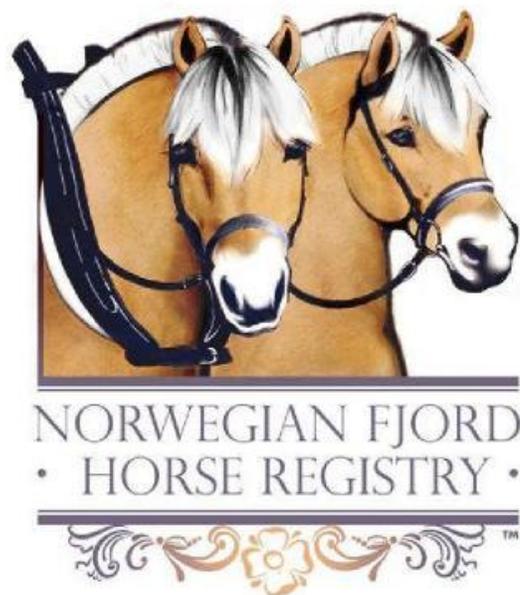


# NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY EVALUATION HANDBOOK

## SECTION 4 PERFORMANCE TESTS



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# PERFORMANCE TESTS

Evaluation of Performance is offered in three divisions:

## Family Fjord Tests

1. Foundation (open to horses two years of age and older)
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## Introductory Tests (open to horses three years of age and older)

1. Riding
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**Advanced Tests** are open to horses four years of age and older who have received a red or blue ribbon in an Introductory Test for the test discipline. Advanced Tests are designed to measure skills expected of a higher level of training and experience. The Advanced Performance Tests for riding and driving are two-part tests consisting of an arena segment and a utility segment.

1. Riding
2. Driving
3. Draft

During an evaluation, horses may be entered in conformation alone, performance alone, or both. However, to earn a bronze, silver or gold medallion, a horse must have earned a red or blue ribbon in a Conformation/Movement Test and earned a red or blue ribbon in a Performance Test. A more complete discussion of the rules for medallions are contained in Section 1 of the Evaluation Handbook.

Horses may participate in both Introductory and Advanced Tests in the same evaluation. However, to qualify for an Advanced Test, a horse must have earned a red or blue ribbon in the Introductory Test for that discipline. After waiting at least a year, tests may be repeated.

## Helmet Rule

All adults and minors must wear an ATSM/SEI approved helmet while mounted and/or driving. All minor participants must also wear an ATSM/SEI approved helmet while moving an equine between the barns and the arena(s), and while practicing, warming up and performing any test. Refusal to wear an ATSM/SEI approved helmet while mounted and/or driving will result in revocation of evaluation participation privileges (under these circumstances evaluation fees will *not* be refunded). This applies to both adults and minors.



### Evaluation Performance Test Score Sheet

Performance Test: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Microchip No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ UEHLN#: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Mental Disposition		No	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Score 1-10
Level of Excitement	1	Relaxed	<input type="radio"/>	Excited								
Confidence	2	Confident	<input type="radio"/>	Fearful								
Manageability	3	Manageable	<input type="radio"/>	Unmanageable								
Cooperation	4	Good	<input type="radio"/>	Poor								
2 Elements of Movement			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
			<input type="radio"/>	(Walk)								
Length of Stride	5	Long	<input type="radio"/>	Short								
Use of Joints	6	Active	<input type="radio"/>	Stiff								
Top Line	7	Free	<input type="radio"/>	Stiff								
			<input type="radio"/>	(Trot)								
Length of Stride	8	Long	<input type="radio"/>	Short								
Use of Joints	9	Active	<input type="radio"/>	Stiff								
Top Line	10	Free	<input type="radio"/>	Stiff								
			<input type="radio"/>	(Canter/lope/gallop)								
Length of Stride	11	Long	<input type="radio"/>	Short								
Use of Joints	12	Active	<input type="radio"/>	Stiff								
Top Line	13	Free	<input type="radio"/>	Stiff								
3 Quality of Movement			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
Impulsion	14	Forward/Powerful	<input type="radio"/>	None								
Suspension	15	Substantial	<input type="radio"/>	None								
4 Use of Body			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
Rhythm	16	Regular	<input type="radio"/>	Irregular								
Suppleness	17	Elastic	<input type="radio"/>	Stiff								
Balance (bend)	18	Balanced	<input type="radio"/>	Unbalanced								
Self Carriage	19	Uphill	<input type="radio"/>	On forehand								
5 Overall Impression			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
	20	Favorable	<input type="radio"/>	Unfavorable								

Comments:

Handler Skill	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	No Score
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	Skilled	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	Lacking Skill						

Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ Ribbon Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **FAMILY FJORD TESTS**

With careful consideration and input from Evaluators, breeders, owners, and trainers, the Evaluation Committee 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 foundation of basic training and good working relationship between the horse and its handler. This is a foundation that can serve a horse and its partners well, whether in a family or casual 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. Although 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.

### **FAMILY FJORD TEST REQUIREMENTS**

#### **General Requirements**

1. A coach is allowed without penalty for all tests.
2. A header is required for mounting, dismounting, harnessing, and hooking. While horses are being mounted or hitched in the ring, the header is required to stand 5' to the right of the horse's shoulder ready to assist with control if necessary. Points may be lost if assistance with control is needed.
3. Harness, saddles and bridles are to be inspected for safety prior to the beginning of Performance Tests. This inspection may occur either at the start of each individual test or at an alternate time and place to be announced by the TD or a representative of the TD.
4. Use of a mounting block is permitted.
5. Mounting assistance for the physically challenged may be granted by the TD.

#### **Attire**

Any appropriate, safe and reasonable attire is allowed for these tests. An ATSM/SEI approved helmet is required for all handlers, riders and drivers (see **Helmet Rule** above).

#### **Arena Dimensions**

No less than 20m x 60m, (66' x 197'), or approximate proportions.

#### **Tack and Harness**

Any safe and reasonable tack is allowed.

# FAMILY FJORD FOUNDATION TEST

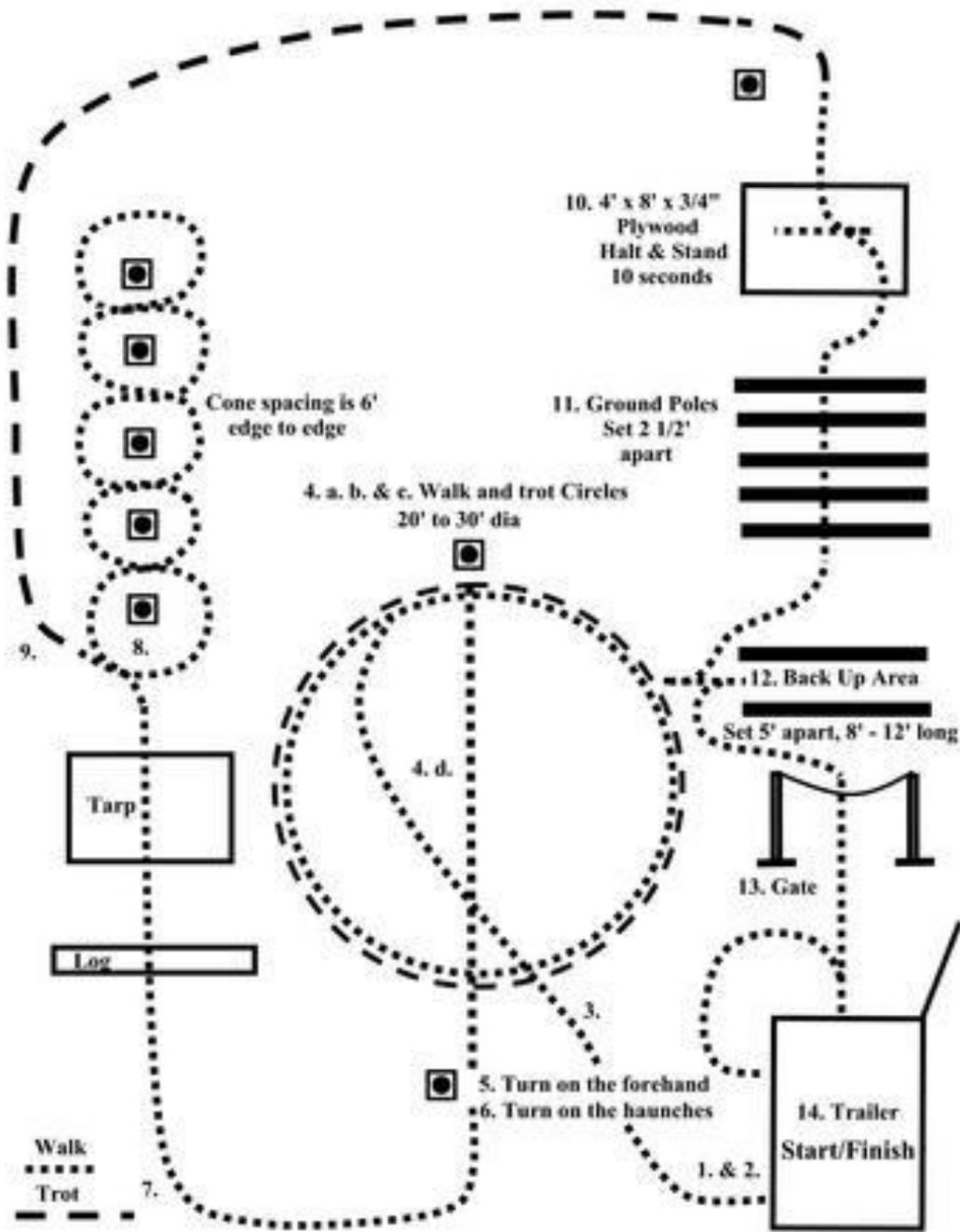
## Equipment Notes

1. A broom should be available for the ground crew to sweep off debris tracked onto the plywood or tarp.
2. A horse 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 of one cone to the edge of the base of the next cone.

## Test

1. Two and a half (2.5) minutes prior to the start of the test, the horse is should be tied to the horse trailer and should stand quietly.
2. After the horse has stood two and a half (2.5) minutes tied at the trailer and with the Evaluators observing, the handler shall pick up each foot of the horse, hold it for five seconds and then place the foot back on the ground.
3. The handler shall untie the horse and lead the it from the horse's **right** side on a loose line to the start area. The handler salutes the Evaluators.
4. Circles
  - a. With 15 to 20 feet of line, the handler shall 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 counterclockwise direction.
  - d. Proceed to the next cone at a walk. The handler will now be leading from the horse's **left** side.
5. The handler shall direct the horse to do a 180° turn on the forehand, then stop and pause five seconds.
6. The handler shall direct the horse to do a 180° turn on the haunches, then stop and pause for five 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 the horse as well as 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 the length of the plywood. Stand quietly for ten 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 five seconds.
13. Proceed at a walk to the gate. Open the gate and lead the horse through, replacing the gate rope without dropping it.
14. Proceed to the 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. Congratulations, you are finished with the test!

# Family Fjord Foundation Test



# FAMILY FJORD RIDING TEST

## Prerequisite Test

Family Fjord Foundation Test

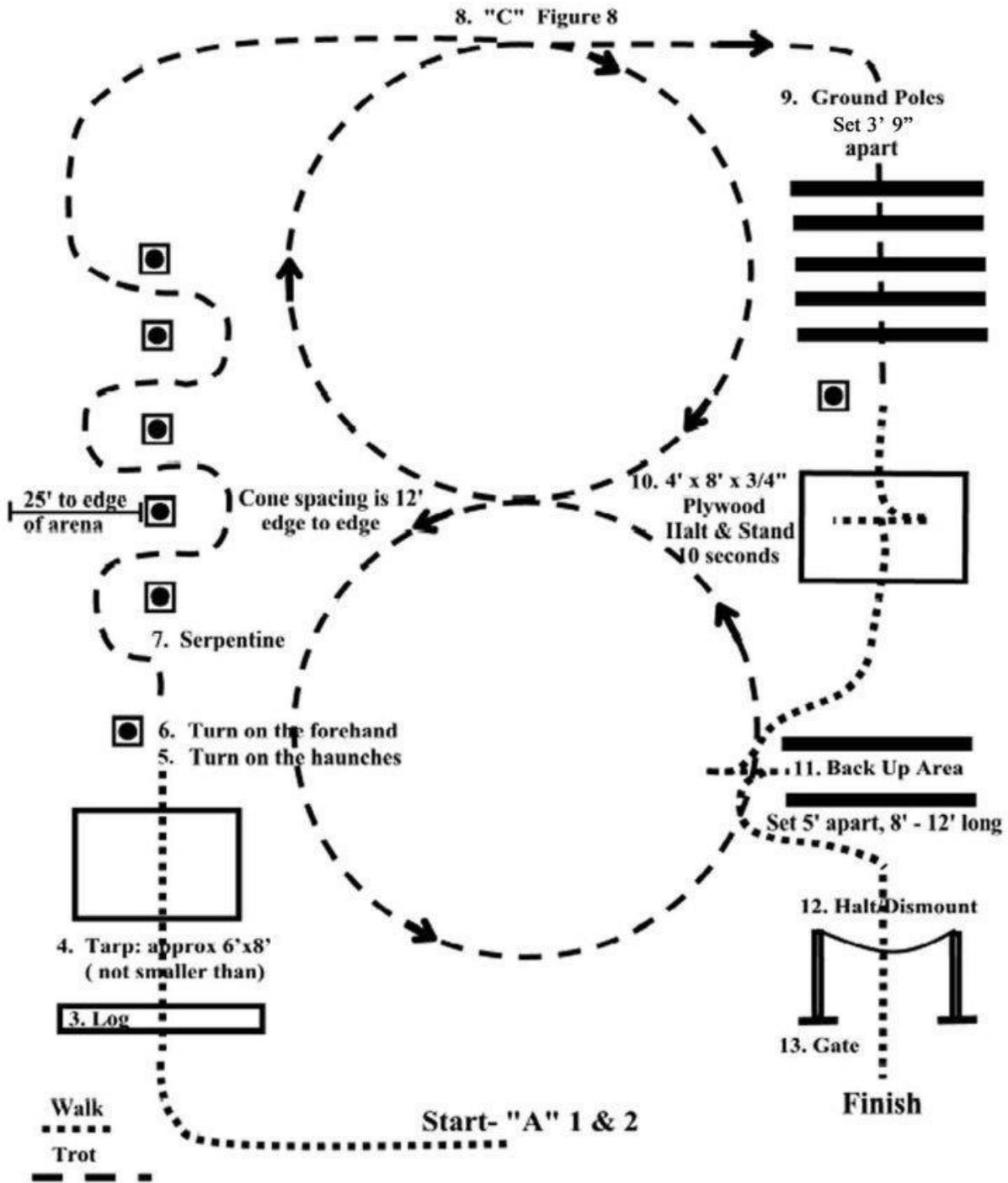
## Equipment Notes (see the diagram for the necessary equipment and set-up specifications)

1. Have a broom available for the ground crew to sweep off debris tracked onto the plywood or tarp.
2. A horse 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 2.
5. Riders may carry a whip.

## Test

1. The rider should lead the horse into arena saddled and bridled.
2. At "A," mount the horse and stand for 30 seconds. Salute the Evaluators.
3. Proceed to and walk over the log.
4. Continue over the tarp.
5. At the 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 the ground poles, transitioning to a walk at the cone.
10. Proceed at a walk to the plywood approaching from the long side and position the horse centered on the plywood with the long side of the plywood parallel to the side of the 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. The horse should stand quietly during the dismount. Hesitate 5-10 seconds.
13. Open the rope gate by lifting the rope, lead the horse through the gate and close the gate without dropping the rope. Halt and acknowledge the Evaluators.
14. Congratulations, you are finished with the test!

# Family Fjord Riding Test



# FAMILY FJORD GROUND DRIVING TEST

## Prerequisite Test

Family Fjord Foundation Test

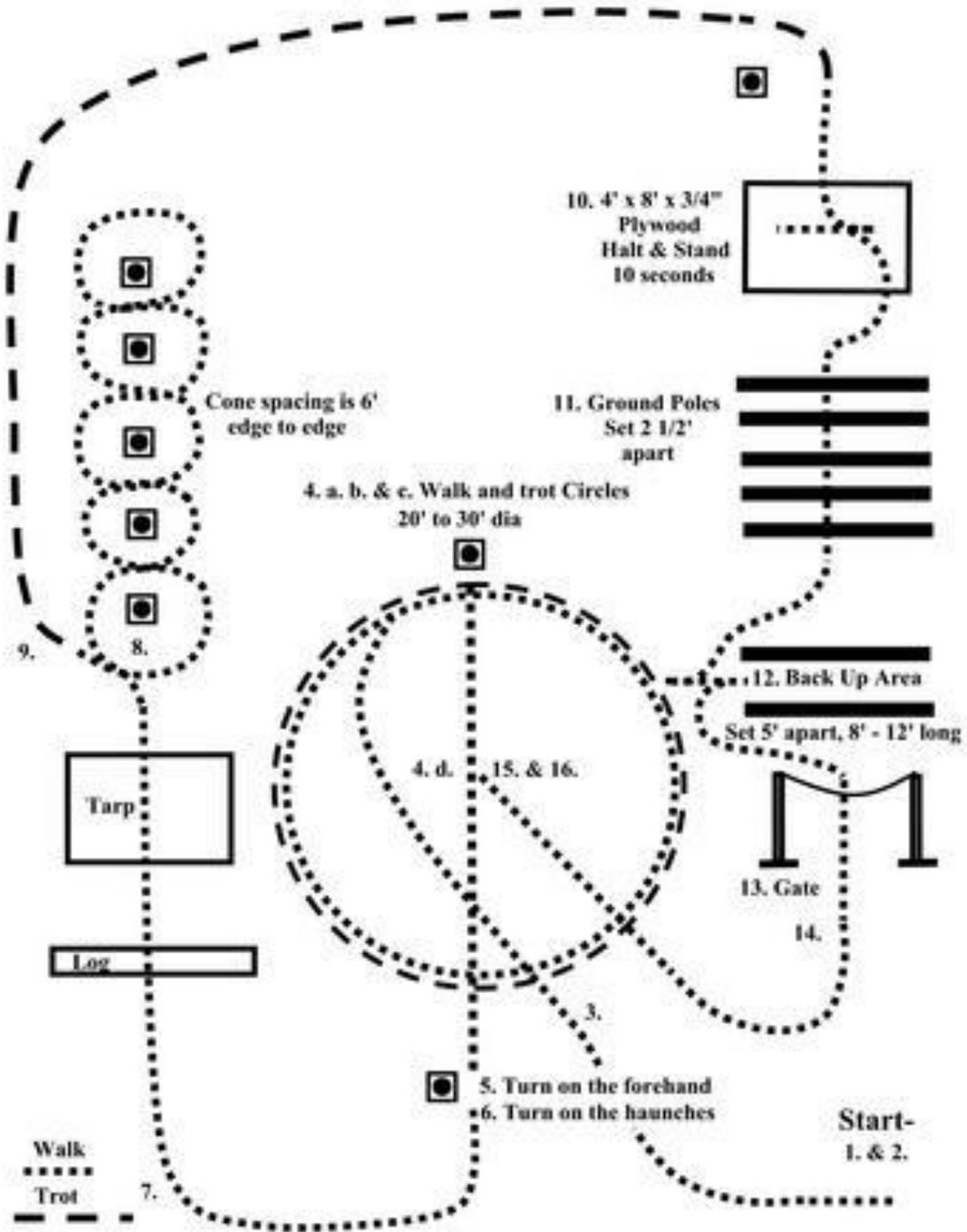
## Equipment Notes

1. Have broom available for the ground crew to sweep off debris tracked onto the plywood or tarp.
2. A horse 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 one cone to the edge of the base of the next cone.

## Test

1. Prior to the start of the test, tie the horse to the horse trailer. The horse should stand quietly.
2. While the horse is still tied, and with the attention of the Evaluators, harness the horse using a driving harness or a surcingle, and bridle.
3. Once harnessed, ground drive the horse at a walk to the start area at the center of the arena, halting at the cone. Salute the judge.
4. Circles
  - a. Starting at the cone, ground drive the 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 counterclockwise direction.
5. Proceed to next cone at a walk, halting upon arrival. Secure the lines and take the horse by the lines at the bridle.
6. Direct the horse to do a 180° turn on the forehand, then stop and pause 5 seconds.
7. Direct the horse to do a 180° degree turn on the haunches, then stop and pause for 5 seconds.
8. Return to the driving position.
9. Ground driving the horse, proceed to and continue over the log and tarp at a relaxed walk.
10. 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.
11. After passing the last cone, turn to the right and transition to a controlled, relaxed trot around the perimeter of the testing area, halting through a walk at the cone by the plywood.
12. Proceed at a relaxed walk. Approach the plywood perpendicular to its length; proceed onto the plywood.
13. Ground driving the 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.
14. At a walk, ground drive the horse to the gate. Once again, secure the lines and take the horse by the lines at the bridle. Open the gate and lead the horse through, replacing the gate rope without dropping it.
15. Continue leading your horse to the cone at the center of the arena.
16. 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 and return to the driving position.
17. Salute the judge and exit the arena at a walk.
18. Congratulations, you are finished with the test!

# Family Fjord Ground Driving Test



# FAMILY FJORD DRIVING TEST

## Prerequisite Tests

- Family Fjord Foundation Test
- Family Fjord Ground Driving Test

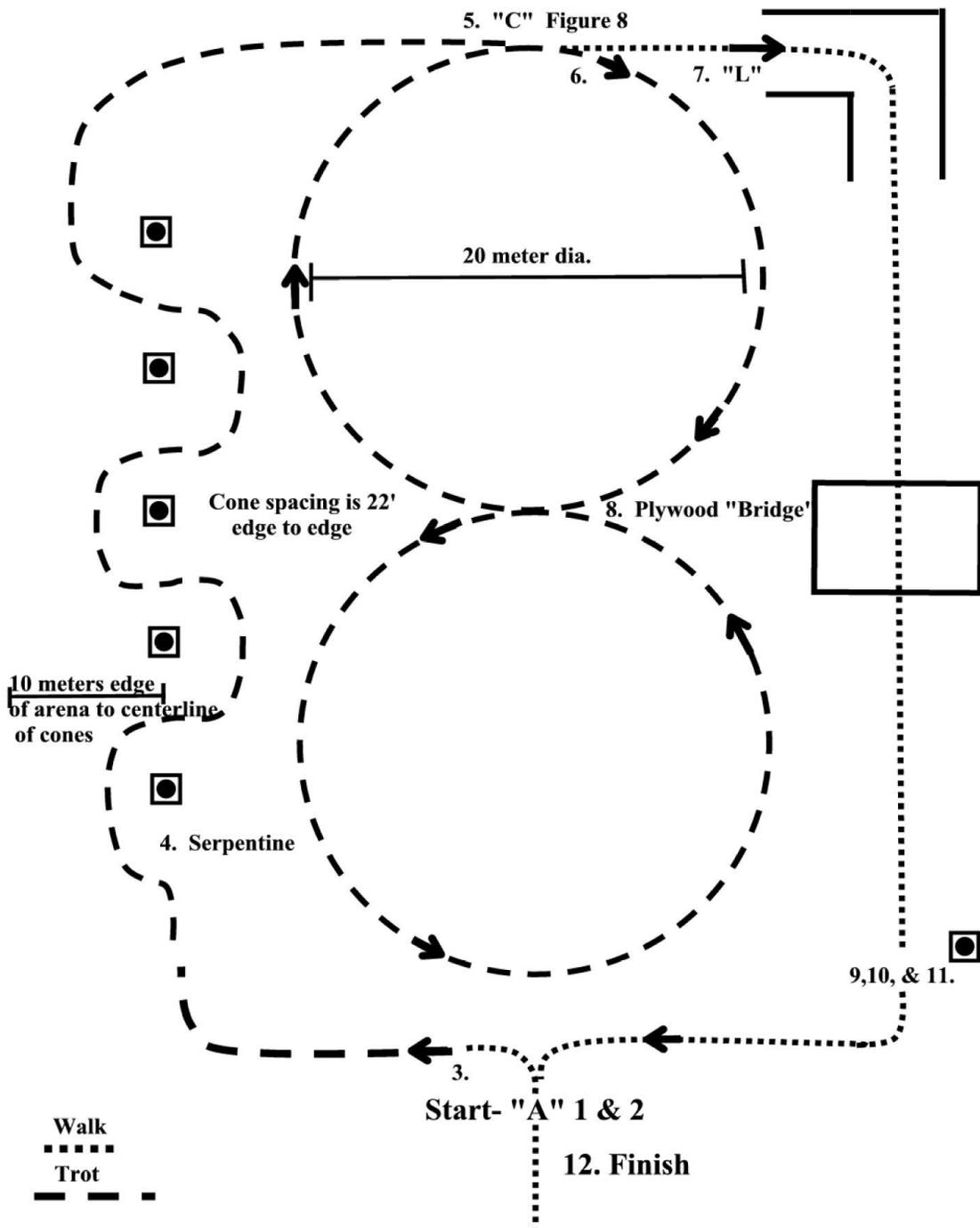
## Equipment Notes (see diagram for necessary equipment and set-up specifications)

1. Have the ground crew available to sweep off debris tracked onto plywood, remove log and tarp used in other tests, respace the cones, set up the "L" to assist with the set up for this test.
2. A horse 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 an "L" whose dimensions are 16' outside, 8' inside, 8' wide.
5. For information regarding acceptable and appropriate tack and attire, please see Section 2.
6. Drivers must carry a whip.

## Test

1. Proceed to the arena with the horse harnessed and hitched. Enter the arena at a walk.
2. At "A", halt and stand 60 seconds. Salute the 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 three to five seconds.
10. Back up three to four steps.
11. Proceed at a walk back to the cone and halt. Wait for verbal comments, feedback, or further instruction.
12. Exit the arena at a walk.
13. Congratulations, you are finished with the test!

Family Fjord Driving Test  
 diagram not drawn to scale



## INTRODUCTORY AND ADVANCED TESTS

These 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 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 the Advanced Tests 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 penalize the horse's record of performance. One may be asked to repeat parts of the test if the Evaluators believe 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 itself to the best of its capability, we recommend that participants familiarize themselves with the tests, know the tests well and practice them prior to arriving at an evaluation.

## INTRODUCTORY AND ADVANCED TEST REQUIREMENTS

### General Requirements

1. A reader is allowed without penalty for all tests.
2. A header is required for mounting, dismounting, harnessing, hooking and weight loading. While horses are being mounted or hitched in the ring, the header is required to stand 5' to the right of the horse's shoulder ready to assist with control if necessary. Points may be lost if assistance with control is needed.
3. Test times and patterns will be posted at least 24 hours in advance.
4. Harness, saddles and bridles are to be inspected for safety prior to the beginning of Performance Tests. This inspection will occur either at the start of each individual test or at an alternate time and place to be announced by the TD or a representative of the TD.
5. The use of a mounting block is permitted.
6. Mounting assistance for the physically challenged may be granted by the TD.

### Attire

1. Riding attire may be informal, however an ATSM/SEI approved helmet (see **Helmet Rule** above) must be worn. The rider must wear either pants, jodhpurs, or breeches, a long or short sleeved shirt and boots. For English, jacket and whip are recommended. For Western riders, chaps and spurs are optional.
2. Driving: Gloves and driving apron are recommended. An ATSM/SEI approved helmet (see **Helmet Rule** above) and whip in hand are required.
3. Draft: Protective shoes, helmet unless a waiver is signed, long pants and shirt are required. Jackets are optional. Whips are not allowed. An ATSM/SEI approved helmet (see **Helmet Rule** above) is required for all.

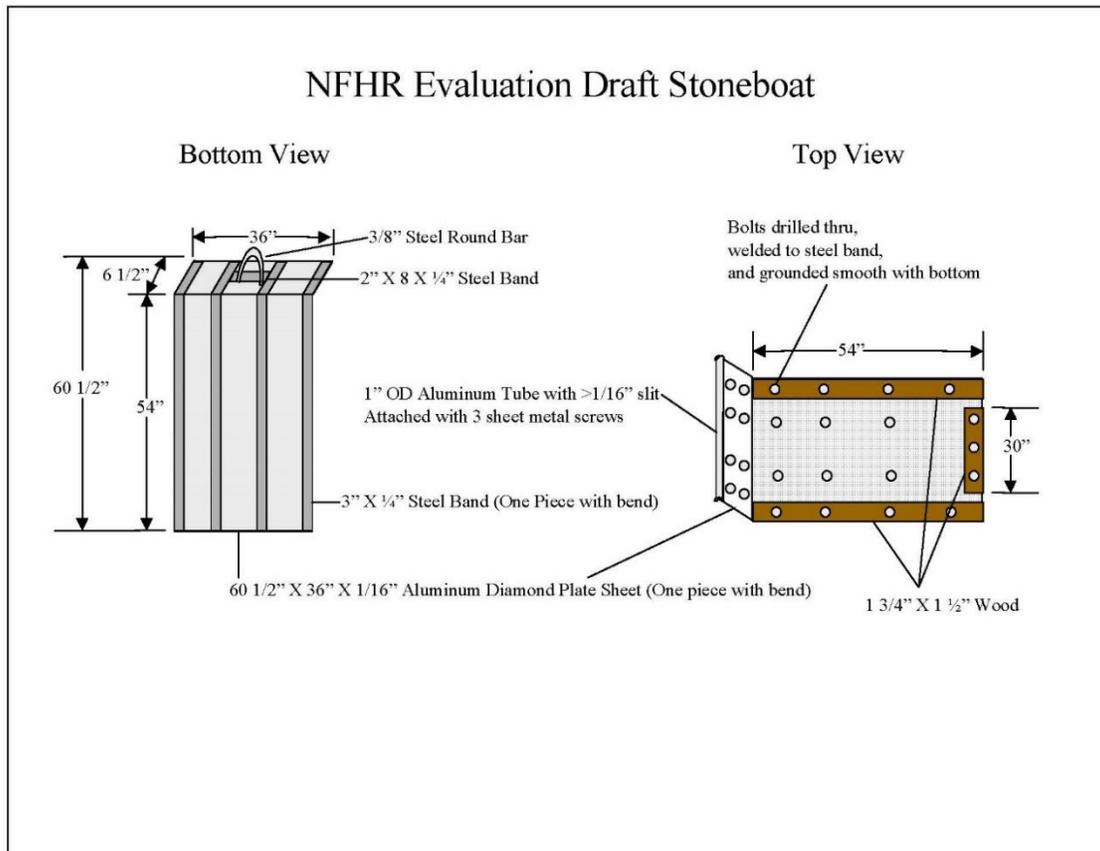
### Arena Specifications

1. Riding: 20m x 60m, (66' x 197'), or approximate proportions with visible dressage letters posted. For Advanced Tests, the Utility section should be in an arena or working area at least 20m x 60m, (66' x 197').

- Driving: 40m X 80m, (131' x 262'), or approximate proportions with visible dressage letters posted. For Advanced Tests, the Utility section should be in an arena or working area at least 40m x 80m, (131 x 262m).
- Draft: A working area approximately 30m x 60m (100' X 200') with five pylons (traffic cones) placed in a row with corresponding boundary lines. See the Performance Tests for the exact measurements.

### Draft Test Stoneboat Diagram

This diagram is provided for people who want to replicate this stoneboat for practice at home. NFHR will provide a stone boat at the evaluation.



### Riding Western Tack

All bits must meet standards for legal bits according to the US Equestrian Federation Western guidelines as defined below. Snaffle bits, bitless bridles, or hackamores are encouraged for horses doing the Introductory Riding Test. Horses shown in snaffle bits, bitless bridles, or hackamores in the Riding Tests must be ridden two handed. Horsehair or rope reins and mecate are allowed for bosals and snaffles. The mecate can be tied to the saddle horn or held by the rider. Horses shown in curb bits must be ridden with one hand on the reins. Curb bits may be used on any horse five years or older in the Introductory or Advanced Riding Tests. When the rider uses a curb, the following reins may be used: Romal reins or Split reins. When using a curb with Romal reins, only one hand is allowed; the Romal is held in one hand with no fingers between the individual reins. The end of the Romal may be held in the hand not used for reining to keep the Romal from swinging and to adjust the position of the rein. The reins must be held so that there is at least 16 inches of rein between the hands. When using split reins, the rider may put one finger between the split reins; the ends of the reins should fall on the side of the reining hand. Any western type saddle with or without a horn is acceptable. **\*\*NO martingales, tie downs, cavessons, whips or mechanical hackamores are permitted.**

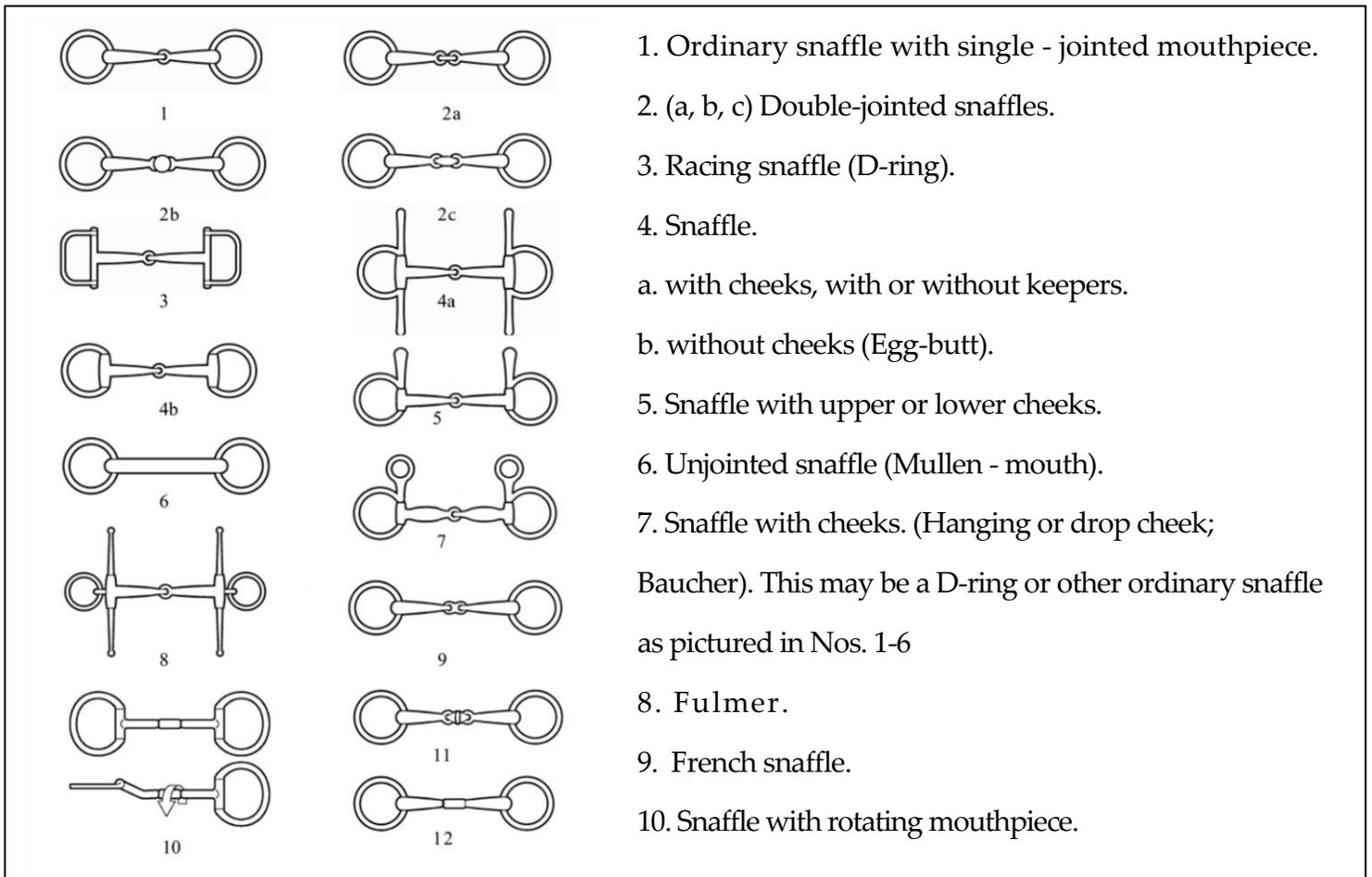
## **United States Equestrian Federation Guidelines WS105 Tack (numbers 2-5)**

2. There shall be no discrimination against any standard Western bit. A standard Western bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8 1/2". The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar 5/16" to 3/4" in diameter as measured one inch in from the shank. The bars may be inlaid but must be smooth or latex wrapped. (The bars may be encased in smooth 5/16" to 3/4" in diameter tubular barrels that rotate around the bars). Nothing may protrude above or below the mouthpiece (bar) such as extensions, prongs or rivets designed to intimidate the horse. Rollers attached to the center of the bit are acceptable and may extend below the bar. Jointed mouthpieces are acceptable and may consist of two or three pieces and may have one or two joints. A three-piece mouthpiece may include a connecting ring of 1 1/4" or less in diameter or a connecting flat bar of 3/8" to 3/4" (measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2"), which lies flat in the mouth, or a roller or port as described herein. The port must be no higher than 3 1/2" maximum with roller(s) and covers acceptable. Jointed mouthpieces, half-breeds and spade bits are standard. Slip or gag bits, rigid donut mouthpieces and flat polo mouthpieces are prohibited. Roping bits with both reins connected to a single ring at center of cross bar shall not be used. Reins must be attached to each shank. Any rein design or other device which increases the effective length and thereby the leverage of the shank of a standard western bit is prohibited. Anything that alters the intended use of equipment as provided for in the description of appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance.

3. Standard snaffle bits are permitted in any class on a junior horse five years old and under. A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed single rounded, unwrapped smooth mouthpiece of 5/16" to 3/4" diameter metal as measured from ring to 1" in from the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from 2" to 4" outside diameter of either the loose type, eggbutt, dee or center mounted without cheeks. The inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachment hooks. If a curb strap is used it must be attached below the reins. Closed reins (example mecate) on a snaffle bit are prohibited.

4. Hackamores are permitted in any class on a junior horse five years old and under. A hackamore includes a bosal rounded in shape and constructed of braided rawhide or leather and must have a flexible nonmetallic core attached © USEF 2020 1167 to a suitable headstall. No other material of any kind is to be used in conjunction with a bosal, i.e., plastic, resin, glue, steel, metal or chains (Exception: smooth plastic electrical tape is acceptable if applied in a smooth, untwisted manner). There must be approximately 3/4" between the nose and the bosal. The bosal will be no larger than 3/4" in diameter at the cheek and will flex easily. Attached reins may be of hair, rope, or leather.

5. Horses shall not be shown with artificial appliances that would tend to alter their performance. When a curb bit is used, a curb strap or curb chain is required and must be at least 1/2" in width, lie flat against the jaw, and be free of bars, wire, and/or twists. No wire, rawhide, metal or other substance can be used in conjunction with or as part of the leather chin strap, or curb chains. Rounded, rolled, braided or rawhide curb straps are prohibited. A light lip strap is permissible. Hackamore bits, bosals, cavesson type nosebands, martingales and tie-downs are prohibited. A judge does not have the authority to add or to remove any of the standard equipment as specified above.



### Driving

A single driving harness made of leather or synthetic materials is acceptable. It may be either a breastplate or full collar style. Any type of riding snaffle or other type of traditional driving bit is allowed. Bits may be covered with rubber or leather. Burr, gag and twisted wire bits of any type are not permitted. Use of the lowest slot on a three-slot bit is prohibited. Over check reins and martingales are not permitted. Side check reins and open bridles are permitted. A whip in hand is required.

### Draft

A collar and hames draft harness must be used. Any type of riding snaffle or other types of traditional driving bits are allowed. Bits may be covered with rubber or leather. Burr, gag and twisted wire bits of any type are not permitted. Over check reins and martingales are not permitted. Side check reins and open bridles are permitted. Whips are not allowed.

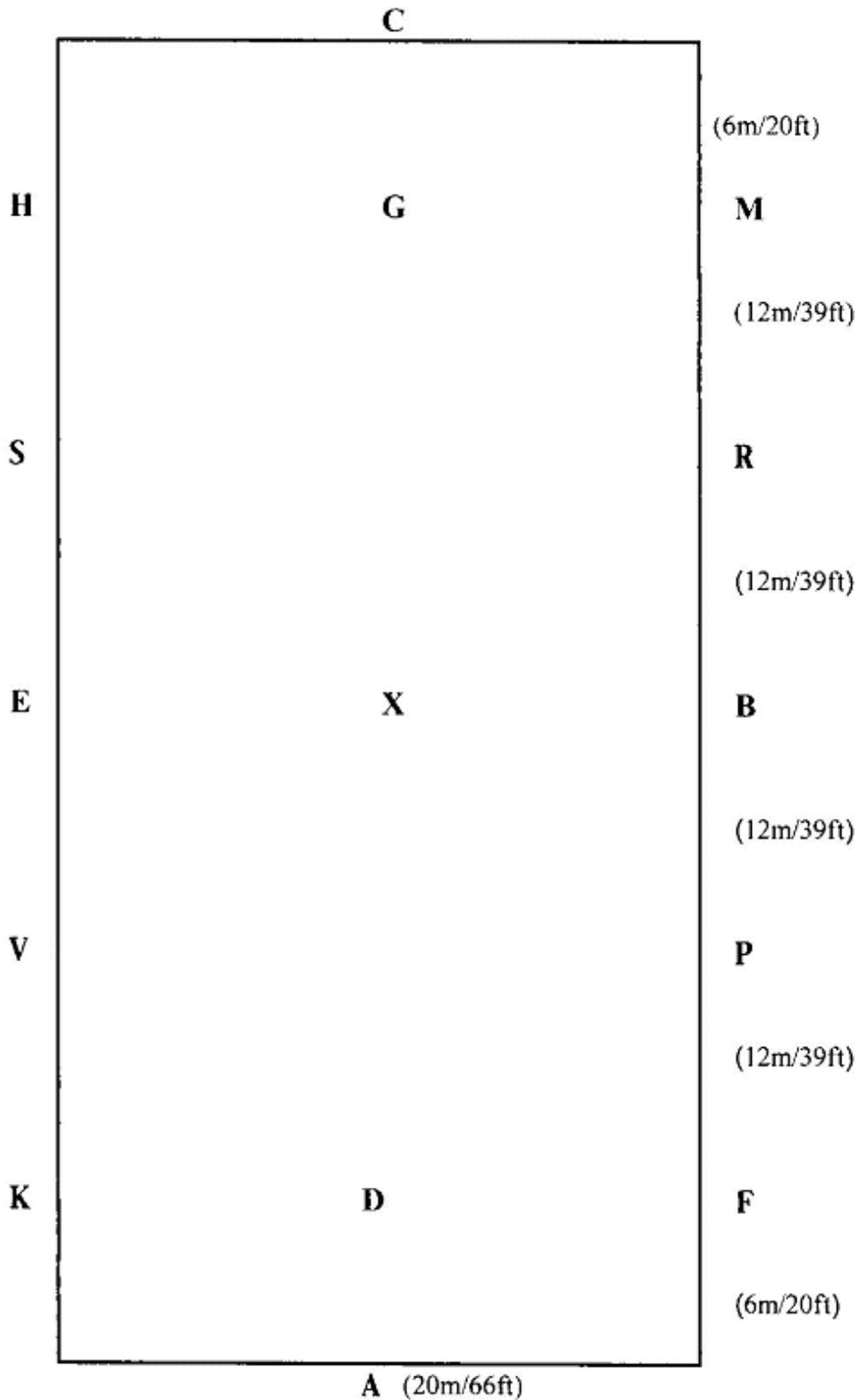
### Shoes Requirements for all Disciplines

Horses may be shod with protective shoes, but not with shoes designed to alter or enhance its way of going. Horses may be unshod or shod on two or four hooves. Well fitted hoof boots are allowed.

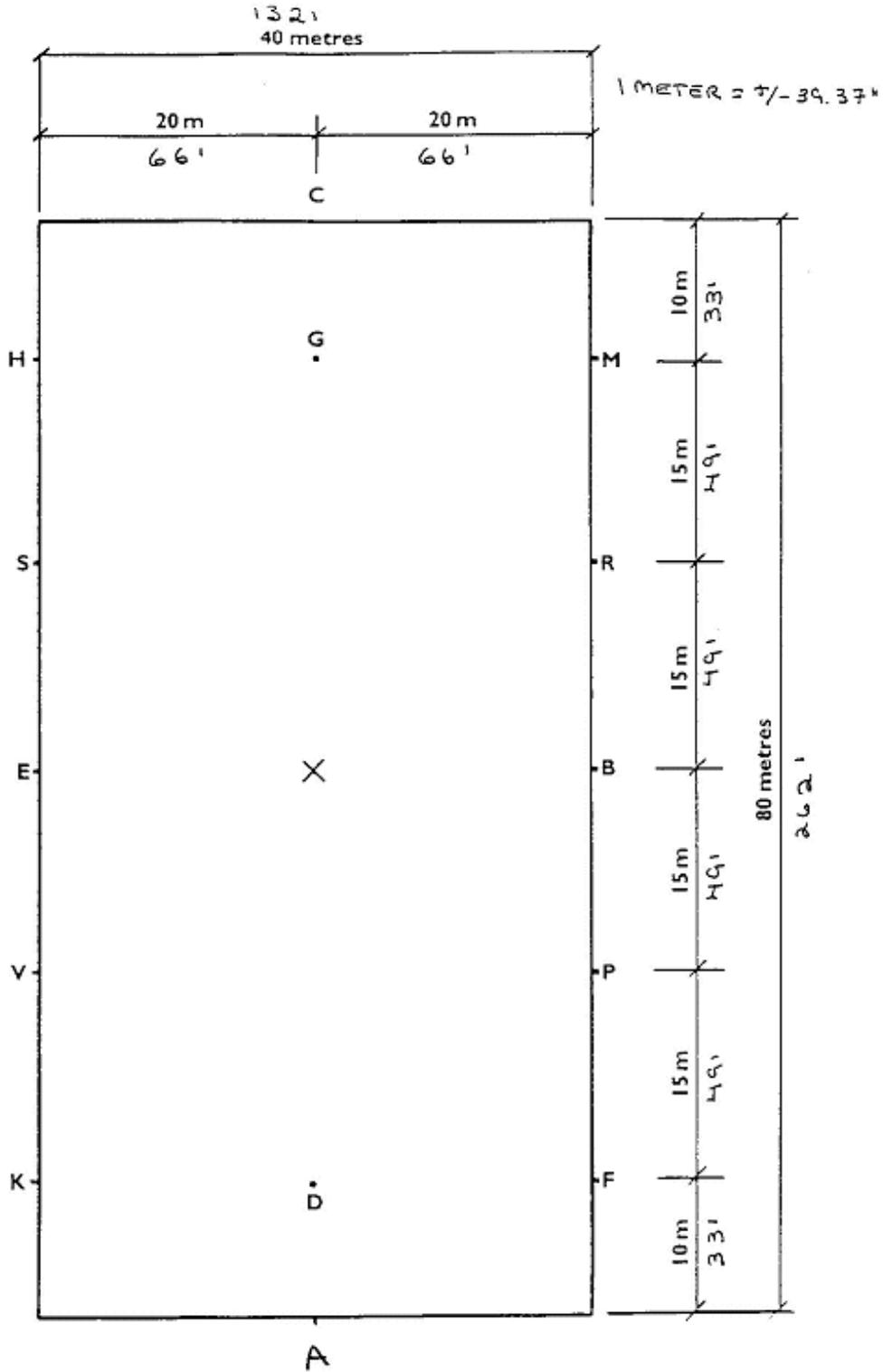
# RIDING ARENA

20 X 60 Meters  
(apx 66x197ft)

(1m = +/-3.3ft)



**DRIVING ARENA**  
**40 x 80 Meters (132 x 262 Feet)**



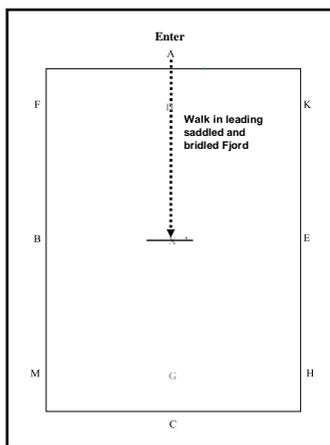
# INTRODUCTORY RIDING TEST

Transitions to the halt are to be made through the trot/jog. Simple lead changes through the walk may be used. Backing is to show willingness, not perfection. A reader is allowed. A header is required to stand 5' to the right of the horse's shoulder ready to assist with control if necessary. Points will be lost if the horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary.

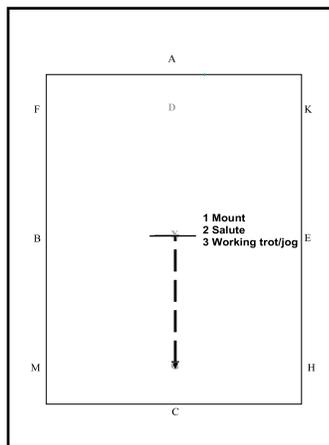
## Test

1. A Enter leading saddled and bridled horse to X.
2. X Mount. Salute the Evaluators. Proceed working trot/jog
3. C Track Left.
4. E Circle Left 20m
5. Between K&A Working canter/lope, left lead
6. A Circle Left 20m
7. Between B&M Working trot/jog
8. C Medium walk.
9. HXF Free walk on a long rein
10. F Medium walk
11. A Working trot/jog
12. E Circle right 20m
13. Between H & C Working canter/lope, right lead
14. C Circle right 20m
15. Between B & F Working trot/jog
16. A Turn down center line
17. X Halt through the walk. Stand 3-4 sec. Back 3 to 4 steps
18. X Walk
19. G Halt, salute the Evaluators
20. Exit
  - a. Exit G at working trot/jog
  - b. At C track Left
  - c. C-H-E-K-A Working trot
  - d. At F circle left to centerline and develop medium walk
  - e. At A exit arena at medium walk
21. Congratulations, you are finished with the test!

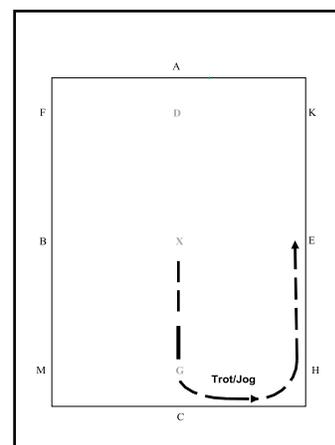
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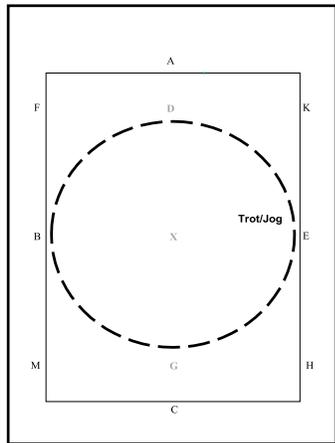
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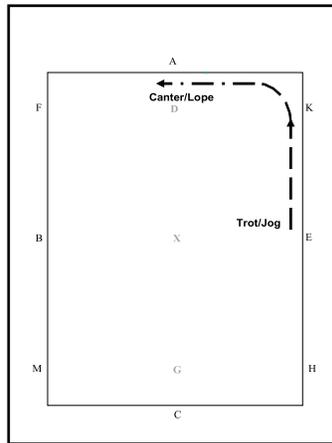
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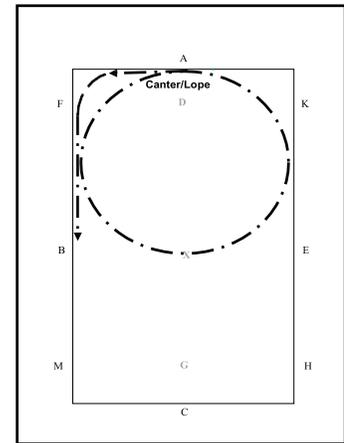
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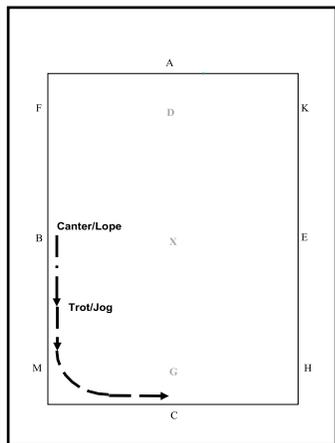
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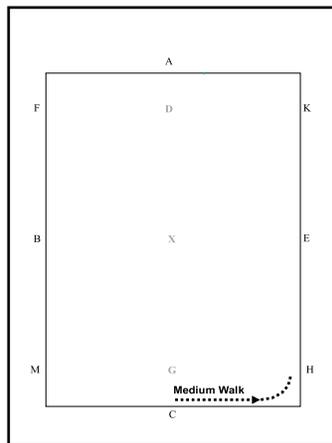
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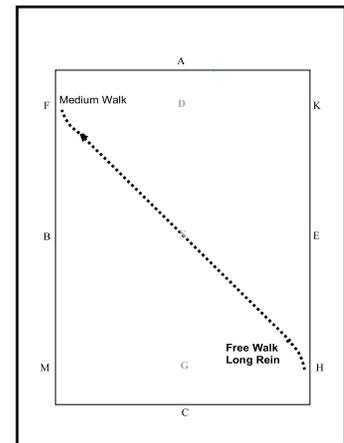
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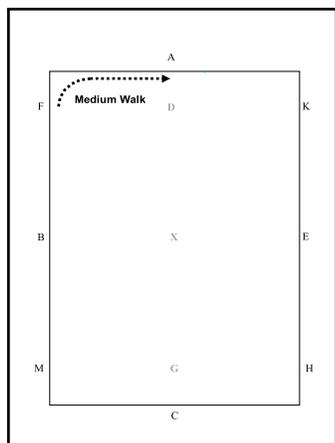
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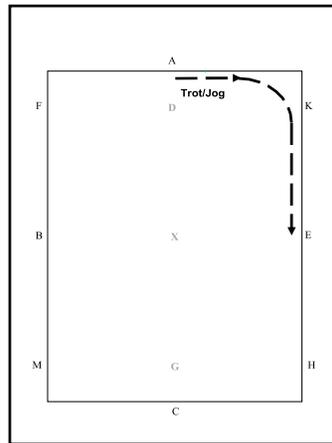
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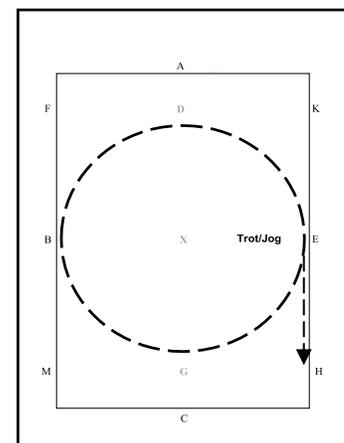
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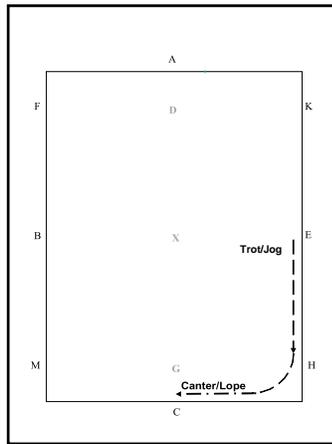
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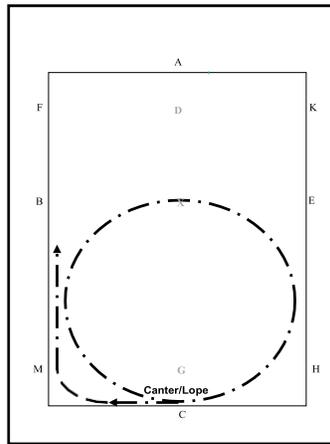
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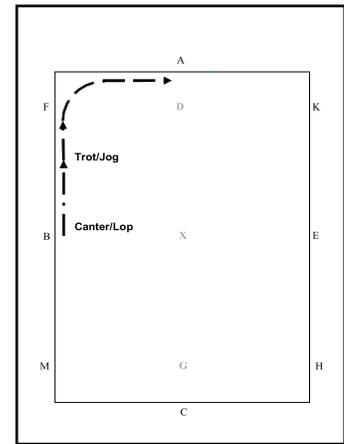
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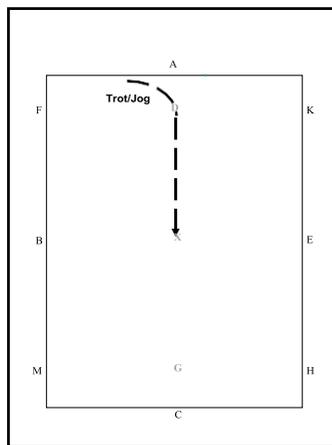
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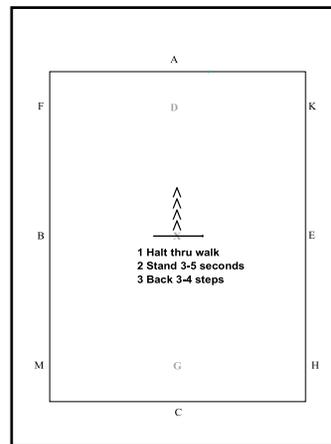
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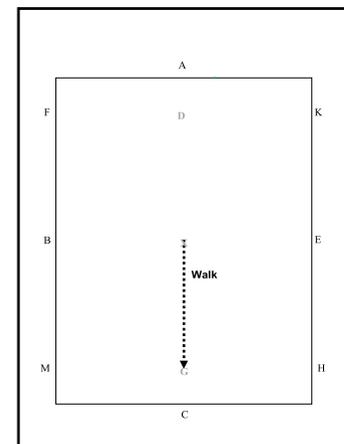
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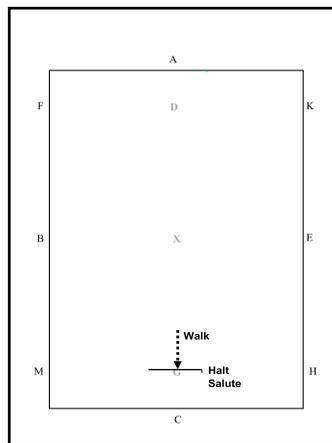
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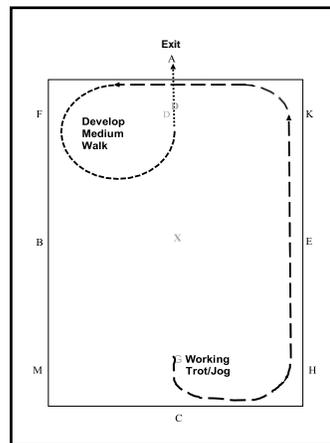
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## INTRODUCTORY DRIVING TEST

Transitions to the halt may be done through the walk. The reinback is to show willingness, not perfection. A header is required. The header or groom enters from the corner and stands 5' from G as the driver enters the arena. Points will be lost if the horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary. Use of brakes is not allowed.

### Test

1. Enter A
2. A to G Working walk
3. G Halt Dismount
4. Remount
5. Salute the Evaluators
6. Proceed Working walk to C
7. C Track Right
8. Proceed in Working walk
9. Between B and F develop Working trot
10. A Circle Right 40m
11. K-X-M Change rein across diagonal
12. C Circle Left 40m
13. Between C and H working walk
14. H to B Free walk on long rein
15. B Working walk.
16. Between B and F develop working trot
17. A Turn down centerline
18. X Halt 3-5 seconds
19. Rein back, 3-4 steps
20. X to G Working walk
21. G Halt, salute the Evaluators
22. Exit
  - a. Proceed working trot
  - b. C Track left
  - c. C-H-E-K-A Working trot
  - d. F Circle left to centerline and develop medium walk
  - e. A Exit arena at medium walk.
23. Congratulations, you are finished with the test!



## INTRODUCTORY DRAFT TEST

A header is required to stand 5' to the right of the horse's shoulder ready to assist with control if necessary, but points will be lost if horse does not stand quietly. Hames collar harness of suitable strength for pulling heavy loads is required. A stone boat, (see the drawing for stone boat specifications), singletree and additional weight of 200 lbs. in 50 lb. increments to be loaded and unloaded by a header will be provided. The total pulling weight equals approximately 300 pounds (stone boat plus 200 pounds additional weight).

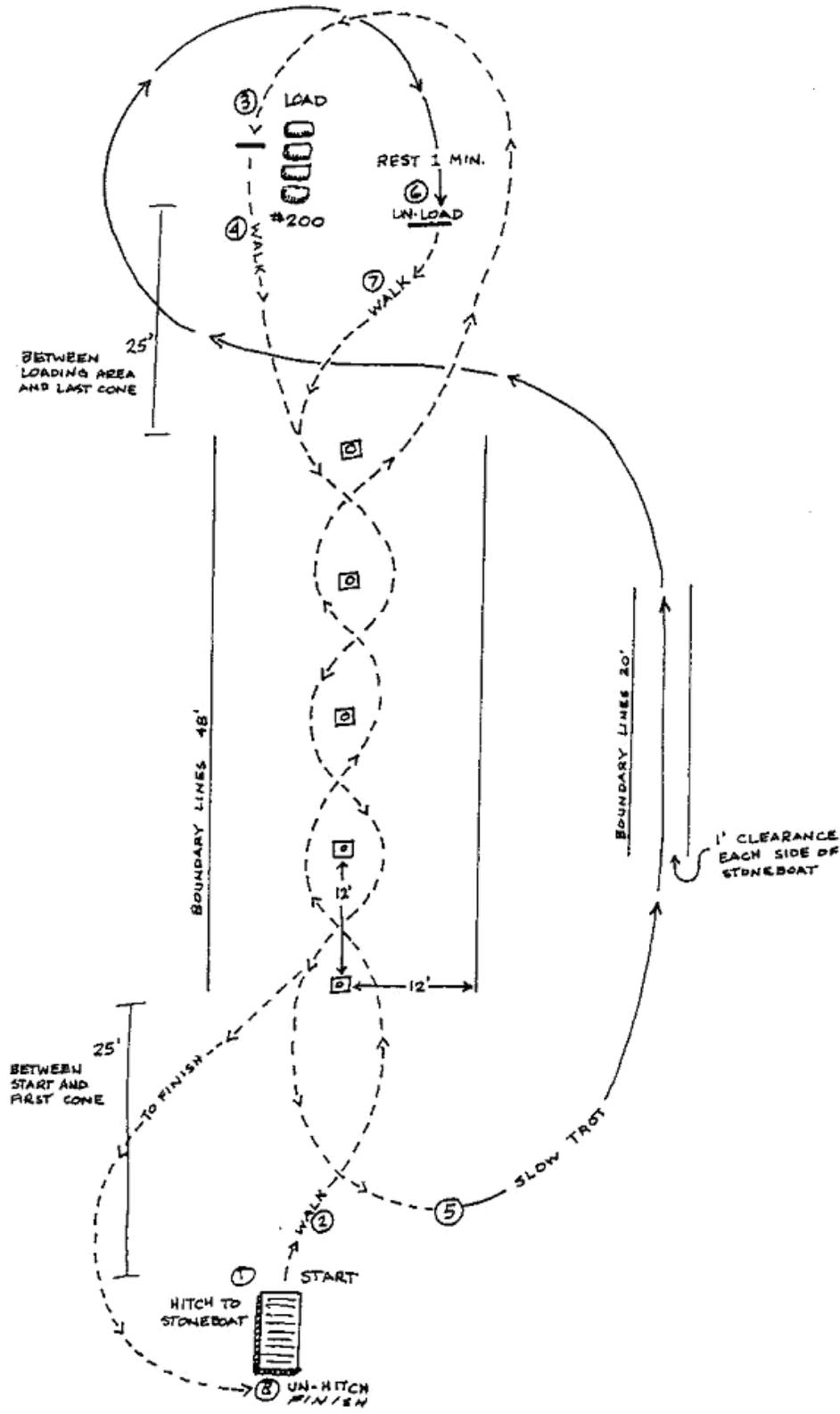
### Notes

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

### Test

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

# Introductory Draft Test Diagram



## ADVANCED RIDING TEST

Transitions into and out of the halt are to be made through the walk. Lengthening of stride at the walk and trot must show at least one hoof print over stride. Backing is to show willingness, submission and straightness. A reader allowed. A header is required to stand 5' to the right of the horse's shoulder ready to assist with control if necessary. Points will be lost if horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is necessary.

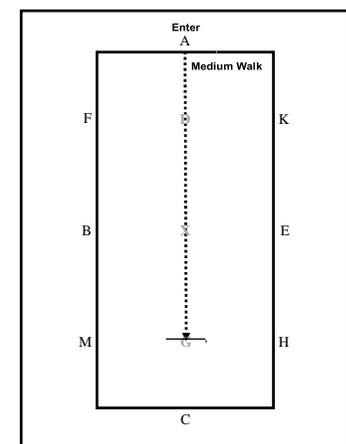
### Prerequisite Test

Introductory Riding Test

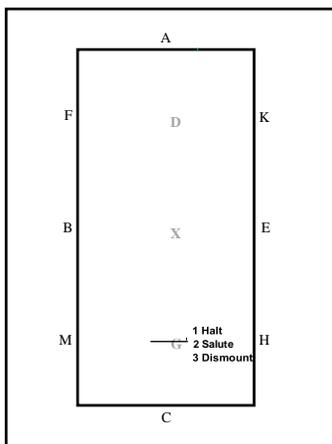
### Test – Part A

1. Enter mounted at A at a medium walk
2. G Halt, Salute Evaluators, Dismount
3. Walk around the horse. Remount. Proceed at a working trot/jog
4. C Track Left.
5. E Half circle left 10m
6. Return to the track at H
7. B Half circle Right 10m Return to the track at M
8. HXF Lengthen stride in trot/jog
9. F Working trot/jog
10. A-C Serpentine of 3 equal loops, width of arena
11. C Medium walk
12. MXF Free walk on long rein
13. F Medium walk
14. A Working trot/jog
15. K Working canter/lope, right lead
16. E Circle right, 15m
17. MXK Change rein
18. X Working trot/jog
19. F Working canter/lope, left lead
20. B Circle left, 15m
21. H-K Lengthen stride in canter/lope
22. K Working canter/lope
23. A Working trot/jog
24. B Turn left
25. X Turn right
26. G Halt 3-5 second
27. G Rein back 3-4 steps
28. Walk forward to G, halt and salute the Evaluators
  - a. EXIT G Proceed working trot/jog
  - b. C Track Left
  - c. C-H-E-K-A Working trot/jog
  - d. F Circle Left to centerline and develop medium walk
  - e. A Exit arena at medium walk.
29. Congratulations, you have completed the arena part of the test.

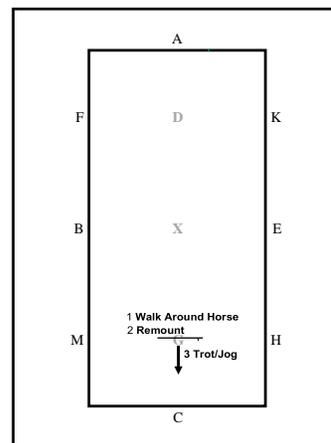
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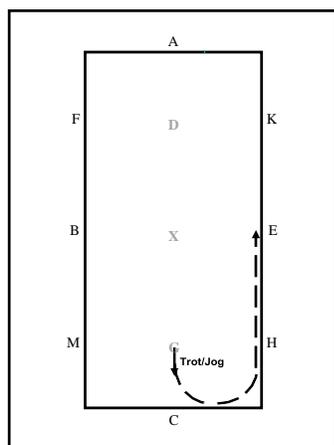
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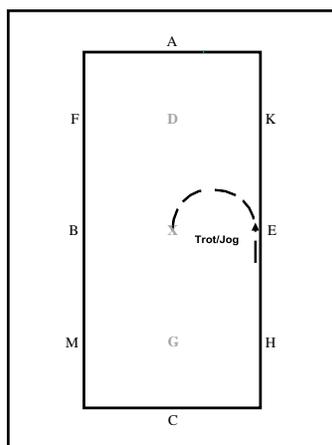
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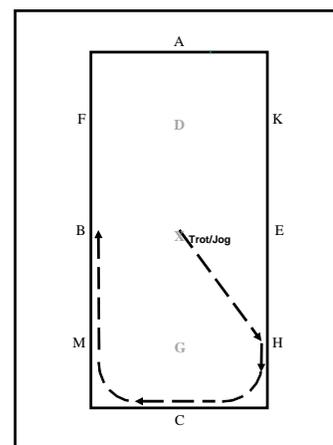
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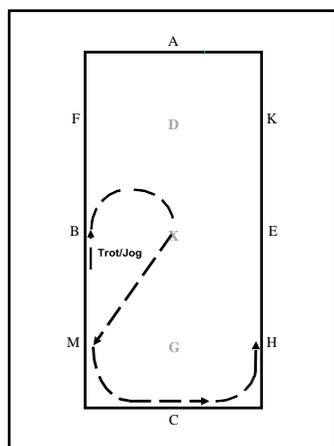
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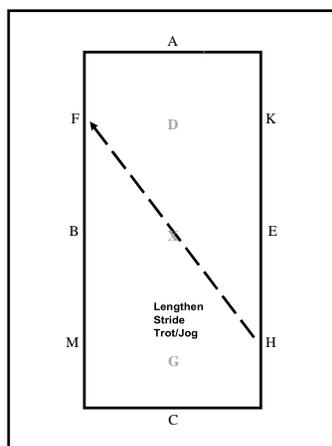
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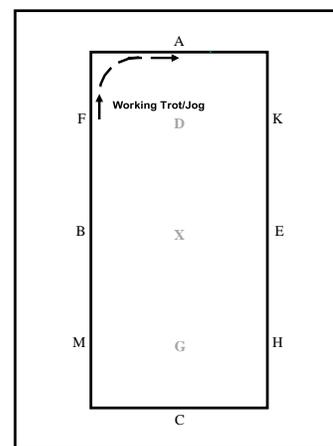
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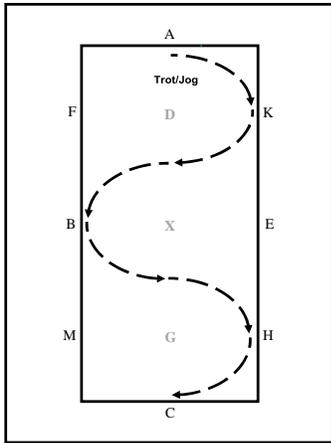
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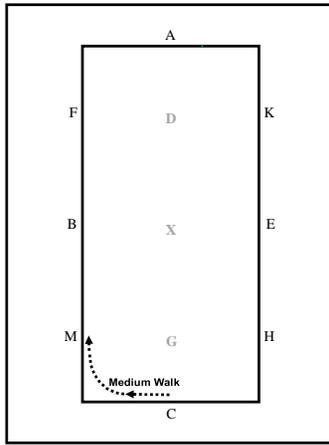
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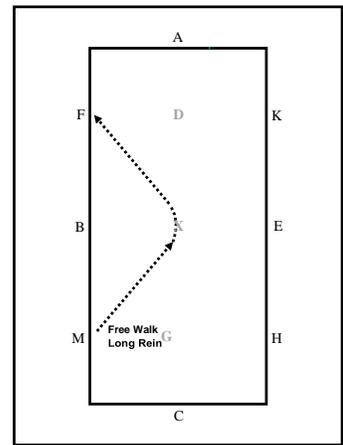
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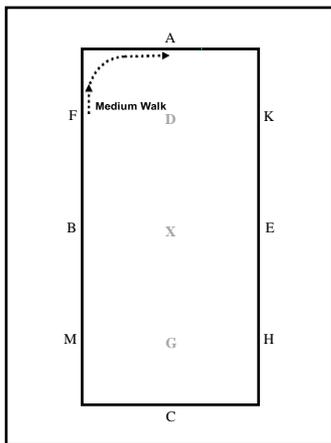
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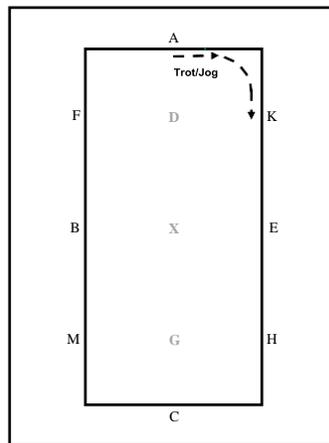
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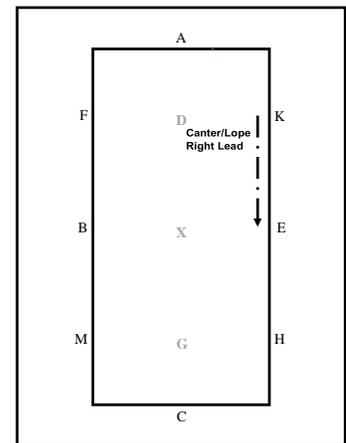
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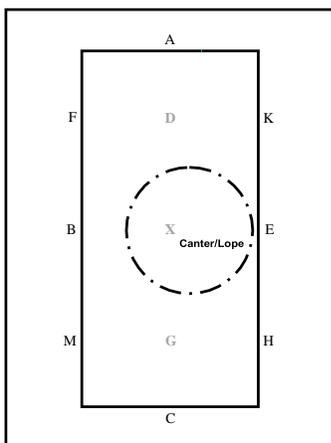
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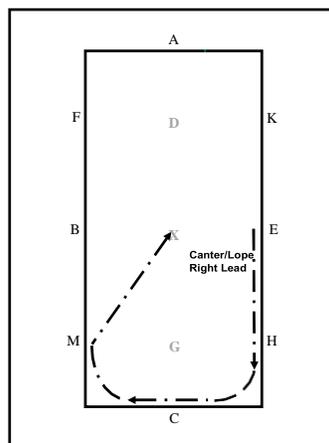
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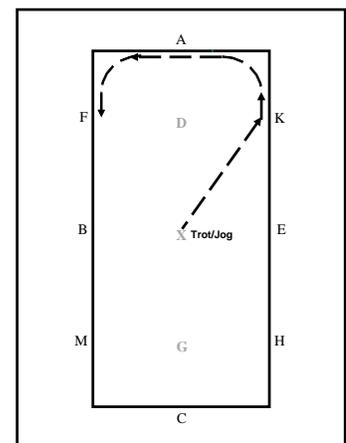
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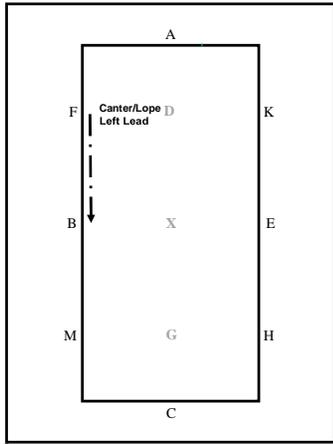
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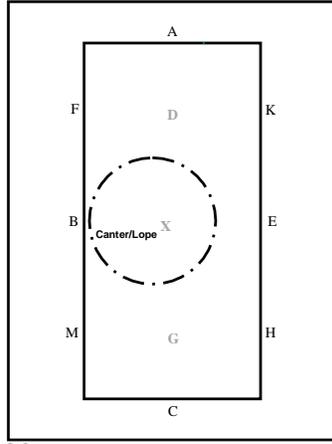
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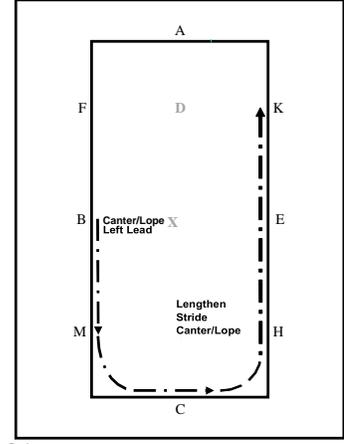
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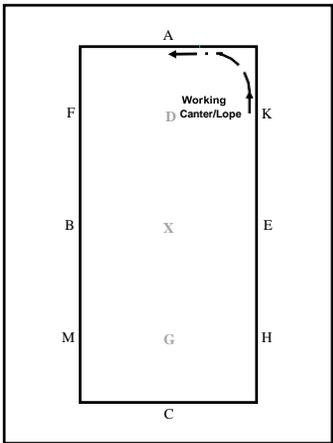
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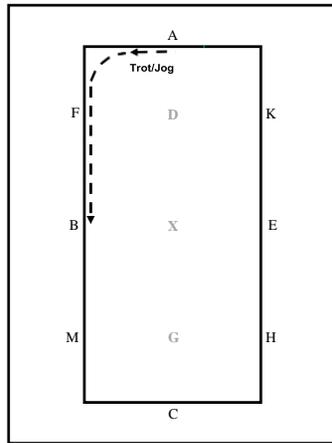
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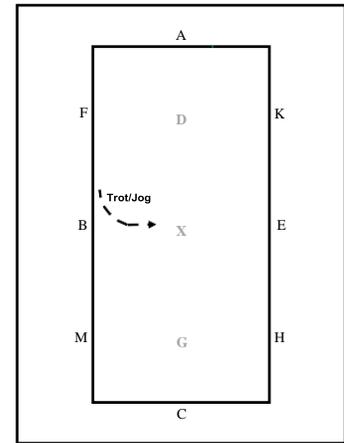
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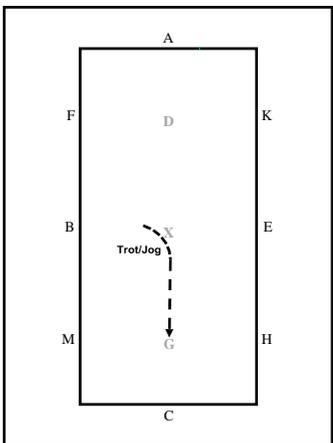
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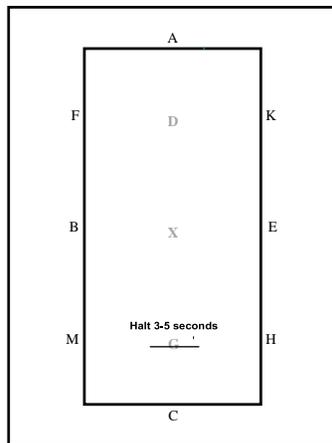
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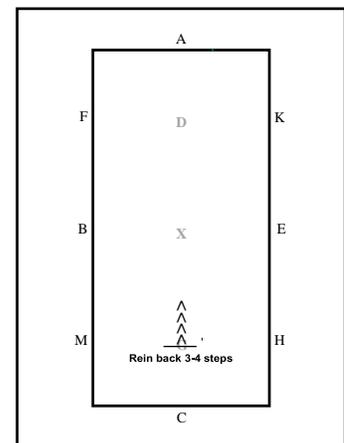
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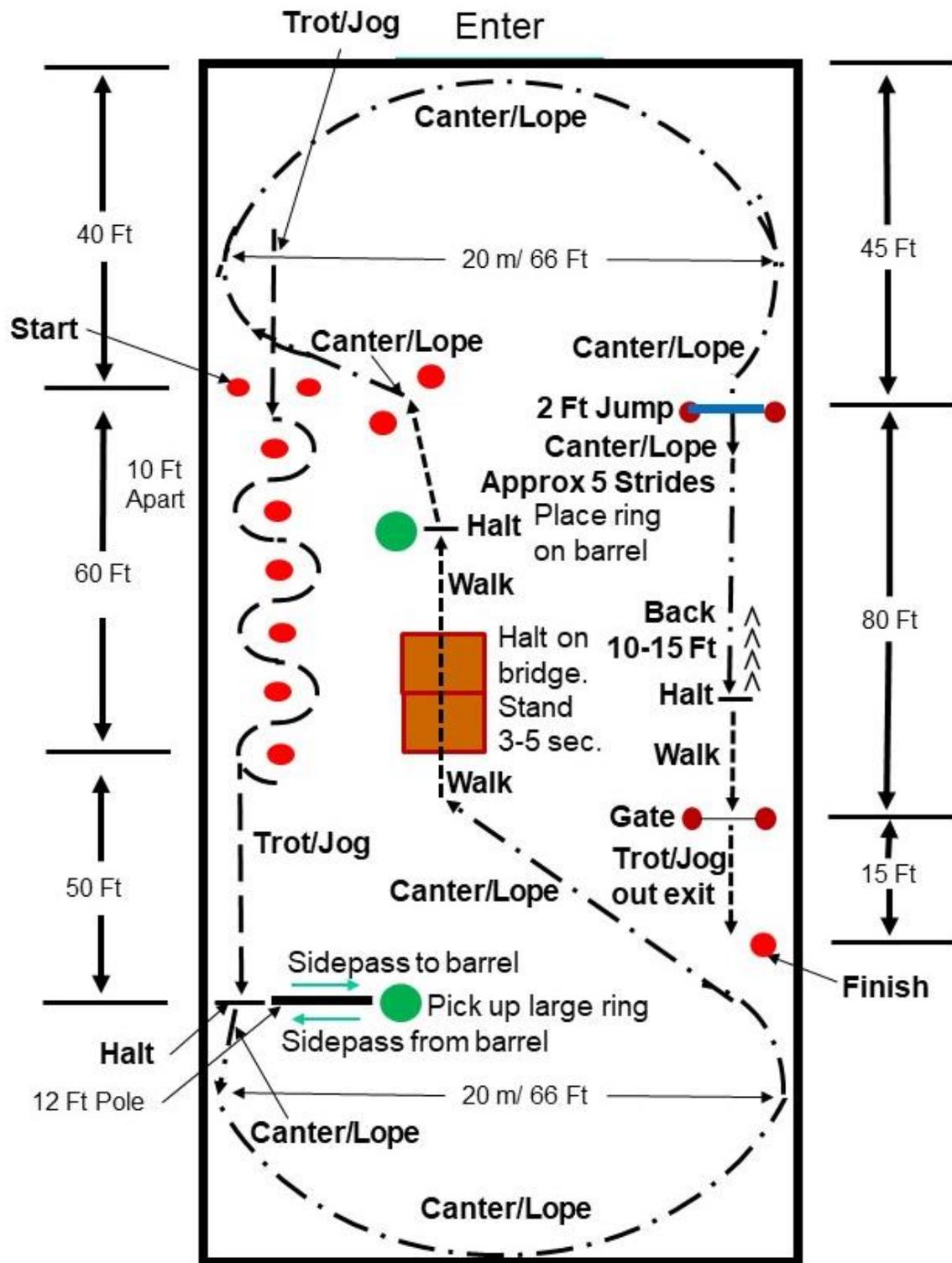
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Advanced Riding Test Diagram - Part B - Utility



## ADVANCED DRIVING TEST

Transitions to halt may be made through the walk. The reinback is to show willingness, submission and straightness. A reader allowed. A header is required to stand 5' to the right of the horse's shoulder ready to assist with control if necessary.

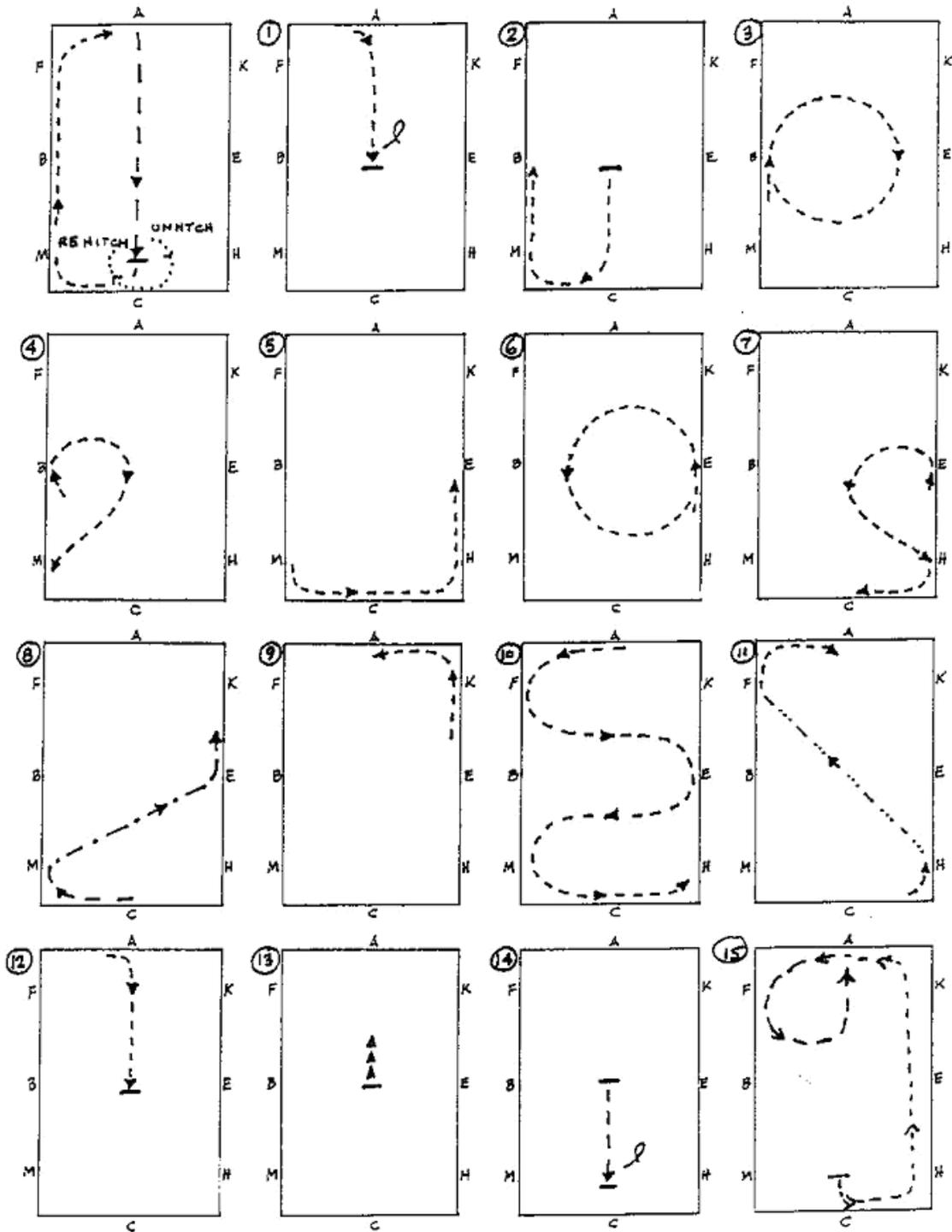
### Prerequisite Test

Introductory Driving Test

### Test - Part A

1. Enter A.
2. A-G Working walk.
3. Halt. Dismount.
4. Unhitch.
5. Lead the horse around the turnout (the driver must always hold the lines while unhitching & re-hitching)
6. Re-hitch.
7. Remount.
8. G-C-M-B-F-A Working trot.
9. A Turn Right down centerline, working trot.
10. X Halt, salute the Evaluators.
11. X Proceed working trot.
12. C Track Right.
13. B Circle Right 30m.
14. B Half circle Right 20m returning to the track at M.
15. M to E Working trot.
16. E Circle Left 30m.
17. E Half circle Left 20m returning to the track at H
18. C Working walk.
19. M to E Lengthen walk.
20. Between E and K, develop working trot.
21. K to A Working trot.
22. A to C Serpentine of three loops.
23. H-X-F Lengthen trot.
24. F to A Working trot.
25. A Down centerline.
26. X Halt 3 -5 sec.
27. X Rein back 3-4 steps.
28. X to G working walk.
29. G Halt, salute the Evaluators.
30. Exit arena working trot on the rail.
31. Congratulations, you have completed the first half of the test!

# Advanced Driving Test Diagram – Part A



## **Test - Part B - Utility**

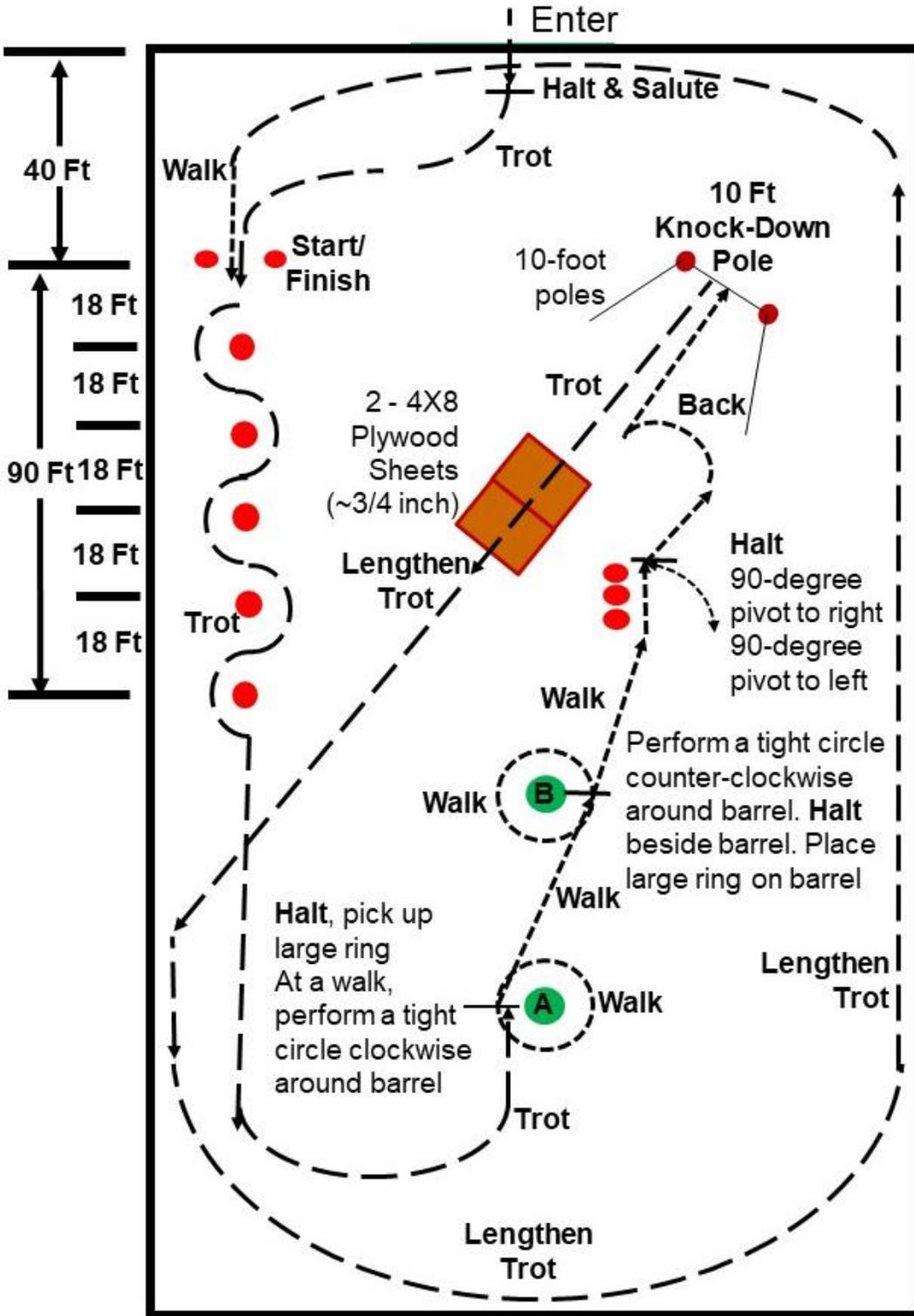
### **Notes**

1. Have a broom available for the ground crew to sweep off debris tracked onto the plywood.
2. All cone measurements are from the edge of the base of one cone 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, the driver may attempt to drive the obstacle again, but only 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 dislodged obstacle when it has been reassembled.

### **Test - Part B**

1. Enter arena.
2. Halt, salute the Evaluator.
3. At working trot, start the test through the "START" gate. (Do not drive through or over the obstacles prior to start.)
4. Trot to the serpentine.
5. Enter the serpentine with the first cone on the left.
6. At barrel "A" halt, pick up the large ring.
7. At a walk, perform a tight circle clockwise around barrel "A".
8. Cross diagonally between barrel "A" and "B".
9. Perform a tight circle counterclockwise around barrel "B".
10. Stop beside barrel "B" and leave the large ring on barrel "B".
11. Proceed at the walk.
12. At 3 cones halt. Do 90° pivot to right followed by a 90° pivot left.
13. Walk up to, then back into the "Back Up Rail" obstacle. Dislodge the 10' PVC rail.
14. Proceed at the trot over the bridge (made of 2 plywood sheets measuring 4' x 8' x 3/4"). Lengthen the trot after crossing the bridge.
15. Continue around the perimeter of arena on the rail to the left.
16. Just before reaching the "FINISH" gate, walk.
17. Walk through the "FINISH" gate.
18. Exit the arena.
19. Congratulations, you are finished with the test!

Advanced Driving Test Diagram - Part B - Utility



## ADVANCED DRAFT TEST

A header is required to stand 5' to the right of the horse's shoulder ready to assist with control if necessary. Points will be lost if the horse does not stand quietly or if restraint is required. A hames collar harness of suitable strength is required for pulling heavy loads. A stone boat, (see the drawing for stone boat specifications), singletree and additional weight of 400 lbs. in 50 lb. increments to be loaded and unloaded by the header will be provided. The total pulling weight equals approximately 500 pounds (stone boat plus 400 pounds additional weight). The log shall be 8" to 10" in diameter and 8 feet long. When weaving through the pylons, *both horse and driver* must weave the course.

### Prerequisite Test

Introductory Draft Test

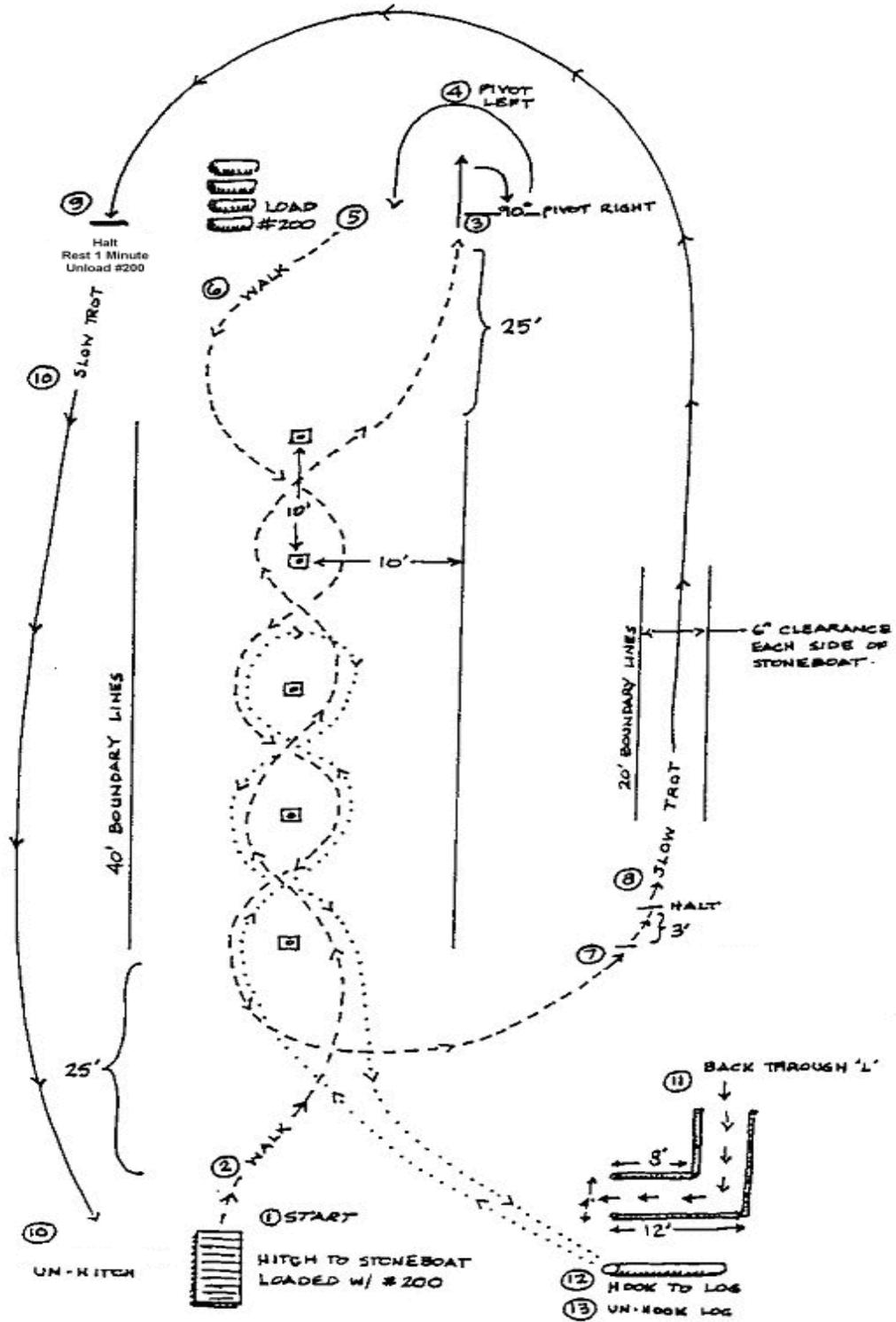
### Notes

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

### Test

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

# Advanced Draft Test Diagram



# MEDALLION SUMMARY SHEET

## Fjord Horse Evaluation

### Results Summary and Awards

This summary is to be completed for each horse during the Evaluation. It is used to summarize each horse's Conformation and Performance Evaluations and determine the eligibility for a Medallion of Quality.

1 Enter the Conformation and Movement ribbon color: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Enter the Performance Evaluation ribbon(s) color in the categories below:

Family Fjord Tests	
Test	Ribbon Awarded
Foundation	
Ground Driving	
Riding	
Driving	

	Introductory Tests	Advanced Tests
Test	Ribbon Awarded	Ribbon Awarded
Riding		
Driving		
Draft		

3 Enter Medallion of Quality awarded:

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

4 Signature of Evaluation Secretary or Technical Delegate:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

NFHR Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_