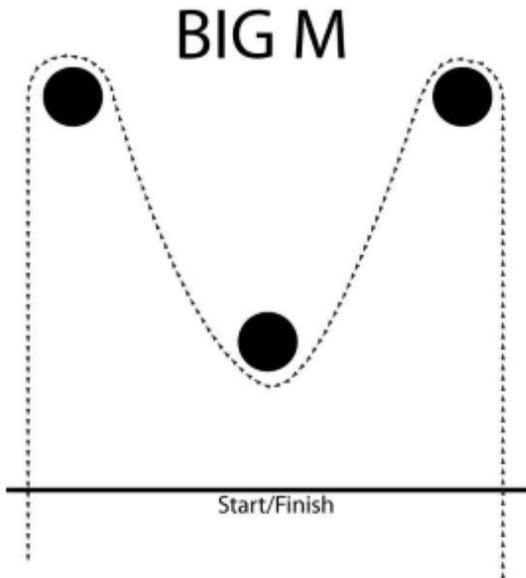


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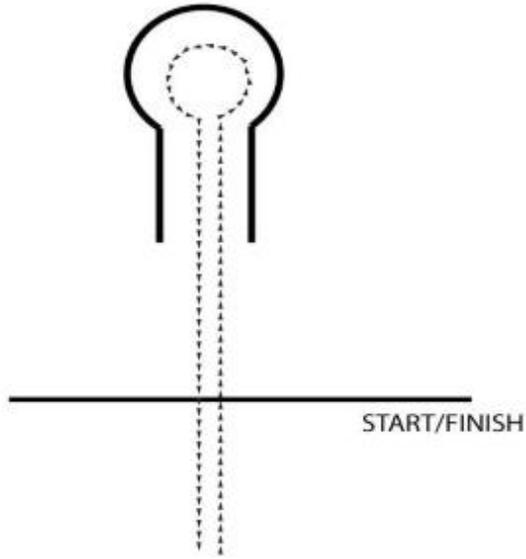


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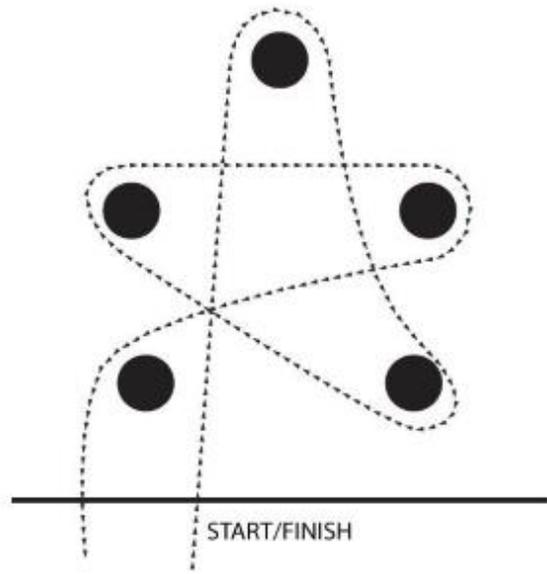




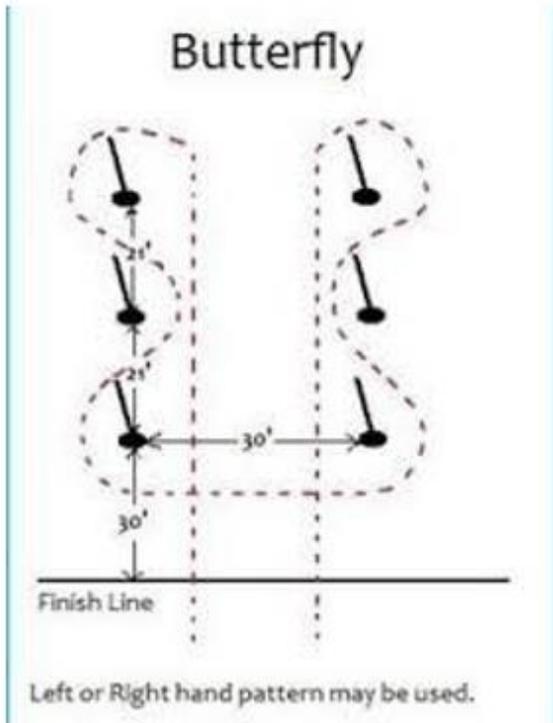
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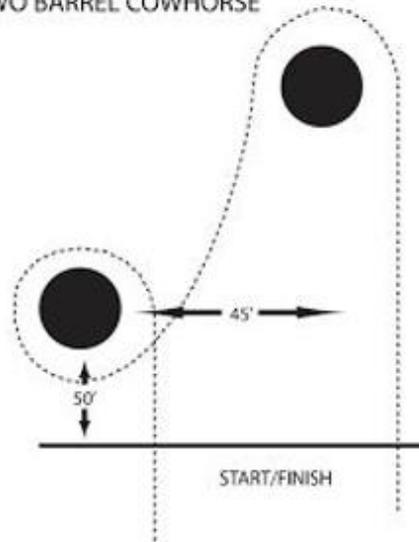
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Butterfly



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.