

FJORD HORSE EVALUATION HANDBOOK

IV. Family Fjord and Performance Tests

FAMILY FJORD FOUNDATION TEST

The Evaluation Committee, with careful consideration and input from evaluators, breeders, owners, and trainers, has developed the Family Fjord tests. The purpose of these tests is to establish benchmarks in training and to assess the ability of the horse to be a calm, willing, and obedient partner in accomplishing basic activities that would be useful on a trail ride, driving outing or a draft situation away from home. Assessment will be facilitated through tests requiring basic levels of performance, the successful completion of which will require both a good basic foundation of training and good working relationship between the horse and his handler. This is a foundation that can serve a horse and its partners well, whether in a family/casual use situation, or at higher levels of performance. The skills needed for these activities are basic horsemanship skills that transfer to other performance activities. Since these tests are intended to evaluate the performance and abilities of the horse alone, coaching of the handler by another person during a test is permitted. While it is encouraged for evaluators to provide feedback on the effect of the handler on the horse, but the evaluators will separate this effect from the horse's scores as much as possible.

Another person may coach the handler, but points will be lost if this person handles or restrains the horse.

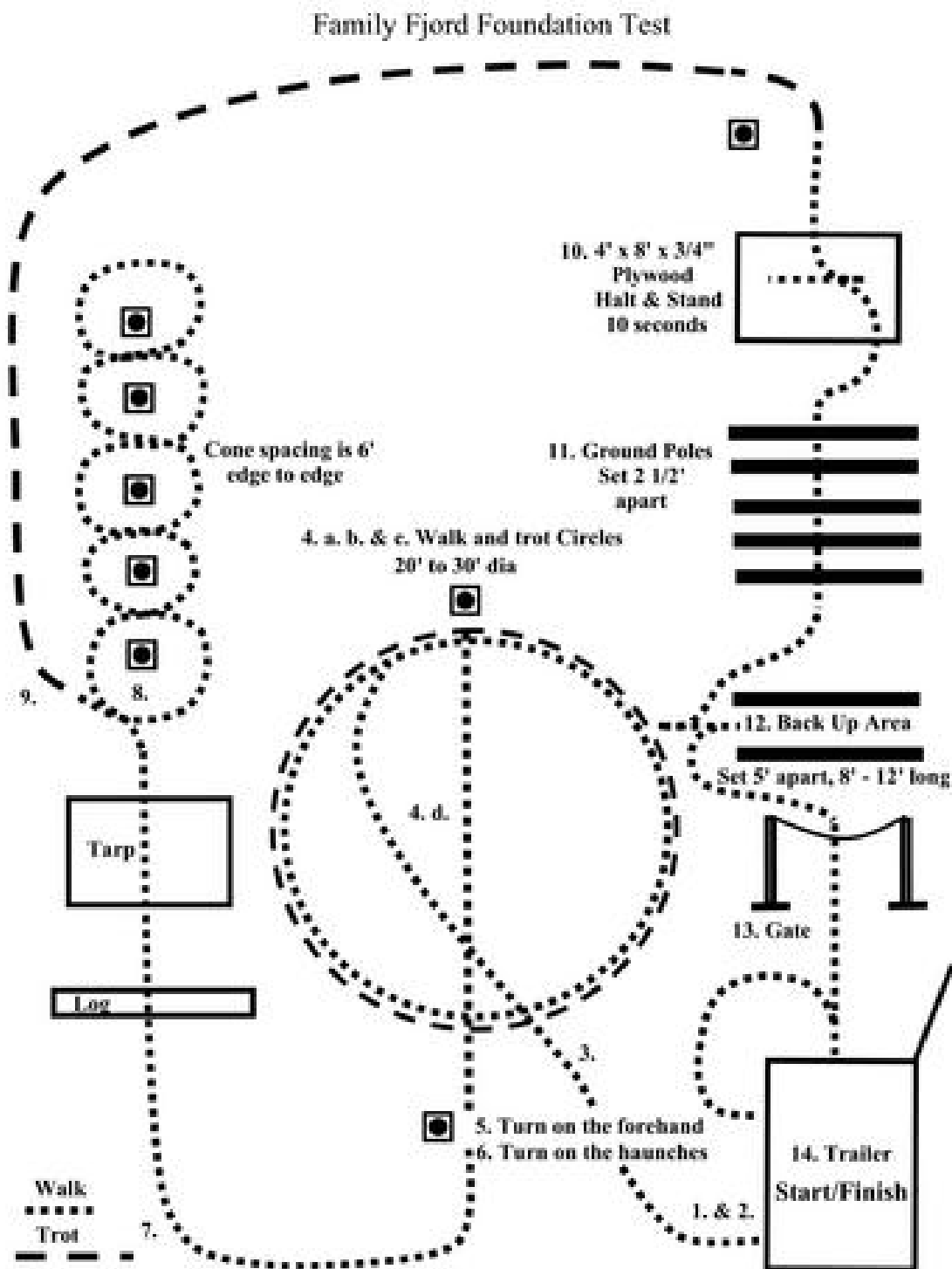
Equipment Notes:

1. Have broom available for ground crew to sweep off debris tracked onto plywood/tarp.
2. A trailer without ramp is specified for this test and is to be hitched to the towing vehicle for stability.
3. All cone measurements are from the edge of the base to the edge of the base of the next cone.

Test:

1. Five (5) minutes prior to the start of the test, tie horse to the trailer. The horse should stand quietly.
2. At the completion of the 5-minute period, while still tied, and with the attention of the evaluators, pick up each foot, holding for 5 seconds and then placing back on the ground.
3. Untie horse and lead the animal from the horse's **right** side on a loose line to the start area. Salute judge.
4. Circles
 - a. With 15 to 20 feet of line, ask the horse to walk clockwise, two full circles approximately 20 to 30 feet in diameter. A relaxed walk with uniform tempo is desired. The horse's body should conform to the arc of the circle and the horse should be attentive to the handler. The horse should fill the circle but not pull on the lead line.
 - b. Without stopping at the cone, ask the horse to transition to a relaxed Trot. The trot should be balanced, slower rather than fast with uniform tempo. After three full circles, halt at the cone transitioning through a walk.
 - c. Reverse direction and ask the horse to perform steps a and b in the counter-clockwise direction.
 - d. Proceed to next cone at a walk. You will now be leading from the horse's **left** side.
5. Direct your horse to do a 180 degree turn on the forehand then stop and pause 5 seconds.
6. Direct your horse to do a 180 degree turn on the haunches then stop and pause for 5 seconds.
7. Proceed to and continue over the log and tarp at a relaxed walk.
8. Proceeding at a walk, Enter the cones on the left side of first cone. Serpentine through the cones rounding the last cone and returning in a serpentine fashion to the first cone.
9. After passing the last cone, turn to the right and transition to an energetic trot around the perimeter of the testing area, halting through a walk at the cone by the plywood. This is the place to show the athletic ability of your horse but also to show its obedience in following the direction of the handler and dropping to a halt from an increased energy level.
10. Proceed at a relaxed walk. Approaching the plywood perpendicular to its length, proceed onto the plywood, repositioning and halting the horse squarely and centered parallel to its length. Stand quietly for 10 seconds.
11. Proceed at a walk over the ground poles.
12. Continue to the back-up area. Back the horse between the poles so the horse is centered in the back-up area and standing squarely. Stand for 5 seconds.
13. Proceed at a walk to the gate. Open gate and lead the horse through, replacing the gate rope without dropping it.
14. Proceed to trailer loading station. Leading from either side, load the horse into the trailer, tie the horse and close the trailer door. After 30 seconds unload the horse by backing out of the trailer, and tie the horse to the outside of the trailer.
15. This concludes the Family Fjord Foundation Test.

FAMILY FJORD FOUNDATION TEST



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Family Fjord Foundation Test

	Score	Comments
Behavior: Tied, Standing, & Picking up feet (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Obedience on Circle (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Turn on Forehand (1-5 Points)		
Turn of Haunches (1-5 Points)		
Walk over Log & Tarp (1-5 Points)		
Serpentine (1-5 Points)		
Obedience & Transition from Trot to Halt (1-5 Points)		
Walk, Turn & Halt on Plywood (1-5 Points)		
Walk over the ground poles (1-5 Points)		
Back-up & Stand (1-5 Points)		
Walk through Gate (1-5 Points)		
Loading on Trailer (1-5 Points)		
Unloading from Trailer (1-5 Points)		
Body position, relaxation, suppleness, ability to flex and bend (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Submission, Attentiveness, confidence, obedience, stability, willingness to cooperate with handler (1-5 Points)	X3=	

TOTAL POINTS EARNED:

PREMIUM:

OVERALL COMMENTS:

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

Date: _____

Name of Horse: _____

Location: _____

NFHR Reg No.: _____

Show No.:

Microchip No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Owner: _____

FAMILY FJORD RIDING TEST

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These tests are intended to evaluate the performance and abilities of the horse alone, so while evaluators are encouraged to provide feedback on the effect of the handler on the horse, the evaluators will make every attempt to separate this effect from the horse's scores. Since the best possible performance can help provide the most accurate assessment of the horse, coaching of the handler by another person during a test is permitted, though points will be lost if the coach must handle or restrain the horse in any way. The evaluators may even ask the exhibitor to repeat a task and provide some coaching to see if the effect on performance can be altered.

Prerequisite Test(s):

Family Fjord Foundation Test

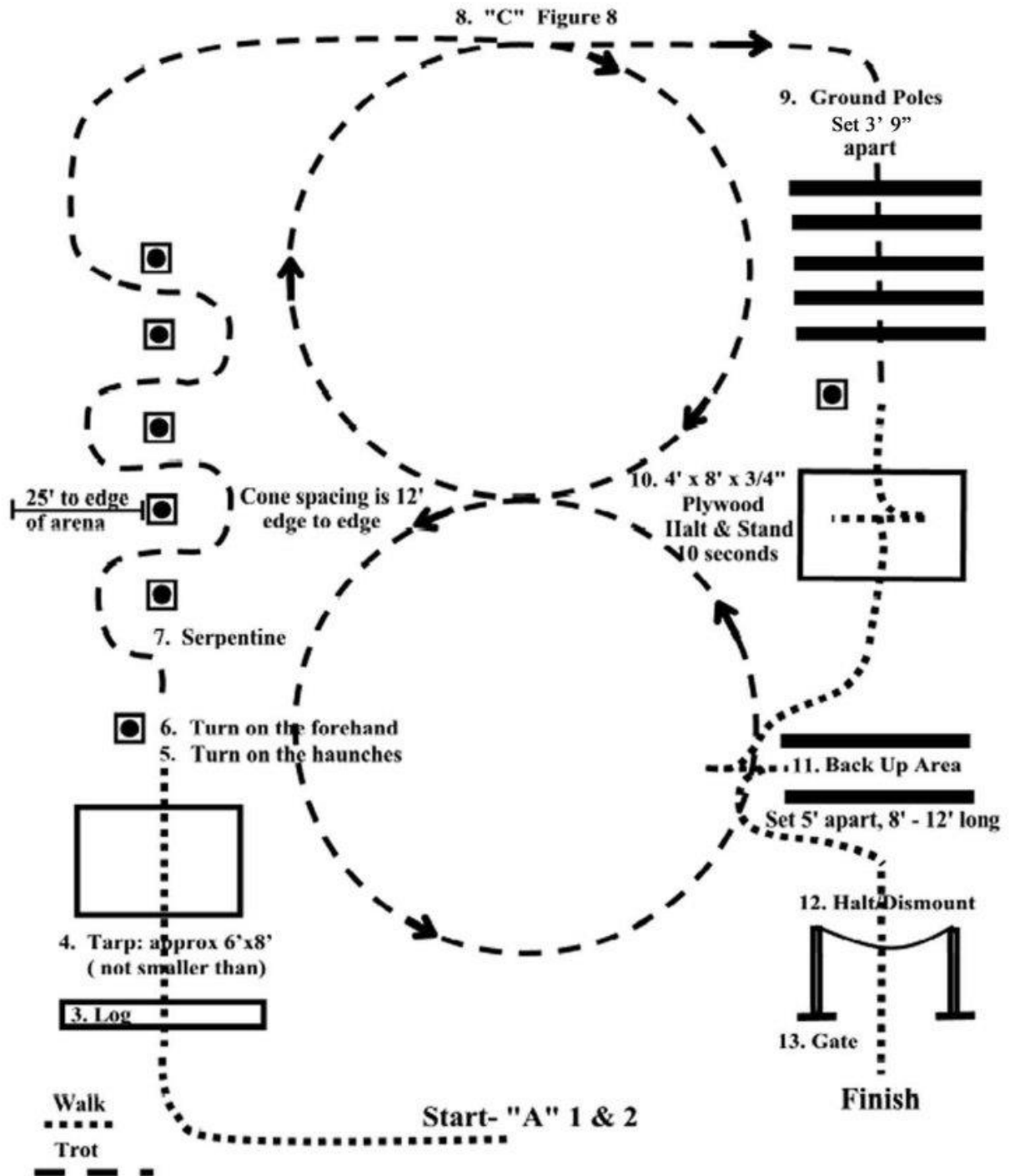
Equipment Notes: (see diagram for necessary equipment and set-up specifications)

1. Have a broom available for ground crew to sweep off debris tracked onto plywood/tarp.
2. A trailer may be present near the finish line, but will not be used in this test.
3. Cones should be spaced to 12' from edge to edge and approximately 25' from arena rail.
4. Tests conducted with a curb bit must be ridden with one hand. For a complete discussion of acceptable and appropriate tack and attire, including permitted bits, please see Section I, pp. 20-22 of this document.
5. Riders may carry a whip.

Test:

1. Lead horse into arena saddled and bridled.
2. At "A," mount your horse and stand for 30 seconds. Salute evaluators.
3. Proceed to and walk over log.
4. Continue over tarp.
5. At cone, stop and execute a 180° turn on the haunches.
6. Stop, then execute a 180° turn on the forehand.
7. Proceed at a trot and perform a serpentine (not a weave) through the cones, crossing perpendicularly between the cones and staying within a corridor extending 15 to 25 feet on either side of the centerline. Continue to "C."
8. Proceed to trot the figure 8 at "C." At a relaxed trot, perform a 20 meter ½ circle to the right, followed by a full 20 meter circle to the left and completed with another 20 meter ½ circle to the right. Continue at a trot.
9. Trot over ground poles, transitioning to a walk at the cone.
10. Proceed at a walk to the plywood approaching from the long side and position your horse centered on the plywood with the long side of the plywood parallel to the side of your horse. Halt and stand 10 seconds.
11. Proceed to the backup area and enter walking forward from the inside of the arena. Continue until the nose of the horse has reached the opposite end of the parallel poles. Back out between the poles and proceed to the gate.
12. Halt, dismount. Horse should stand quietly during dismount. Hesitate 5-10 seconds.
13. Open rope gate by lifting the rope, lead horse through the gate and close gate without dropping the rope. Halt, acknowledge the evaluators. Congratulations, you are finished.

Family Fjord Riding Test



(Distance on trot poles changed 7/20/16 from 2.5' to 3' 9". Approved by Board of Directors)

NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Family Fjord

Riding Test

	Score	Comments
Behavior: Mounting (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Behavior: Standing (1-5 Points)		
Walk over Log & Tarp (1-5 Points)		
Turn on Haunches (1-5 Points)		
Turn on Forehand (1-5 Points)		
Serpentine (1-5 Points)		
Obedience & Consistency on Figure 8 - Circle & Semi-Circles (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Trot over Ground Poles (1-5 Points)		
Transition to Walk (1-5 Points)		
Turn & Stand on Plywood (1-5 Points)		
Back Up Between Poles (1-5 Points)		
Behavior: Dismount (1-5 Points)		
Lead horse through rope gate (1-5 Points)		
Body Position: Relaxation, Suppleness, Ability to Flex & Bend (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Submission, Attentiveness, Confidence, Obedience, Stability, Willingness to Cooperate with Handler (1-5)	X3=	

TOTAL POINTS EARNED:

RIBBON COLOR:

OVERALL COMMENTS:

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

Date:

Location: _____

Name of _____

Horse: _____

NFHR Reg _____

No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Owner:

Show No.:

FAMILY FJORD GROUND DRIVING TEST

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Another person may coach the driver, but points will be lost if this person handles or restrains the horse. The driver may carry a driving whip to be used for cueing.

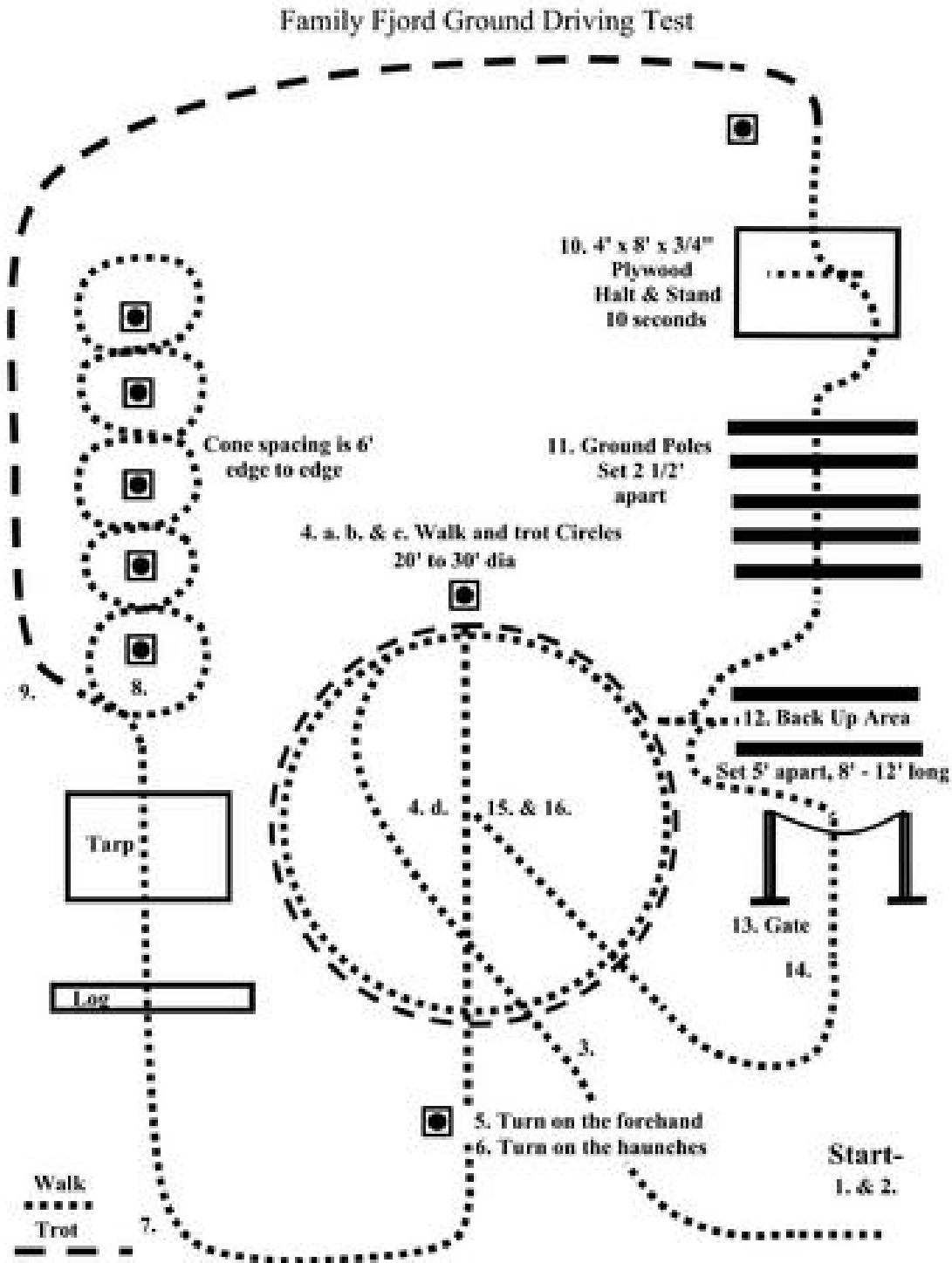
Equipment Notes:

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2. A trailer without ramp is specified for this test and is to be hitched to the towing vehicle for stability.
3. All cone measurements are from the edge of the base to the edge of the base of the next cone.

Test:

1. Prior to the start of the test, tie horse to the trailer. The horse should stand quietly.
2. While still tied, and with the attention of the evaluators, harness the horse using a driving harness or surcingle, and bridle.
3. Once harnessed, drive the horse at a walk to the start area at the center of the arena, halting at the cone. Salute judge.
4. Circles
 - a. Starting at the cone ground drive your horse at a walk clockwise in two thirty-foot diameter circles. A relaxed walk with uniform tempo is desired. The horse's body should conform to the arc of the circle and the horse should be attentive to the handler.
 - b. Without stopping at the cone, ask the horse to transition to a relaxed Trot. The trot should be balanced, slower rather than fast with uniform tempo. After three full circles, halt at the cone transitioning through a walk.
 - c. Reverse direction and ask the horse to perform steps a and b in the counter-clockwise direction.
 - d. Proceed to next cone at a walk, halting upon arrival. Secure the lines and take the horse by the lines at the bridle.
5. Direct your horse to do a 180 degree turn on the forehand then stop and pause 5 seconds.
6. Direct your horse to do a 180 degree turn on the haunches then stop and pause for 5 seconds. Return to the driving position.
7. Ground driving, proceed to and continue over the log and tarp at a relaxed walk.
8. Proceeding at a walk, Enter the cones on the left side of first cone. Serpentine through the cones rounding the last cone and returning in a serpentine fashion to the first cone.
9. After passing the last cone, turn to the right and transition to controlled, relaxed trot around the perimeter of the testing area, halting through a walk at the cone by the plywood.
10. Proceed at a relaxed walk. Approaching the plywood perpendicular to its length, proceed onto the plywood, repositioning and halting the horse squarely and centered parallel to its length. Stand quietly for 10 seconds.
11. Proceed at a walk over the ground poles.
12. Driving your horse, continue to the back-up area. Back the horse between the poles so the horse is centered in the back-up area and standing squarely. Stand for 5 seconds.
13. At a walk, drive your horse to the gate. Once again, secure the lines and take the horse by the lines at the bridle. Open gate and lead the horse through, replacing the gate rope without dropping it.
14. Continue leading your horse to the cone at the center of the arena.
15. Stop and pick up the front hoof opposite from the side you are leading. Hold it for five seconds. After releasing the horse's foot pick up the lines, return to the driving position.
16. Salute the judge and exit the arena at a walk. This concludes the Family Fjord Ground Driving Test.

FAMILY FJORD GROUND DRIVING TEST



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Family Fjord Ground Driving Test

	Score	Comments
Behavior: Tied, Standing (1-5 Points)		
Behavior: Harnessing (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Obedience on Circle (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Turn on Forehand (1-5 Points)		
Turn of Haunches (1-5 Points)		
Walk over Log & Tarp (1-5 Points)		
Serpentine (1-5 Points)		
Obedience & Transition from trot to halt (1-5 Points)		
Walk, Turn & Stand on Plywood (1-5 Points)		
Walk over Ground Poles (1-5 Points)		
Back-up & Stand (1-5 Points)		
Walk through Gate (1-5 Points)		
Behavior Picking Up Foot (1-5 Points)		
Body Position: Relaxation, Suppleness, Ability to Flex & Bend (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Submission, Attentiveness, confidence, obedience, stability, willingness to cooperate with handler (1-5 Points)	X3=	

TOTAL POINTS EARNED:

PREMIUM:

OVERALL COMMENTS:

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

Date: _____

Name of Horse: _____

Location: _____

NFHR Reg No.: _____

Show No.:

Microchip No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Owner: _____

FAMILY FJORD DRIVING TEST

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Family Fjord Ground Driving Test

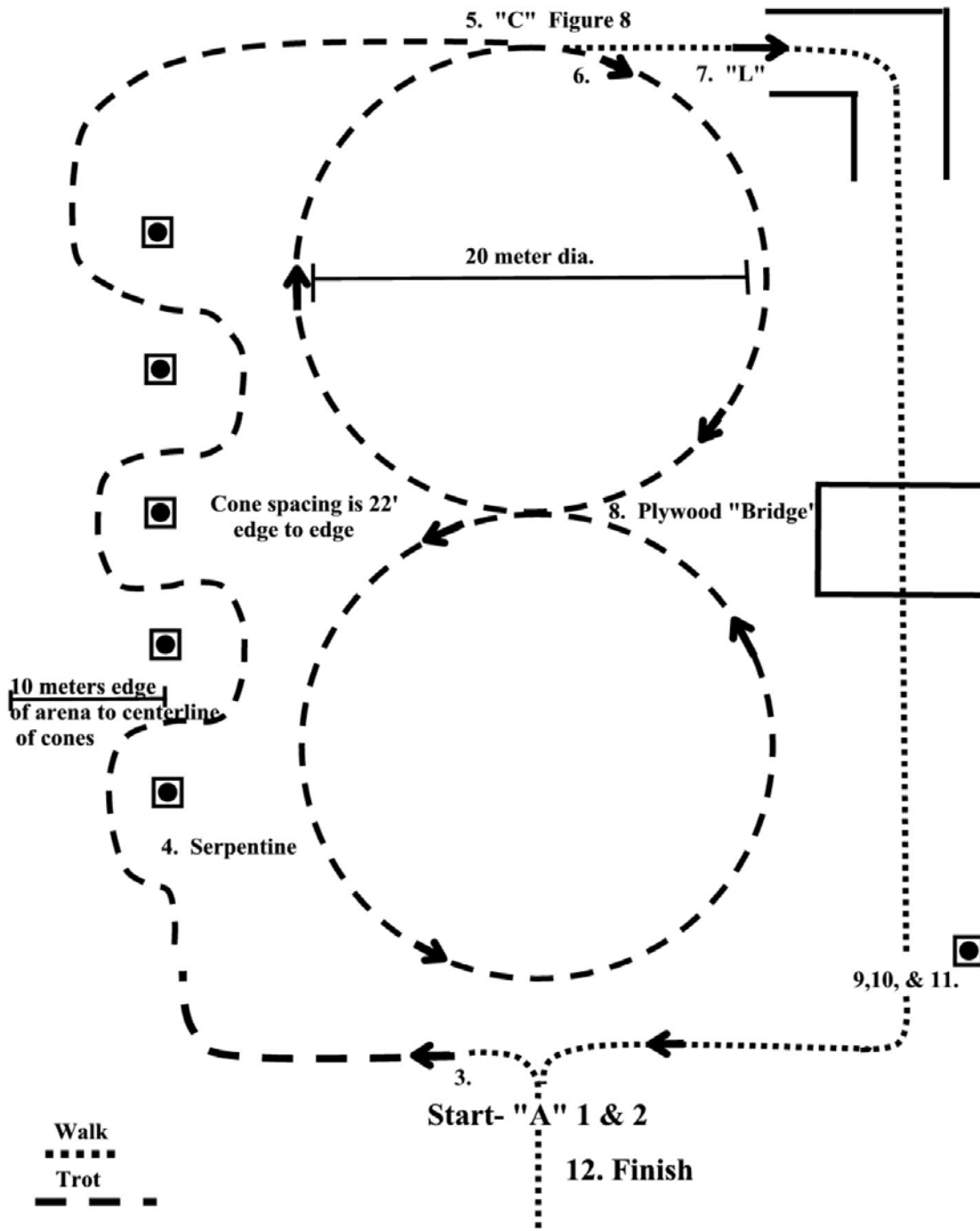
Equipment Notes: (see diagram for necessary equipment and set-up specifications)

1. Have ground crew available to sweep off debris tracked onto plywood, remove log and tarp used in other tests, respace cones, set up "L", etc.
2. A trailer may be present near the finish line, but will not be used in this test
3. Cones should be spaced to 22' from edge to edge.
4. Use ground poles to make "L" - dimensions are 16' outside, 8' inside, 8' wide
5. For information regarding acceptable and appropriate tack and attire, please see Section I, p. 20-22 of this handbook.
6. Drivers must carry a whip.

Test:

1. Proceed to arena with horse harnessed and hitched. Enter arena at a walk
2. At "A" halt and stand 60 seconds. Salute Evaluators.
3. Proceed at a walk, turning to the left and transitioning to a trot
4. Continue at a trot and execute a serpentine through the cones (crossing perpendicularly between cones – not a weave) with the first cone on your right. Continue to "C"
5. Proceed to trot the figure 8 at "C". First trot a 20 meter ½ circle to the right followed with a full 20 meter circle left and completed with another 20 meter ½ circle to the right.
6. Upon completion of the figure 8, transition down to a walk
7. Proceed at a walk through the "L"
8. Proceed at a walk over the plywood "bridge"
9. Continue at a walk to the cone and halt for 3-5 seconds.
10. Back up 3-4 steps.
11. Proceed at a walk back to the cone and halt. Wait for verbal comments, feedback, or further instruction.
12. Exit Arena at a walk. Congratulations, you are finished!

Family Fjord Driving Test
 diagram not drawn to scale



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Family Fjord

Driving Test

	Score	Comments
Entry through Arena Gate (1-5 Points)		
Transition to Halt (1-5 Points)		
60 Second Stand (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Transition to Trot (1-5 Points)		
Serpentine (1-5 Points)		
Obedience & Consistency on Figure 8 - Circle & Semi-Circles	X2=	
Transition to Walk (1-5 Points)		
Walk through "L" (1-5 Points)		
Walk over Plywood (1-5 Points)		
Halt (1-5 Points)		
Backup (1-5 Points)		
Halt (1-5 Points)		
Walk through Arena Gate Exit (1-5 Points)		
Body Position: Relaxation, Suppleness, Ability to Flex & Bend (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Submission, Attentiveness, Confidence, Obedience, Stability, Willingness to Cooperate with Handler (1-5)	X3=	

TOTAL POINTS EARNED:

RIBBON COLOR:

OVERALL COMMENTS:

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

Date:

Location: _____

Show No.:

Name of _____

Horse: _____

NFHR Reg _____

No.: _____

Location: _____

Date of Birth: _____

PERFORMANCE TESTS

The performance tests have been designed to reflect the various ways in which the Fjord horse is used in North America. The patterns for the tests have been adapted from standard patterns that are regularly used in the various disciplines of English or Western riding, driving and draft. Markers are indicated in the patterns to help guide the presenter in determining, within the pattern, where to perform transitions or specific tasks. The tests are designed to allow the presenter the opportunity to show the horse's willingness to work, obedience, quality of the gaits and level of training. The introductory tests are designed to reflect those qualities that one would look for in a horse at a basic standard of training, such as; quality of the gaits, transitions between gaits, willingness to accept the bit, willingness to accept direction from the rider/driver. The advanced tests are designed to provide an opportunity to show the horse at a higher level of training, thus include tasks that are more difficult than the introductory tests.

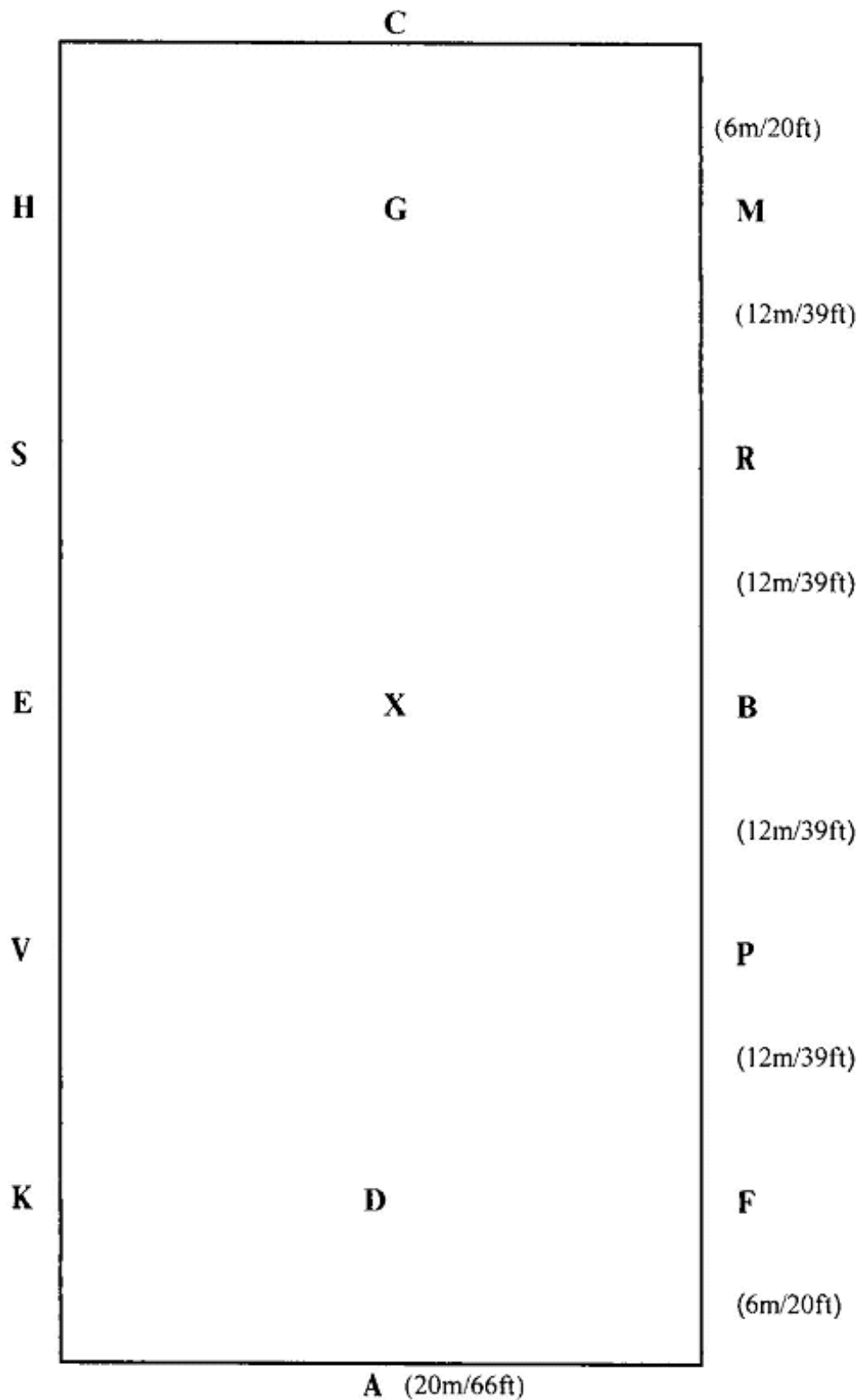
The emphasis of evaluating the horse's performance is focused on the horse's behavior. Rider/driver errors made, while executing the patterns, will not cause the horse to lose points for its performance. One may be asked to repeat parts of the test if an evaluator believes that a rider/driver error caused the horse not to perform well.

Because it is always best to give the horse every opportunity to show himself to the best of his capability, we recommend that participants familiarize themselves with the tests in advance. Get to know them well and practice them prior to arriving at an evaluation.

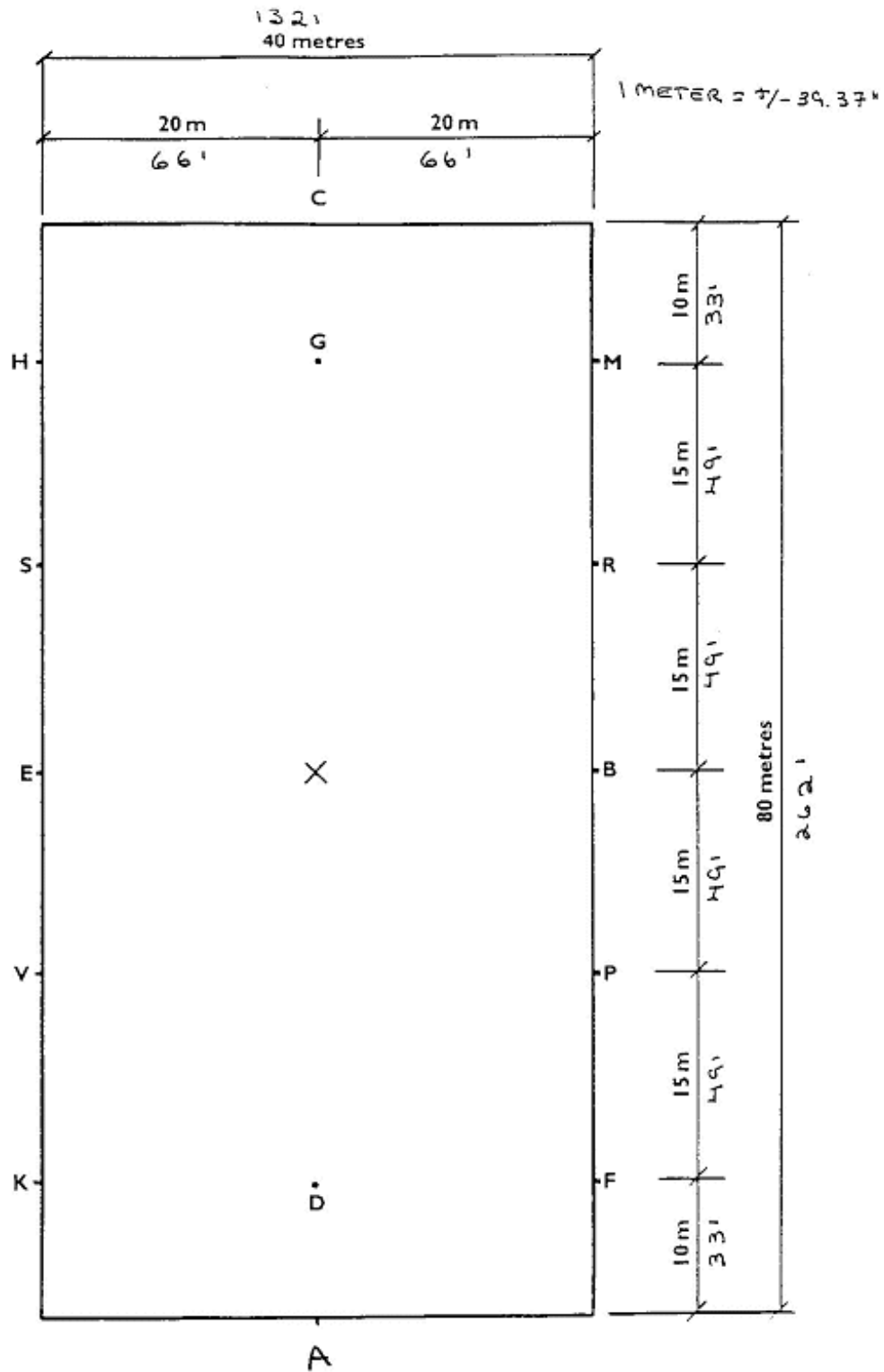
RIDING ARENA

20 X 60 Meters
(apx 66x197ft)

(1m = +/-3.3ft)



DRIVING ARENA
40 X 80 Meters
(132 X 262 Feet)



INTRODUCTORY WESTERN RIDING TEST

Transitions to the halt to be made through the jog. Simple lead changes through the walk may be used. Backing to show willingness, not perfection. Reader allowed, header required. Points will be lost if horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary.

Test:

Enter arena leading saddled & bridled horse to 10' in front of Judge.

Mount. Greet Judge (nod).

Turn Right. Jog on rail.

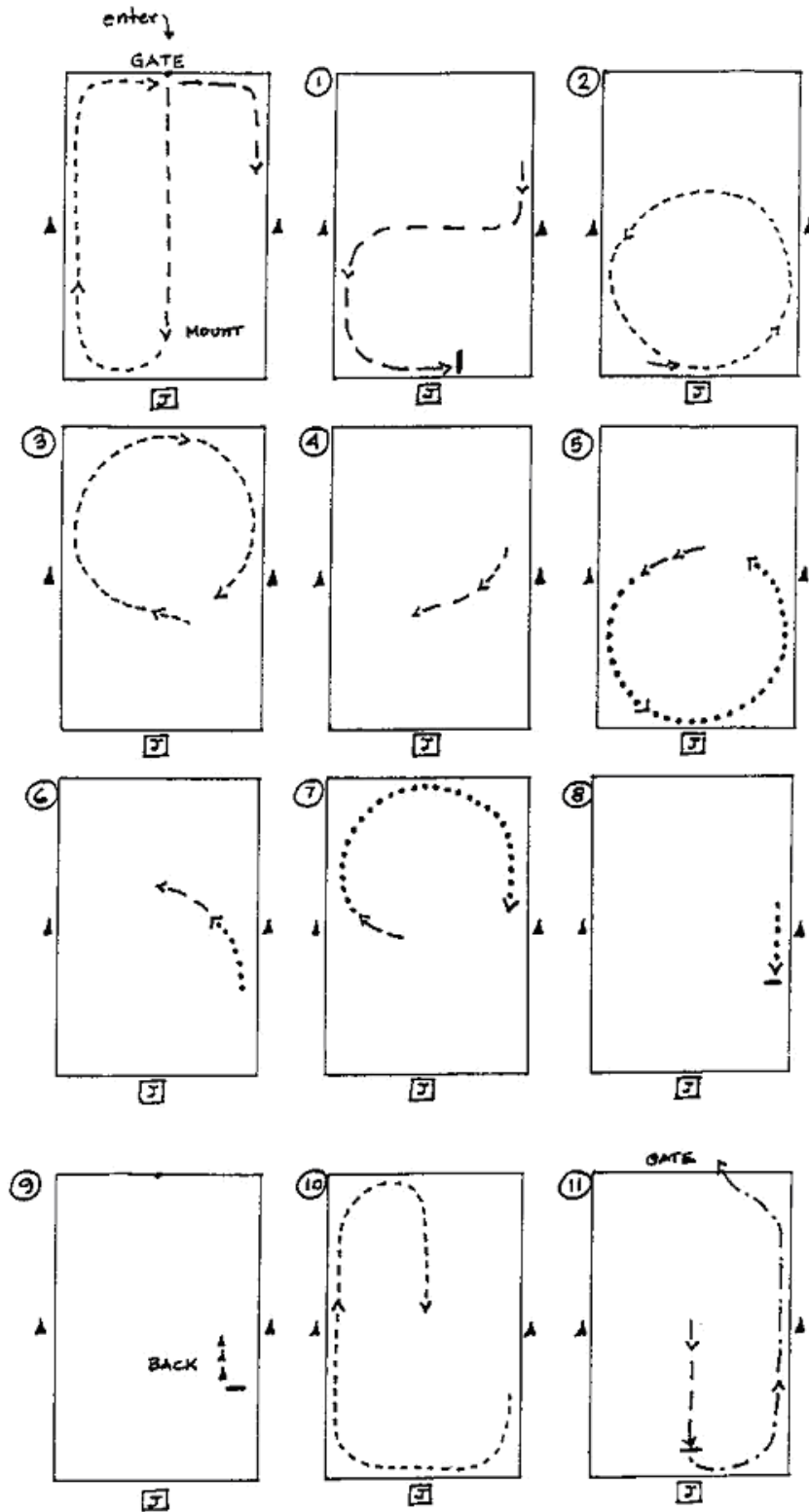
Between marker and gate, drop to walk.

Walk on rail.

1. At marker turn Right.
Cross arena to opposite marker.
At marker turn Left.
Follow rail through corner.
Halt parallel to Judge.
2. Jog large circle to Left.
3. At center, jog large circle to Right.
4. At center, drop to walk 3-5 strides.
5. Lope large circle to Left.
6. At center drop to walk 3-5 strides.
7. Lope large circle to Right.
Do not close this circle.
8. Lope straight down side of arena.
Past center marker, do a balanced stop.
Hesitate 3-5 sec.
9. Back 3-4 steps.
10. Jog on rail top of arena.
Turn down centerline.
Jog down the centerline.
11. Between markers, drop to walk.
Stop in front of the Judge.
Greet Judge (nod).

EXIT ARENA ALONG RAIL AT EXTENDED JOG.

INTRODUCTORY WESTERN RIDING TEST



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Evaluation Performance Test Introductory Riding Test - Western

	Score	Comments
Behavior During Mounting (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Walk (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Jog (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Lope (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Transitions (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - Stop/Hesitate/Back (1-10 Points)		
Submission <i>Attentiveness, confidence, obedience, stability, willingness to work</i> (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	
Impulsion <i>Forwardness, elasticity of steps, relaxation of back, engagement of hind end</i> (1-10 Points)		
Body Position <i>Relaxation, suppleness, ability to flex & bend, acceptance of bit</i> (1-10 Points)		

TOTAL POINTS EARNED

PREMIUM

OVERALL COMMENTS:

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

Date: _____
Location: _____

Show No.:

Name of Horse: _____
NFHR Reg. No.: _____
Microchip No.: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Owner: _____

INTRODUCTORY ENGLISH RIDING TEST

Transitions into and out of the halt to be made through the walk. Backing to show willingness, not perfection. Reader allowed. Header required when mounting. Points will be lost if horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary. Sitting trot, rising trot, or any combination thereof may be used when trot work is required.

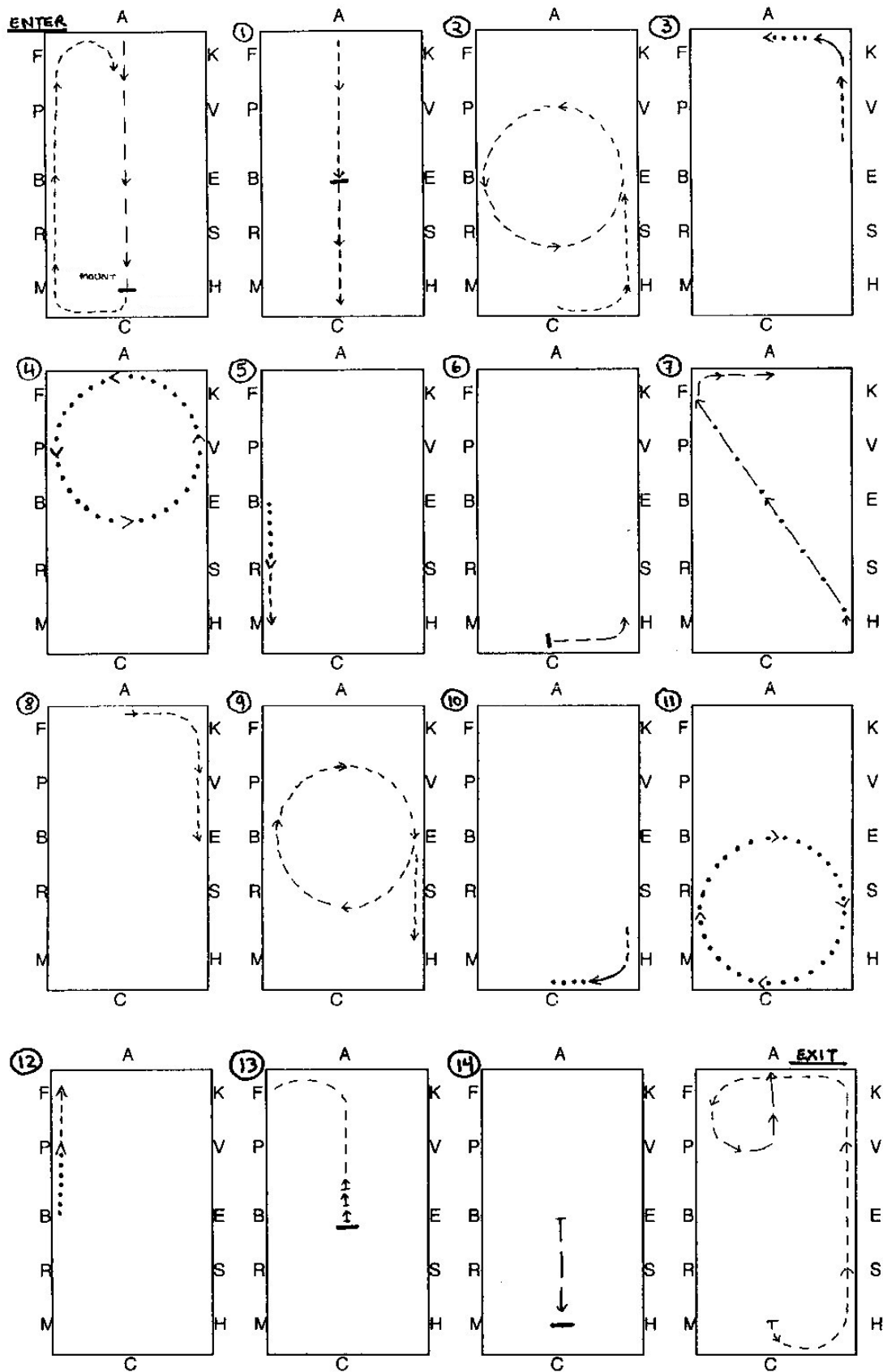
Test:

Enter A. Enter leading saddled and bridled horse to G.
Mount. GCMB working trot.

1. A- Down centerline working trot.
X Halt, salute
Proceed working trot
2. C Track Left.
E Circle Left 20m
3. Between Working canter, left lead
K & A
4. A Circle Left 20m
5. Between Working trot
B & M
6. C Medium walk.
7. HXF Free walk on long rein
F Medium walk
8. A Working trot
9. E Circle right 20m
10. Between Working canter, right lead
H & C
11. C Circle right 20m
12. Between Working trot
B & F
13. A Turn down centerline
X Halt through walk
Stand 3-4 sec. Back 3 to 4 steps
14. X Walk
G Halt, salute Judge

EXIT G Proceed working trot
C Track Left
CHEKA Working trot
F Circle Left to centerline and develop medium walk
A Exit arena at medium walk.

INTRODUCTORY ENGLISH RIDING TEST



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Evaluation Performance Test Introductory Riding Test - English

	Score	Comments
Behavior During Mounting (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Walk & Free Walk on Long Rein (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Trot (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Canter (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Transitions (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - Halt/Stand/Rein Back (1-10 Points)		
Submission <i>Attentiveness, confidence, obedience, stability, willingness to work</i> (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	
Impulsion <i>Forwardness, elasticity of steps, relaxation of back, engagement of hind end</i> (1-10 Points)		
Body Position <i>Relaxation, suppleness, ability to flex & bend, acceptance of bit</i> (1-10 Points)		

TOTAL POINTS EARNED

PREMIUM

OVERALL COMMENTS:

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

Date: _____
Location: _____

Show No.:

Name of Horse: _____
NFHR Reg. No.: _____
Microchip No.: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Owner: _____

INTRODUCTORY DRIVING TEST

Transitions to the halt through the walk. Reinback to show willingness, not perfection. Header required. Header or Groom enters from corner and stands 4'-6' from G as the driver enters arena. Points will be lost if horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary. Use of brakes not allowed.

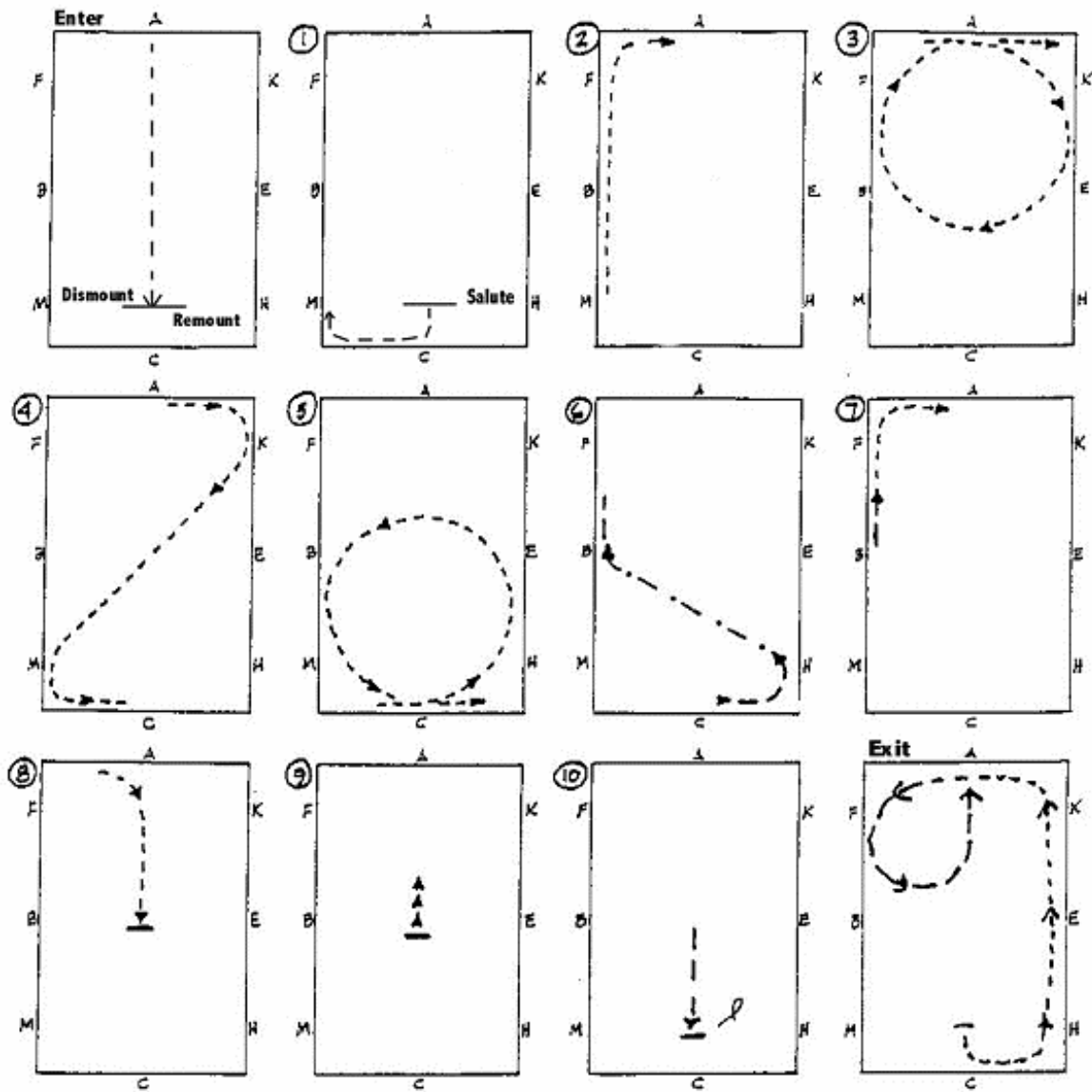
Test:

Enter A. A to G Working walk
 G Halt Dismount
 Remount

1. Salute the judge
 Proceed Working walk to C
 C Track Right
2. Proceed in Working walk
 Between B and F develop Working trot
3. A Circle Right 40m.
4. KXM Change rein across diagonal.
5. C Circle Left 40m.
6. Between C and H Working walk.
 H to B Free walk on long rein.
 B Working walk.
7. Between B and F Develop working trot.
8. A Turn down centerline.
 X Halt 3-5 sec.
9. Rein back, 3-4 steps.
10. X to G Working walk.
 G Halt, salute Judge.

EXIT G Proceed working trot.
 C Track left..
 CHEKA Working trot.
 F Circle left to centerline and develop medium walk.
 A Exit arena at medium walk.

INTRODUCTORY DRIVING TEST



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Evaluation Performance Test

Introductory Driving Test

	Score	Comments
Behavior <i>Enter, dismount, remount, drive off.</i> (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	
Movement at Walk & Free Walk on Long Rein (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Trot (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Transitions (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - Halt/Stand/Rein Back (1-10 Points)		
Submission <i>Attentiveness, confidence, obedience, stability, willingness to work</i> (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	
Impulsion <i>Forwardness, elasticity of steps, relaxation of back, engagement of hind end</i> (1-10 Points)		
Body Position <i>Relaxation, suppleness, ability to flex & bend, acceptance of bit</i> (1-10 Points)		

TOTAL POINTS EARNED

PREMIUM

OVERALL COMMENTS:

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

Date: _____
Location: _____

Show No.:

Name of Horse: _____
NFHR Reg. No.: _____
Microchip No.: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Owner: _____

INTRODUCTORY DRAFT TEST

Header required but points will be lost if horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary. Hame collar harness of suitable strength for pulling heavy loads. Stone boat of approx. 100 lbs., (see drawing for stoneboat specifications), singletree and additional weight of 200 lbs. in 50 lb. increments to be loaded and unloaded by Header.

Notes:

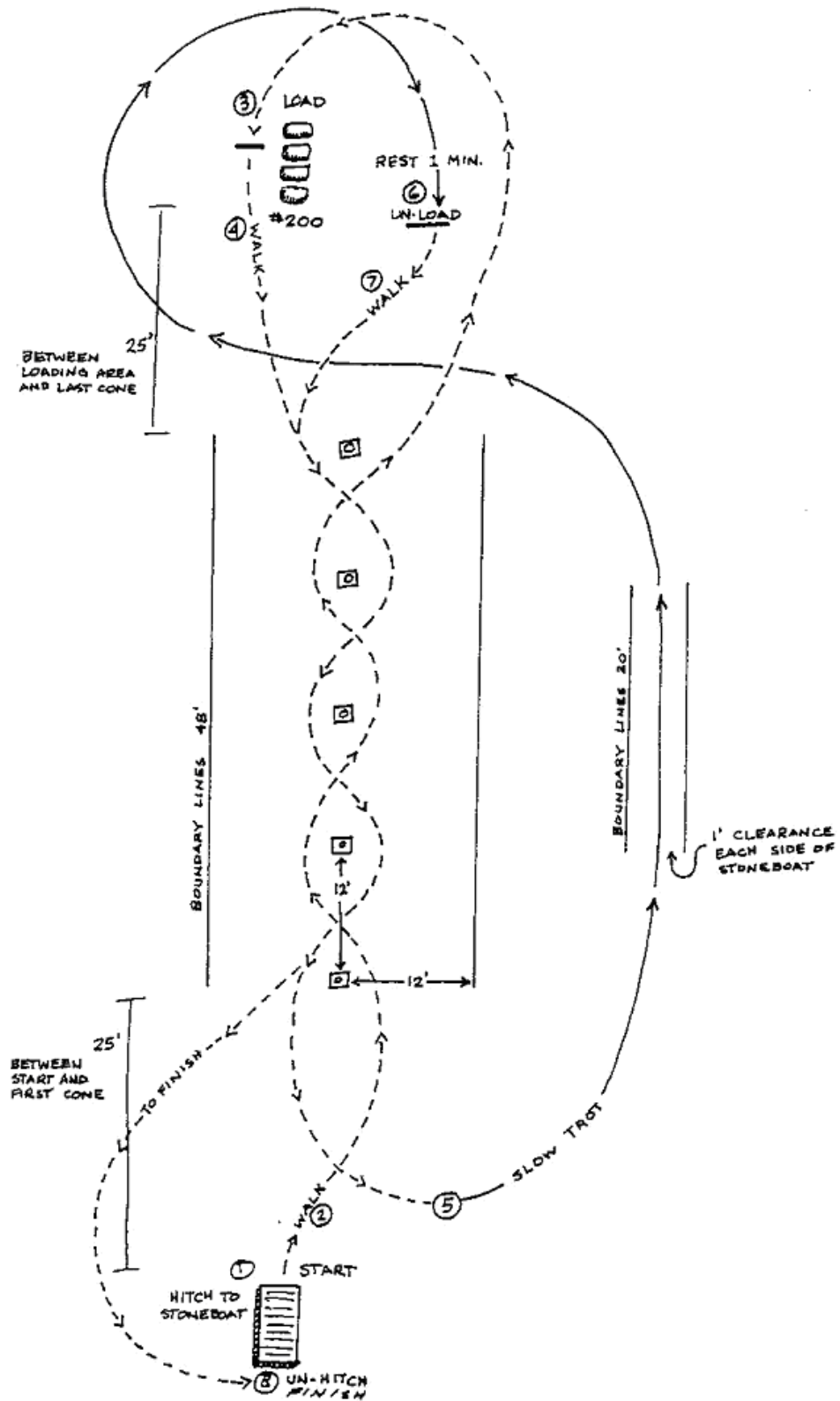
1. Horse shall be presented in harness.
2. All cone measurements are from the edge of the base to the edge of the base of the next cone.

Test:

1. Ground drive to the front of the stoneboat with the tugs hooked up on harness. Back the horse into position in front of the stoneboat and hitch unassisted, by attaching the tugs to the singletree. (The singletree will already be attached to the stoneboat). Wait 10 seconds. (Driver should walk beside the stoneboat- NEVER IN FRONT.)
2. Leaving first pylon on your Left, walk through pylons, treating them as trees. Driver to stay within track of horse. Stay within the boundary.
3. Exit with last pylon on your Left, circle back to load/unload station. Stop beside them.
1. Header to help load 200 pounds.
4. Leaving first pylon on your Left, pull stoneboat back through pylons. After last pylon, swing out and to the Left beyond boundary line.
5. Proceed at slow trot up the lane staying within boundary lines. After last pylon turn Left then circle right to load/unload station and stop in position to unload weights as indicated.
6. Rest one minute (timed by evaluator) before unloading the 200 pounds.
7. Leaving first pylon on your left, walk between the pylons (as shown in the diagram) and line up back at the start position with the stoneboat facing the pylons (ready for the next horse).
8. Unhitch.

EXIT ARENA WITH TUGS HOOKED UP.

INTRODUCTORY DRAFT TEST



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Evaluation Performance Test

Introductory Draft Test

	Score	Comments
Behavior - Hitching (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - Unhitching (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - Loading (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - Unloading (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - One Minute Rest (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Walk (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Trot (1-10 Points)		
Submission <i>Attentiveness, confidence, obedience, stability, transitions, willingness to work</i> (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	
Body Position <i>Relaxation, suppleness, ability to flex & bend, acceptance of bit</i> (1-10 Points)		

TOTAL POINTS EARNED

PREMIUM

OVERALL COMMENTS:

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

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ADVANCED WESTERN RIDING TEST

Flying lead changes optional;. Backing to show willingness, submission and straightness. Reader allowed. Header required but points will be lost if horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary.

Test:

Enter.

Ride at walk to 10' in front of Judge.

Dismount. Walk around horse.

Remount. Greet Judge (nod).

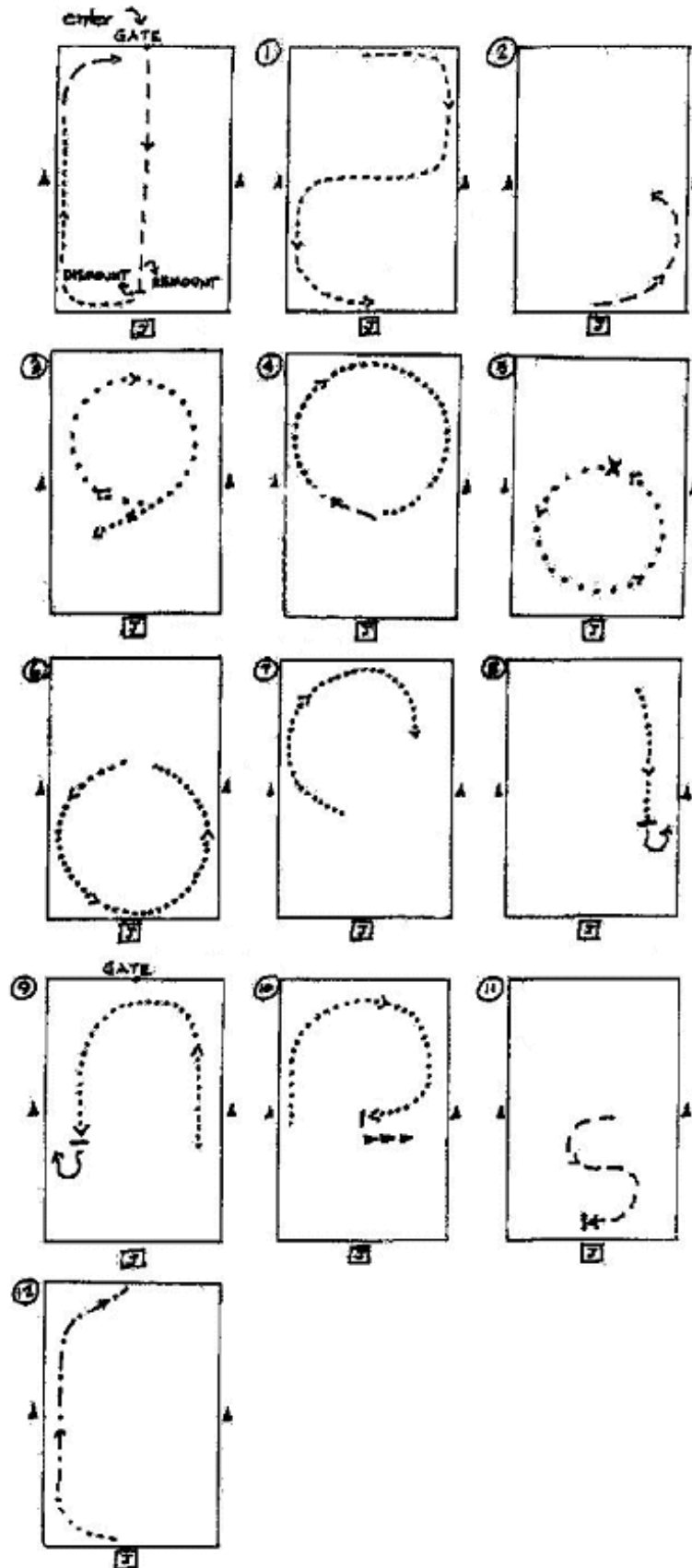
Turn Right. Jog on rail.

Between marker and corner, drop to walk.

1. At gate jog on rail.
At marker, turn Right.
Cross arena to opposite marker.
At marker turn Left.
Follow rail through corner.
2. At Judge drop to a walk.
Walk along rail.
Just before marker turn off to center.
3. Lope small slow circle to Right.
4. Lope large fast circle to Right.
Change lead at center.
5. Lope small slow circle to Left.
6. Lope large fast circle to Left.
Change lead at center.
7. Lope circle to Right.
Do not close this circle.
8. Lope straight down the side of arena
Past center marker perform a balanced stop.
Turn to the Left.
9. At the lope, continue down the fence
and around the other side,
Past center marker perform a balanced stop.
Turn to the Right.
10. Lope on the fence around to the other side.
At marker turn off rail into center.
Stop parallel to Judge.
Hesitate 3-5 sec. Back 10'-15'.
11. Walk serpentine (two half circles).
Stop on fence in front of Judge.
12. Greet Judge (nod).

EXIT ARENA AT EXTENDED JOG.

ADVANCED WESTERN RIDING TEST



ADVANCED WESTERN/ENGLISH RIDING TEST PART B: UTILITY

Equipment Notes:

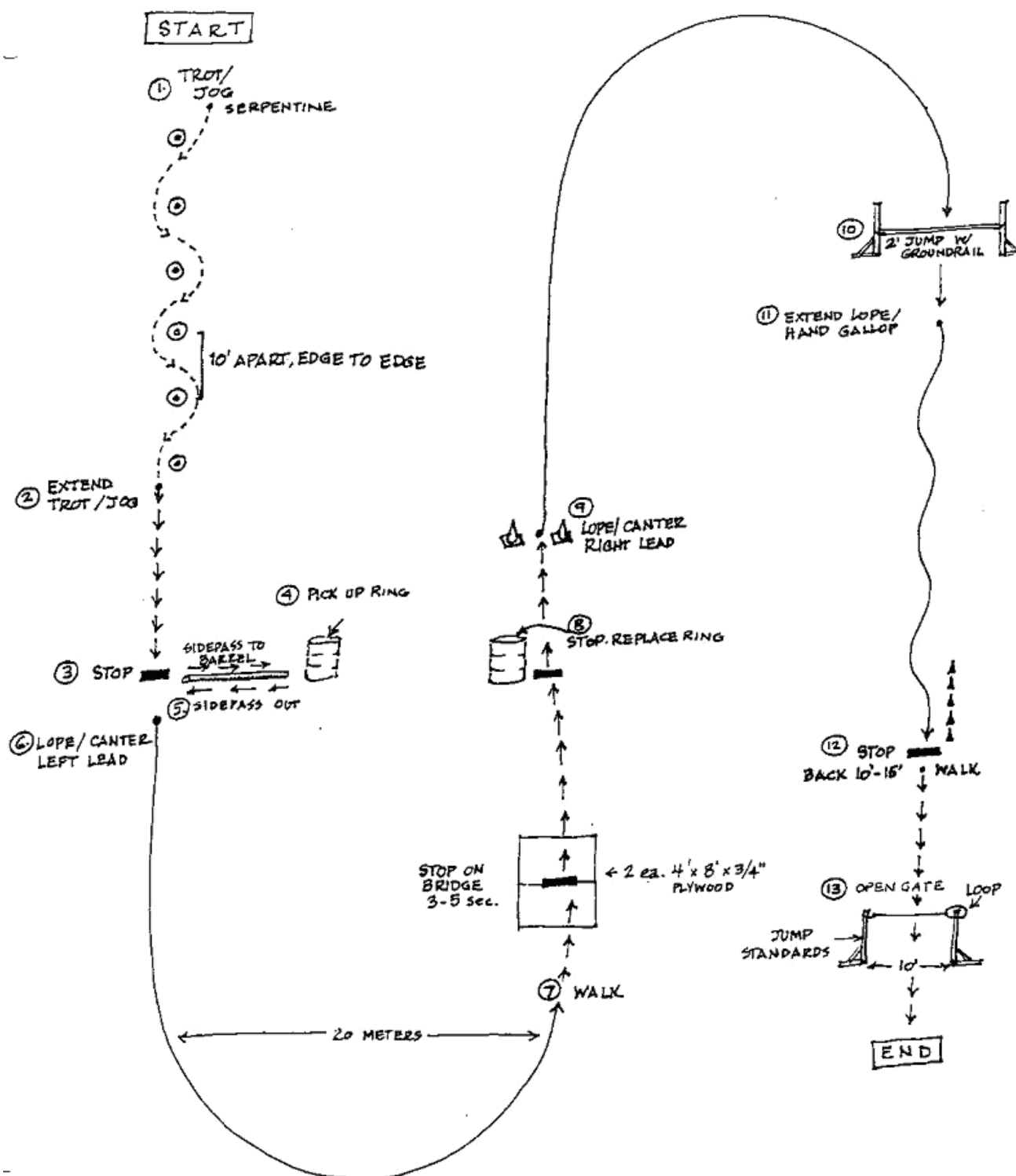
1. Have broom available for ground crew to sweep off debris tracked onto plywood.
2. Use ring rider can hold onto or slip up arm such that the use of the reins is not interfered with.
3. All cone measurements are from the edge of the base to the edge of the base of the next cone.

Test:

1. Jog or trot serpentine with first cone on Right.
2. Extend jog or trot. Stop at barrel.
3. Sidepass to barrel, over ground pole.
4. Pick up large ring.
5. Carrying large ring, sidepass from barrel, over ground pole.
6. Lope/canter left lead.
Drop to walk before bridge.
7. Walk on bridge. Stop.
Stand 3-5 sec.
8. Walk to barrel. Stop.
Replace large ring.
9. Walk. Between markers, lope/canter, right lead.
10. Jump 2' rail.
11. Upon landing, extend lope/hand gallop.
12. Just before gate, perform a balanced stop.
Back 10'-15'. Walk to gate.
13. Stop parallel to gate.
Lift rope loop with right hand.
Rotate hindquarters to left.
Pass through open gate.
Rotate hindquarters to left until
clear of gate post. Back parallel
to gate and fence line.
Replace rope loop.

EXIT AT JOG or TROT

ADVANCED WESTERN/ENGLISH RIDING TEST PART B: UTILITY



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Evaluation Performance Test Advanced Riding Test - Western

Part A:	Score	Comments
Behavior - Mounting (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Walk (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Jog (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Lope (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Lead Changes & Transitions (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - Halt/Hesitate/Back (1-10 Points)		
Submission <i>Attentiveness, confidence, obedience, stability, willingness to work</i> (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	
Impulsion <i>Forwardness, elasticity of steps, relaxation of back, engagement of hind end</i> (1-10 Points)		
Body Position <i>Relaxation, suppleness, ability to flex & bend, acceptance of bit</i> (1-10 Points)		
TOTAL POINTS EARNED - PART A		
PART A - OVERALL COMMENTS:		
Part B:	Score	Comments
Serpentine (1-10 Points)		
Extended Jog/Trot (1-5 Points)		
Sidepass & Pick-Up (1-10 Points)		
Lope/Canter, Left Lead, & Walk (1-5 Points)		
Bridge & Stop/Stand (1-10 Points)		
Walk to Barrel & Deliver (1-10 Points)		
Lope/Canter, Right Lead (1-5 Points)		
Jump (1-10 Points)		
Extended Lope/Hand Gallop (1-5 Points)		
Hesitate/Halt (1-10 Points)		
Back/Walk (1-10 Points)		
Gate/Open & Shut While Passing Through (1-10 Points)		
TOTAL POINTS EARNED - PART B		
PART B - OVERALL COMMENTS:		
OVERALL COMMENTS:		
ADVANCED WESTERN RIDING FINAL SCORE (Part A Final Score ____ + Part B Final Score ____)/2		PREMIUM

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

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Show No.: _____

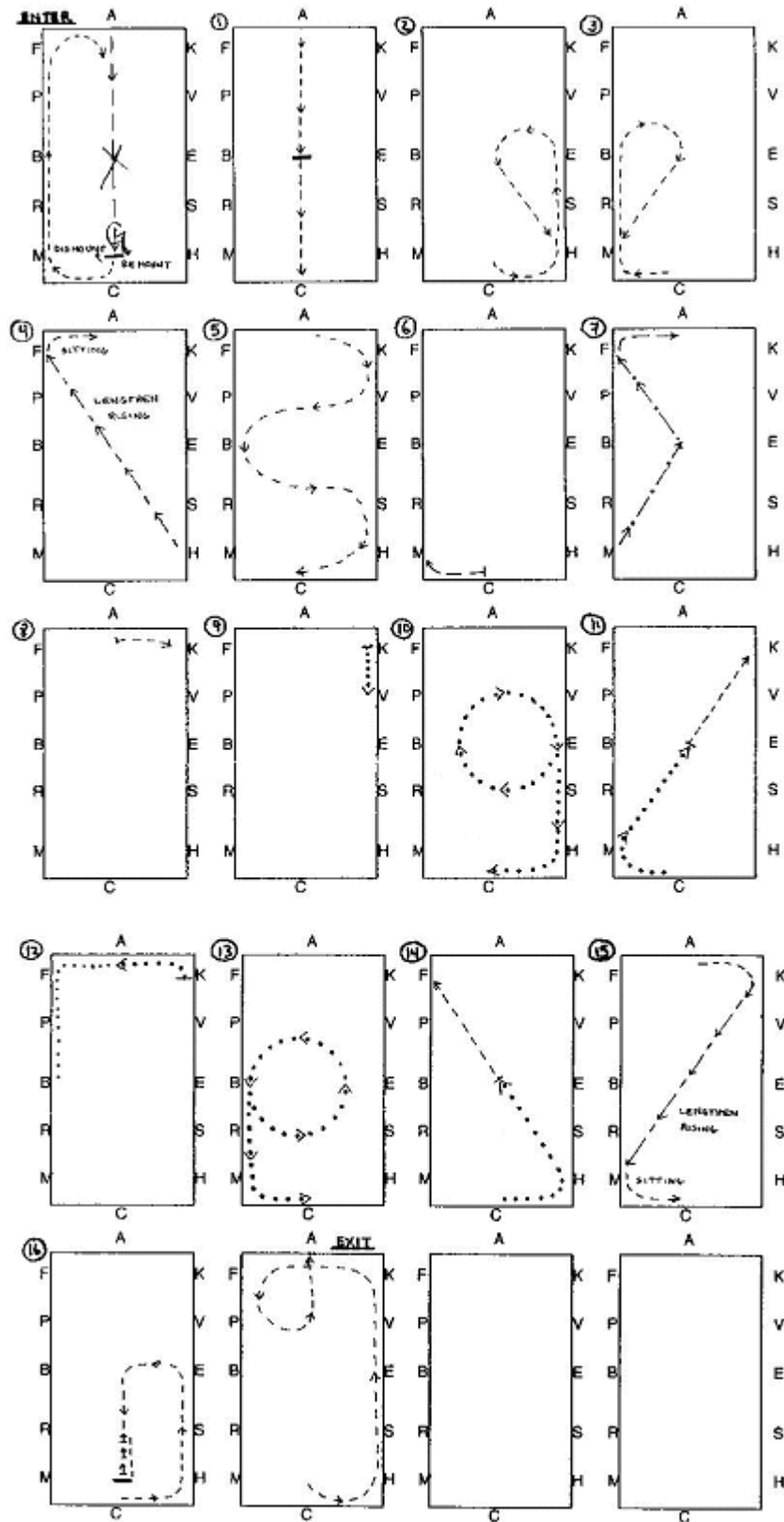
ADVANCED ENGLISH RIDING TEST

Transitions into and out of the halt to be made through the walk. Lengthening of stride at the walk and trot to show at least one hoof print over stride. Backing to show willingness, submission and straightness. Reader allowed. Header required when mounting. Points will be lost if horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary.

Test:

- Enter A. Enter arena mounted
A-G Walk. Dismount
Walk around horse. Remount
GCMBF working trot, rising
1. A Working trot, sitting
 X Halt, Salute
 Proceed working trot, sitting
 2. C Track Left.
 E Half circle left 10m
 Return to the track at H
 3. B Half circle Right 10m
 Return to the track at M
 4. HXF Lengthen stride in trot, rising
 F Working trot, sitting
 5. A-C Serpentine of 3 equal loops, width of arena
 6. C Medium walk
 7. MXF Free walk on long rein
 F Medium walk
 8. A Working trot
 9. K Working canter, right lead
 10. E Circle right, 15m
 11. MXK Change rein
 X Working trot
 12. K Working canter, left lead
 13. B Circle left, 15m
 14. HXF Change rein
 X Working trot
 15. KXM Lengthen stride in trot, rising
 M Working trot, sitting
 16. E Turn left
 X Turn left
 G Halt 3-5 seconds
 G Rein back 3-4 steps
 Walk forward to G and salute Judge
 - EXIT G Proceed working trot, rising
 C Track Left
 CHEKA Working trot, rising
 F Circle Left to centerline and develop medium walk
 A Exit arena at working walk.

ADVANCED ENGLISH RIDING TEST



ADVANCED WESTERN/ENGLISH RIDING TEST PART B: UTILITY

Equipment Notes:

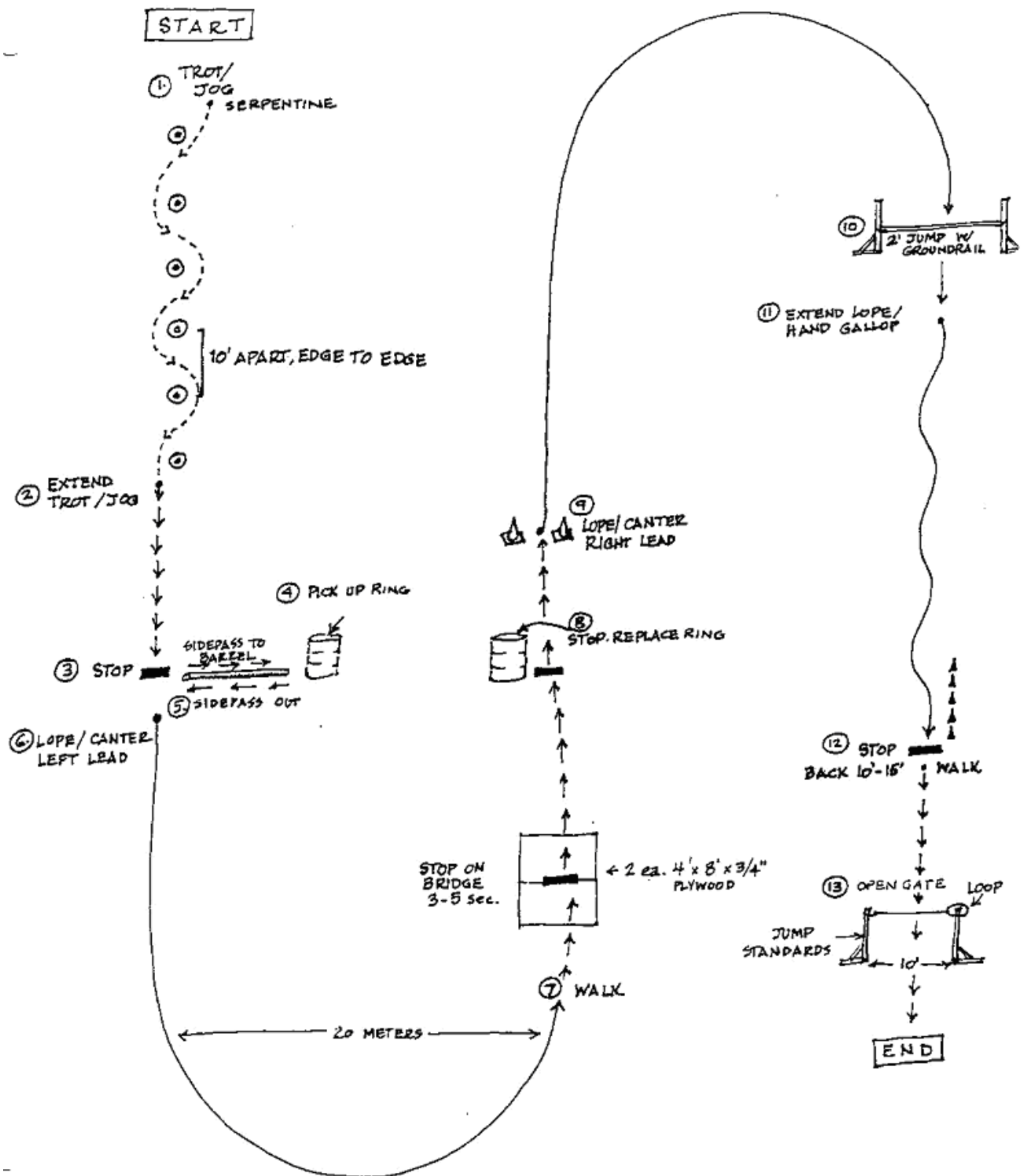
1. Have broom available for ground crew to sweep off debris tracked onto plywood.
2. Use ring rider can hold onto or slip up arm such that the use of the reins is not interfered with.
3. All cone measurements are from the edge of the base to the edge of the base of the next cone.

Test:

1. Jog or trot serpentine with first cone on Right.
2. Extend jog or trot. Stop at barrel.
3. Sidepass to barrel, over ground pole.
4. Pick up large ring.
5. Carrying large ring, sidepass from barrel, over ground pole.
6. Lope/canter left lead.
Drop to walk before bridge.
7. Walk on bridge. Stop.
Stand 3-5 sec.
8. Walk to barrel. Stop.
Replace large ring.
9. Walk. Between markers, lope/canter, right lead.
10. Jump 2' rail.
11. Upon landing, extend lope/hand gallop.
12. Just before gate, perform a balanced stop.
Back 10'-15'. Walk to gate.
13. Stop parallel to gate.
Lift rope loop with right hand.
Rotate hindquarters to left.
Pass through open gate.
Rotate hindquarters to left until
clear of gate post. Back parallel
to gate and fence line.
Replace rope loop.

EXIT AT JOG or TROT

ADVANCED WESTERN/ENGLISH RIDING TEST PART B: UTILITY



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Evaluation Performance Test Advanced Riding Test - English

Part A:	Score	Comments
Behavior - Mounting (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Walk (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Trot (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Canter (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Lengthening & Transitions (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - Halt/Stand/Rein Back (1-10 Points)		
Submission <i>Attentiveness, confidence, obedience, stability, willingness to work</i> (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	
Impulsion <i>Forwardness, elasticity of steps, relaxation of back, engagement of hind end</i> (1-10 Points)		
Body Position <i>Relaxation, suppleness, ability to flex & bend, acceptance of bit</i> (1-10 Points)		
TOTAL POINTS EARNED - PART A		
PART A - OVERALL COMMENTS:		
Part B:	Score	Comments
Serpentine (1-10 Points)		
Extended Jog/Trot (1-5 Points)		
Sidepass & Pick-Up (1-10 Points)		
Lope/Canter, Left Lead, & Walk (1-5 Points)		
Bridge & Stop/Stand (1-10 Points)		
Walk to Barrel & Deliver (1-10 Points)		
Lope/Canter, Right Lead (1-5 Points)		
Jump (1-10 Points)		
Extended Lope/Hand Gallop (1-5 Points)		
Hesitate/Halt (1-10 Points)		
Back/Walk (1-10 Points)		
Gate/Open & Shut While Passing Through (1-10 Points)		
TOTAL POINTS EARNED - PART B		
PART B - OVERALL COMMENTS:		
OVERALL COMMENTS:		
ADVANCED ENGLISH RIDING FINAL SCORE (Part A Final Score ____ + Part B Final Score ____)/2		PREMIUM

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

Date: _____
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ADVANCED DRIVING TEST

Transitions to halt through walk. Reinback to show willingness, submission and straightness. Reader allowed. Header required but points will be lost if horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary.

Test:

Enter A.

A-G Working walk.

G Halt. Dismount.

Unhitch. Lead horse around turnout. (driver must hold reins at all times while unhitching & re-hitching)

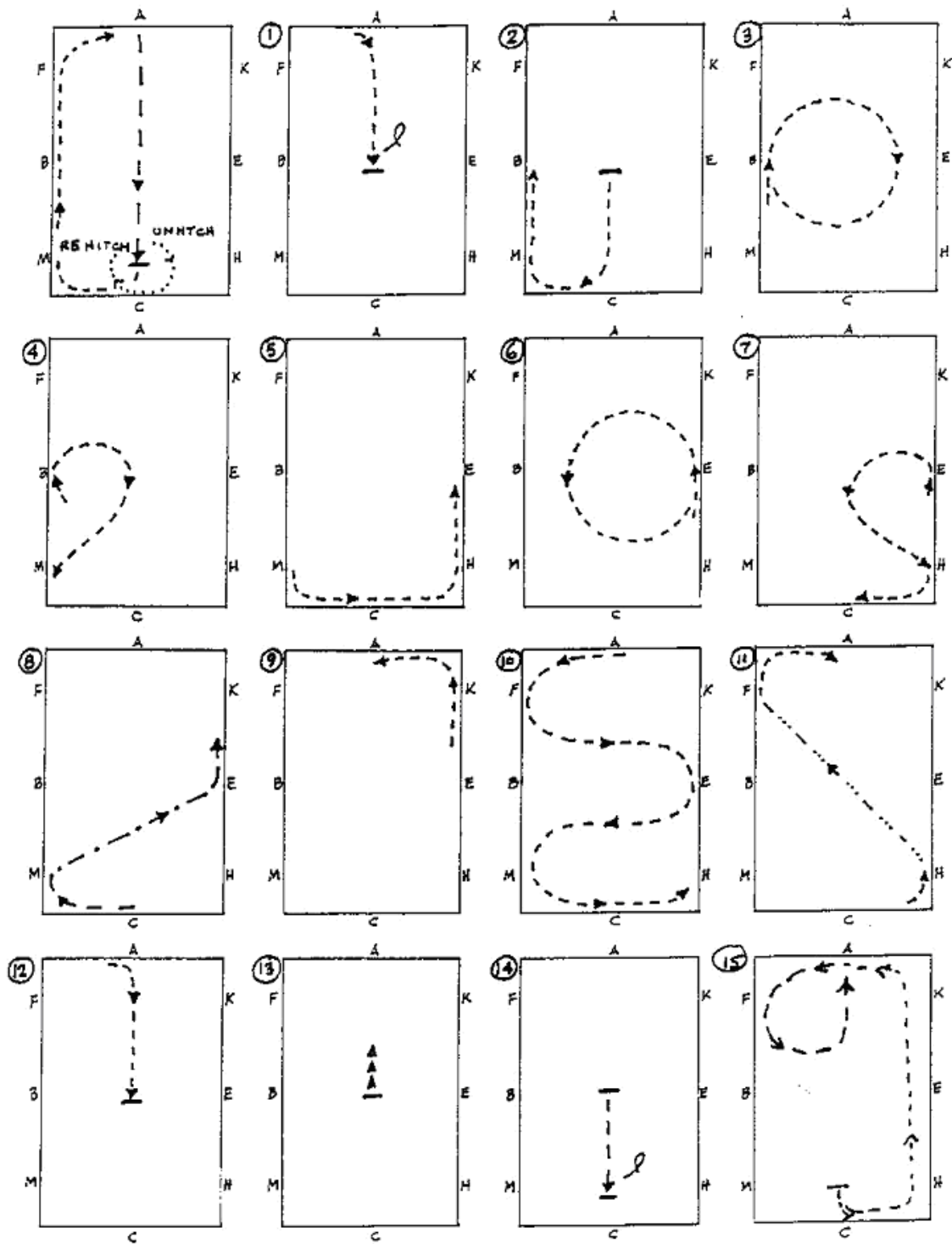
Re-hitch. Remount.

GCMBFA Working trot.

1. A Turn Right down centerline, working trot.
X Halt, salute Judge.
2. X Proceed working trot.
C Track Right.
3. B Circle Right 30m.
4. B Half circle Right 20m. returning to track at M.
5. M to E Working trot.
6. E Circle Left 30m.
7. E Half circle Left 20m. returning to track at H
8. C Working walk.
M to E Lengthen walk.
9. Between E and K Develop working trot.
K to A Working trot.
10. A to C Serpentine of three loops.
11. HXF Lengthen trot.
F to A Working trot.
12. A Down centerline.
X Halt 3-5 sec.
13. X Rein back 3-4 steps.
14. X to G Working walk.
G Halt, salute Judge.

EXIT ARENA WORKING TROT ON RAIL.

ADVANCED DRIVING TEST



ADVANCED DRIVING TEST PART B: UTILITY

Notes:

1. Have broom available for ground crew to sweep off debris tracked onto plywood.
2. All cone measurements are from the edge of the base to the edge of the base of the next cone.
3. This is not a timed test.
4. If the driver goes "off course", the driver shall be redirected without penalty.
5. In the event of a disobedience, driver may attempt to re-drive the obstacle once.
6. In the case of an element in an obstacle becoming dislodged, the driver will continue to the next obstacle, complete the course, then re-drive only the obstacle which has been reassembled.

Test:

Enter arena.

Halt, salute Judge.

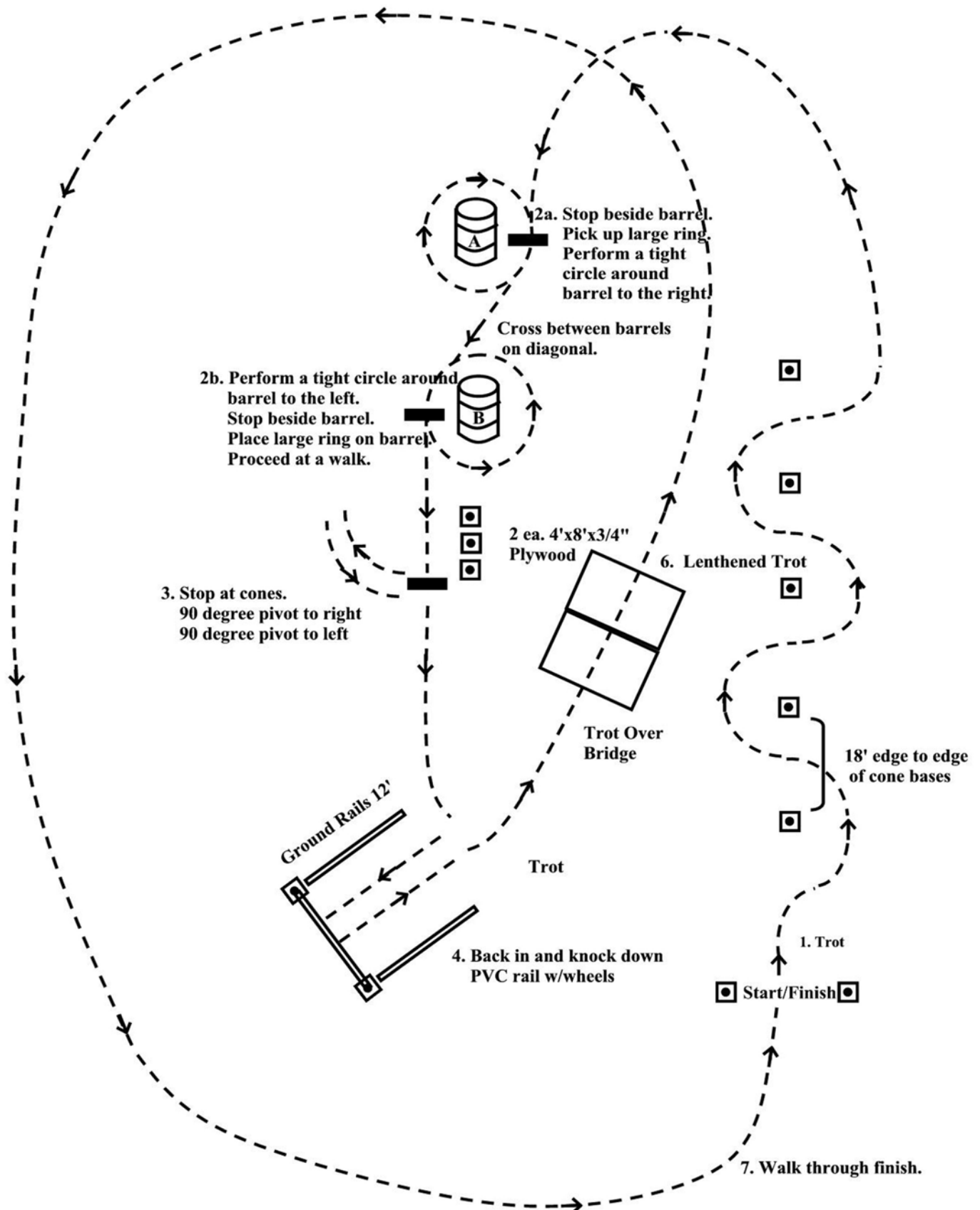
At working trot, start test through "START" gate.

(Do not drive through or over obstacles prior to start.)

1. Trot to serpentine.
Enter serpentine with first cone on Left.
2. At barrel "A" halt, pick up large ring.
At a walk, perform a tight circle clockwise around barrel "A".
Cross diagonally between barrel "A" and "B".
3. Perform a tight circle counter-clockwise around barrel "B".
Stop beside barrel "B". Leave large ring on barrel "B".
Proceed at walk.
4. At 3 cones halt. Do 90 degree pivot to right
followed by a 90 degree pivot left.
5. Walk up to, then back into "Back Up Rail" obstacle.
Dislodge PVC rail. Proceed at trot.
6. Trot over bridge (made of 2 plywood sheets measuring 4' x 8' x 3/4").
7. Lengthen the trot after crossing bridge.
Continue around perimeter of arena on the rail to the left.
8. Just before reaching the "FINISH" gate, walk.
Walk through "FINISH" gate.

EXIT ARENA.

ADVANCED DRIVING TEST PART B: UTILITY



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Evaluation Performance Test

Advanced Driving Test

Part A:	Score	Comments
Behavior <i>Unhitch/Walk Around</i> (1-10 Points)		
Behavior <i>Hitch</i> (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Walk (1-10 Points)		
Movement at Trot (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Lengthening (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - Halt/Stand/Rein Back (1-10 Points)		
Submission <i>Attentiveness, confidence, obedience, stability, transitions, willingness to work</i> (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	
Impulsion <i>Forwardness, elasticity of steps, relaxation of back, engagement of hind end</i> (1-10 Points)		
Body Position <i>Relaxation, suppleness, ability to flex & bend, acceptance of bit</i> (1-10 Points)		
TOTAL POINTS EARNED - PART A		
PART A - OVERALL COMMENTS:		
Part B:	Score	Comments
Serpentine (1-10 Points)		
Barrel A Pick-Up/B Drop-Off (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	
90 Degree Pivot Left (1-10 Points)		
90 Degree Pivot Right (1-10 Points)		
Back-In/Bump (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	
Cross Bridge (1-10 Points)		
Strong Trot (1-10 Points)		
Walk To & Through Finish Gate (1-10 Points)		
TOTAL POINTS EARNED - PART B		
PART B - OVERALL COMMENTS:		
OVERALL COMMENTS:		
ADVANCED DRIVING FINAL SCORE (Part A Final Score ____ + Part B Final Score ____)/2 =		PREMIUM

Signature of Evaluator #1

Date: _____

Location: _____

Show No.: _____

Signature of Evaluator #2

Name of Horse: _____

NFHR Reg. No.: _____

Microchip No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Owner: _____

ADVANCED DRAFT TEST

Header required but points will be lost if horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary. Hame collar harness of suitable strength for pulling heavy loads. Stone boat of approx. 100 lbs., (see drawing for stoneboat specifications), singletree and additional weight of 400 lbs. in 50 lb. increments to be loaded and unloaded by Header. Total pulling weight equals 500 pounds (Stoneboat plus 400 pounds additional weight). Log 8" to 10" in diameter and 8 feet long. When weaving through pylons, *both horse and driver* must weave the course.

Notes:

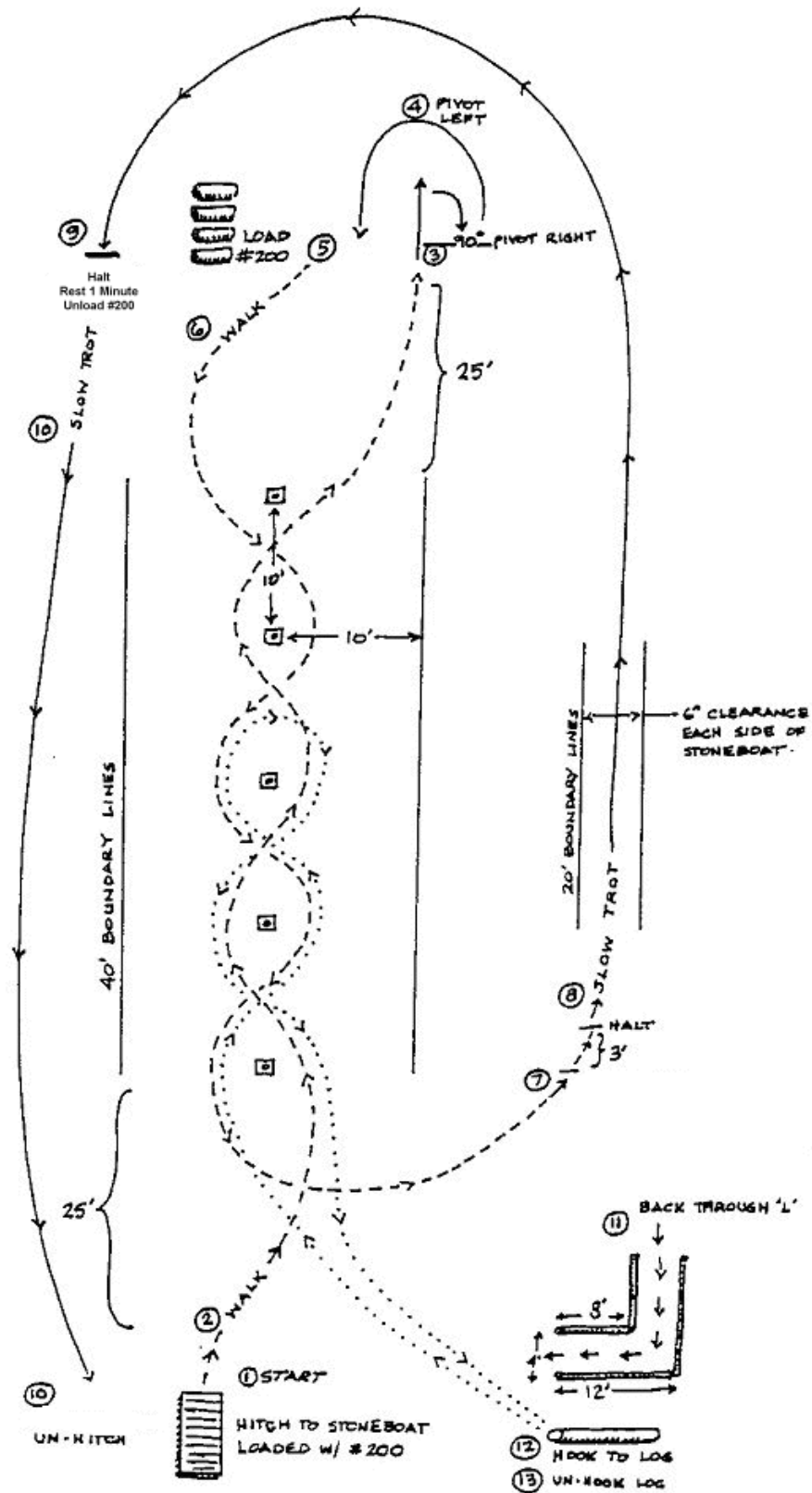
1. Horse shall be presented in harness.
2. All cone measurements are from the edge of the base to the edge of the base of the next cone.

Test:

1. Ground drive horse to front of stoneboat and back horse into position in preparation to hitch to singletree. Walk to the left side of the horse and pick up the left foreleg and hold off ground for a few seconds. Set foot back down and walk to right side of horse and pick up right hind foot and hold off ground for a few seconds. Return to hitching position and connect singletree to harness. (The singletree will already be attached to the stoneboat loaded with 200 pounds of weight).
2. Leaving first pylon on Left, at a walk weave through pylons to the end.
3. Approx. 25' from last pylon, halt and pivot Stoneboat Right 90 degrees.
4. Pivot Stoneboat Left until it is lined up parallel to weights.
5. Header loads additional 200 lbs. onto stoneboat.
6. Leaving first pylon on Left, weave back through pylons at a walk. After last pylon is cleared, swing Left and out beyond boundary line.
7. HALT. Pause a few seconds. immobile with slack rein. Start, pull approx. 3' and HALT again.
8. Start and pull at a slow trot up and around pylons and weight loading area through parallel boundary lines 20' long with 6" clearance on each side of the boat.
9. HALT parallel to loading area. Rest 1 minute. Header unloads 200 lbs.
10. Pull at a slow trot outside boundary lines to start area. Pull up so that stoneboat is lined up and available for next entry. Unhitch. Unhook singletree & hook up tugs.
11. Back through L.
12. Hook to singletree and then to log. At a walk, leaving first pylon on Right, weave through 3 pylons and back again, staying within boundary lines.
13. Return log to start. Unhitch.

EXIT ARENA WITH TUGS HOOKED UP.

ADVANCED DRAFT TEST



NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

Evaluation Performance Test

Advanced Draft Test

	Score	Comments
Behavior - Position horse, pick up feet Hitching/Unhitching Loading/Unloading (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Pylon course (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Pivots (1-10 Points)		
Quality of - Halt/Pause/Halt <i>3 foot pull</i> (1-10 Points)		
Quality of Gaits & Transitions (1-10 Points)		
Behavior - 1 minute rest (1-10 Points)		
Back through "L" (1-10 Points)		
Log Pull (1-10 Points)		
Submission/Behavior <i>Attentiveness, confidence, obedience, stability, willingness to work</i> (1-10 Points x 2)	x 2=	

TOTAL POINTS EARNED

PREMIUM

OVERALL COMMENTS:

Signature of Evaluator #1

Signature of Evaluator #2

Date: _____
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FJORD HORSE EVALUATION

Results Summary and Awards

This Summary is to be completed for each horse during the Evaluation. It is used to summarize the results of the horse's Conformation and Performance Evaluations, determine Medallion of Quality eligibility and by the Evaluation Coordinator to record the results.

1. Enter Conformation and Movement Evaluation Results:

Score: _____ Premium: _____

Did any individual conformation or movement category receive a score of 4 or less?

Please circle "yes" or "no".

Yes

No

2. Enter Performance Evaluation Results:

Family Fjord	
Numerical Score	Premium Awarded
Foundation	
Gnd Driving	
Riding	
Driving	

Introductory		Advanced	
Numerical Score	Premium Awarded	Numerical Score	Premium Awarded
Western			
English			
Driving			
Draft			

MEDALLION OF QUALITY:

In order to be eligible to receive a Medallion of Quality, a horse must receive a total score of 70 or better in the Conformation and Movement Evaluation, with no score of 4 or less; and a final score of 70 or more in any one or more Performance Evaluations.

3. Enter Medallions Of Quality Awarded:

Medallion - Bronze	Level (4,3,2,1)	Ribbon Color
Medallion - Silver	Level (4,3,2,1)	Ribbon Color
Medallion - Gold	Level (4,3,2,1)	Ribbon Color

4. Signature:

Technical Delegate or Evaluation Secretary

Print Name

Date: _____
Location: _____
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Name of Horse: _____
NFHR Reg. No.: _____
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