

FAMILY FJORD DRIVING TEST

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. Horses should thus be encouraged to perform in a relaxed, confident manner. 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 a good working relationship between horse and 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.

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
Family Fjord Ground Driving Test

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

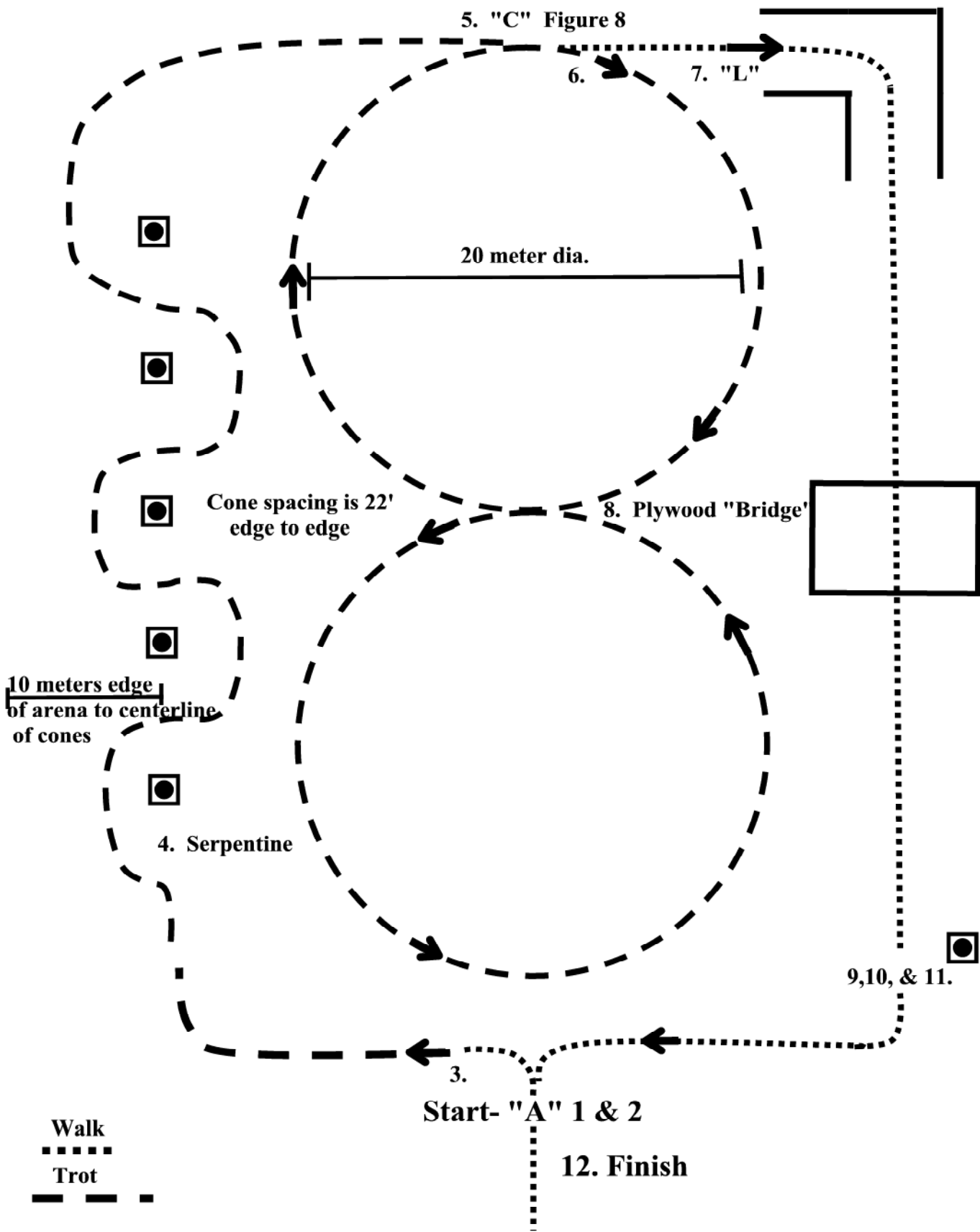
1. Have ground crew available to sweep off debris tracked onto plywood, remove log and tarp used in other tests, respace cones, set up "L", etc.
2. A trailer may be present near the finish line, but will not be used in this test
3. Cones should be spaced to 22' from edge to edge.
4. Use ground poles 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 (1-5 Points)	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: _____

Owner: _____

Microchip No.: _____