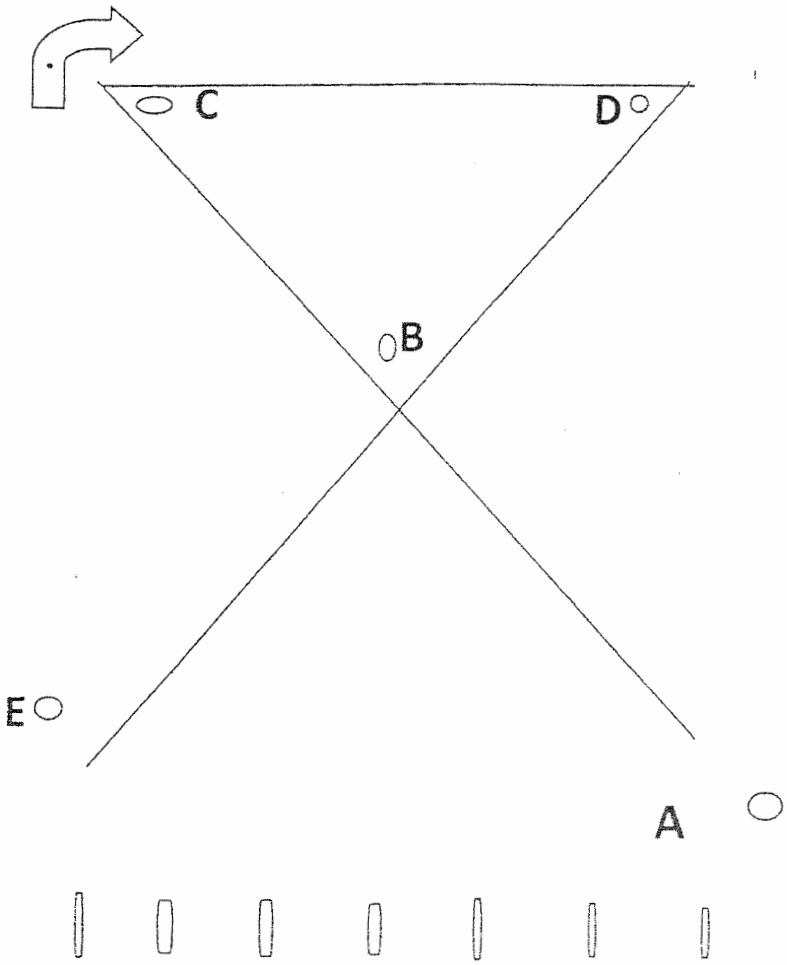
Suitability Dressage Pattern



1.All competitors enter arena and walk circle around the judge

2. Line up as directed by the steward.

3.Present for inspection to the judge at the marker A

4.Walk to B at B trot around C to D showing lengthening of stride.

5.Trot around D ,walk at B to E leave arena , walk to line.

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Effective 1/1/2023

Arena size 60m x 20m or 40m x 20m Test Time 5:30 mins or 4.30 mins (from entry at A to final halt)
Suggested Draw Time – 8:00 mins 60x20 or 7 mins 40x20

ID NO	

Horse:	***Rider:***
Event:	***Date:***
Judge Name:	***JUDGE POSITION:***

Purpose: *To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, by showing suppleness both laterally and longitudinally, moving freely forward in a clear rhythm with a steady tempo, and readily accepting contact with the bit. Correct geometry and lines of travel should be shown.*
Introduces*: Stretch circle in trot*
Instructions*: To be ridden in a snaffle.* All trot work sitting or rising unless stated otherwise. Halts may be through the walk

	TEST		DIRECTIVE IDEAS	Judges Marks (10)	Coefficient	Total	REMARKS
1	A X	Enter in working trot Halt, Salute Proceed in working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; willing calm transitions; straightness, attentiveness immobility (min 3 secs)				
2	C B BK	Track right Circle right 20m Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
3	KXM MC	Change rein Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner		2		
4	Between C & H HE	Working canter left lead Working canter	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner; straightness		2		
5	E	Circle left 20m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
6	Between E & K KA	Working trot Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of trot; straightness, bend and balance in corner				
7	A Before A AF	Circle left 20m rising trot, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward Shorten the reins Working trot	Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact maintaining balance and quality of trot; bend; shape and size of circle; willing, calm transitions				
8	F FE	Medium walk Change rein, medium walk	Willing, calm transition; regularity, and quality of walk		2		
9	EM MC	Change rein, free walk on a long rein Medium walk	Regularity and quality of walks; reach, overtrack and ground cover of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward into a light contact; straightness; clear, balanced transitions		2		
10	C CE	Working trot Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of trot; bend and balance in corner; straightness				
11	E EF	Circle left 20m Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
12	FXH HC	Change rein Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner		2		
13	Between C & M MB	Working canter right lead Working canter	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of paces; bend and balance in corner; straightness		2		

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TEST			DIRECTIVE IDEAS	Judges Marks (10)	Coefficient	Total	REMARKS
14	B	Circle right 20m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
15	Between B & F FA	Working trot Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of paces; straightness, bend and balance in corner				
16	A X	Down centreline Halt, Salute	Bend and balance in turn, regularity and quality of trot, willing, calm transition; straightness, attentiveness; immobility (min 3 secs)				

Leave arena in walk on a long rein at A

COLLECTIVE MARKS

Paces (freedom and regularity)		1		
Impulsion (desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps, relaxation of the back and engagement of the hindquarters)		1		
Submission (willing cooperation, harmony, attention and confidence; acceptance of bit and aids, straightness, lightness of the forehand and ease of movements)		2		
Rider's position and seat; correctness and effective use of the aids (Clarity, subtlety, independence, accuracy of test)		2		
TOTAL MARKS	**280**			

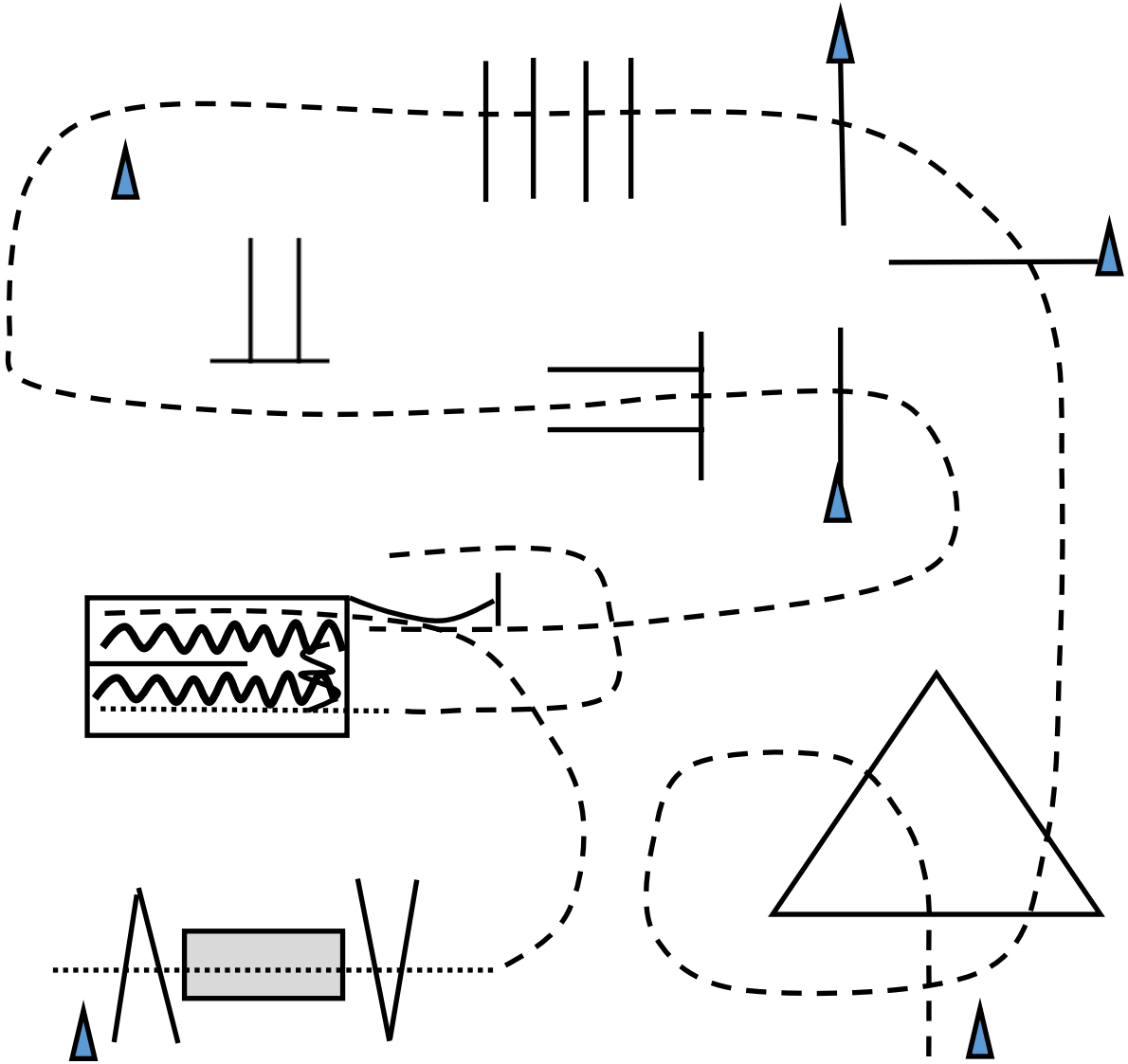
Course Errors (Cumulative)	1st -2	2nd - 4 (= 6)	3rd Elimination	**Minus Total Course Errors**	
Technical Faults – Minus 0.5%	**Reason:**			**Minus Total Technical Faults**	
FINAL MARK					
PERCENTAGE					Judge Signature: _____

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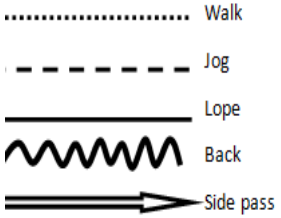
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Youth 5-10 Walk/Jog—Beginner Walk Jog Trail

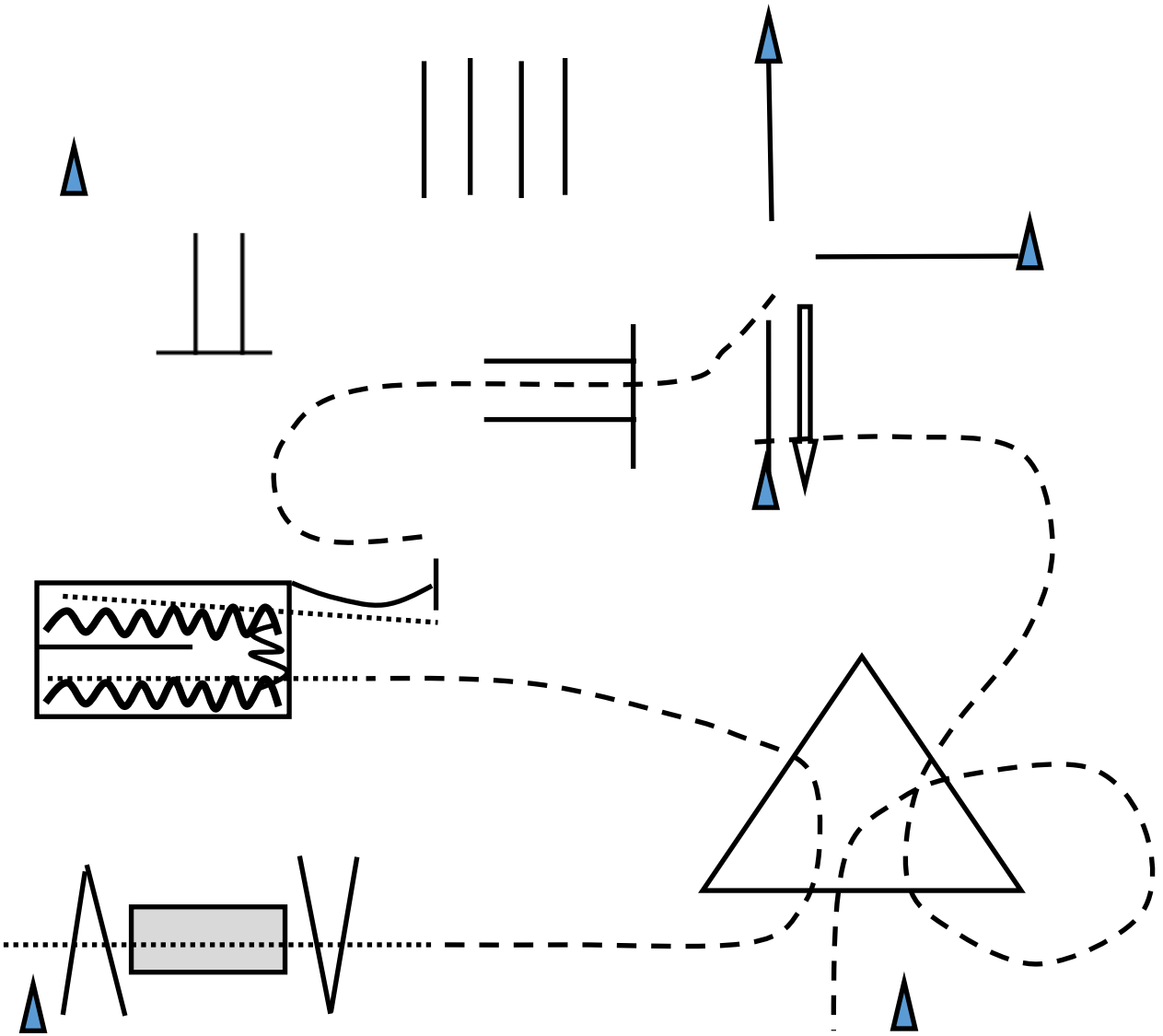


1. Jog triangle
2. Jog poles
3. Jog elevated poles
4. Jog chutes and pole to gate
5. Work gate and jog around to box (5-10 Yth walk thru open gate)
6. Walk into box
7. Back as shown
8. Jog out of box
9. Walk poles and bridge to finish



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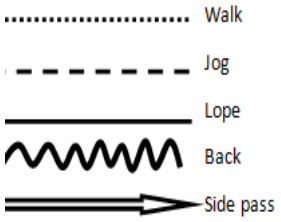
All Breed Walk Jog Trail



1. Walk over poles and bridge
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3. Walk into box and back around pole
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5. Jog through chute
6. Side pass over pole
7. Jog poles to finish

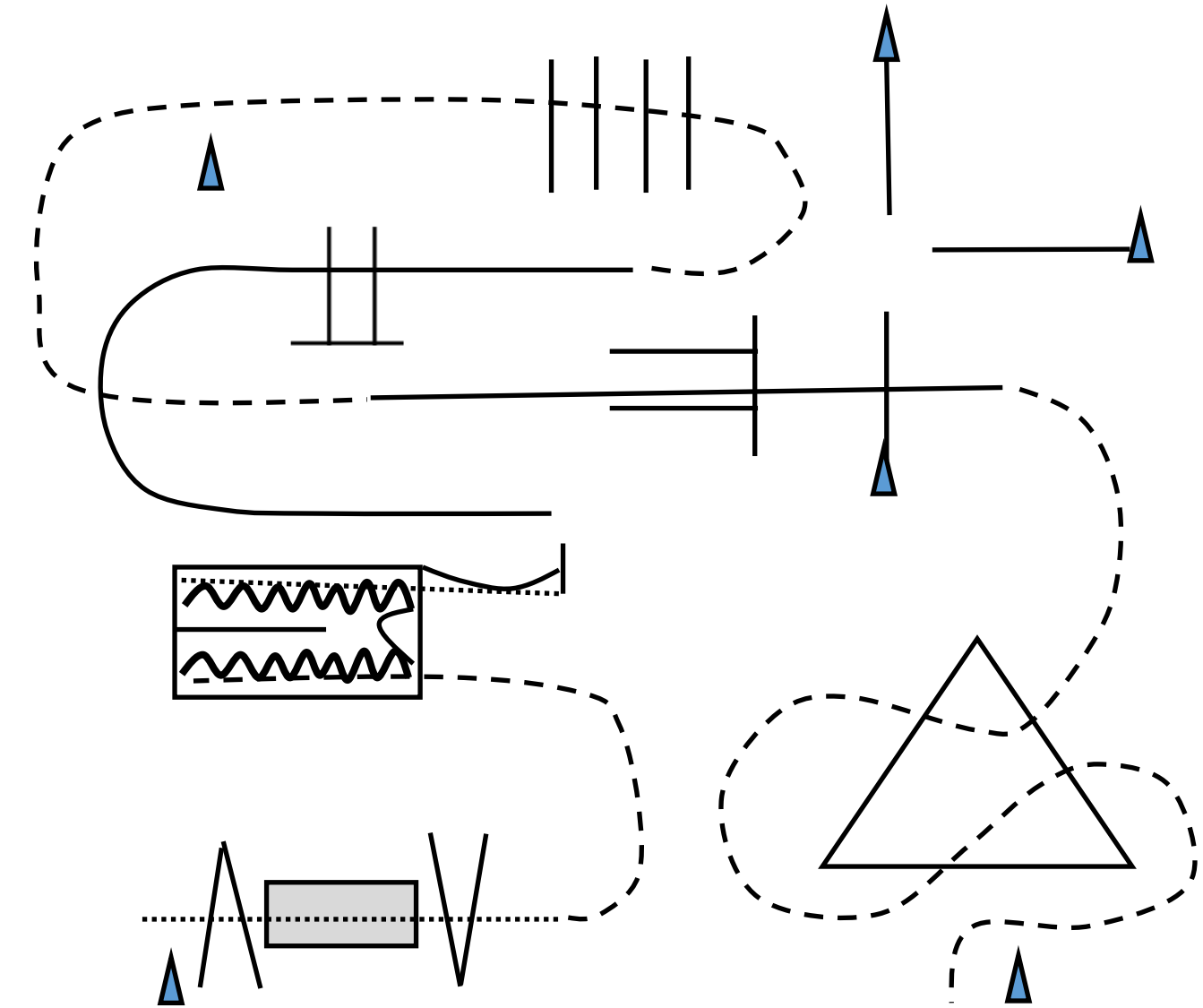
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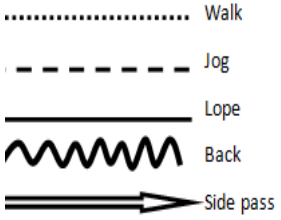
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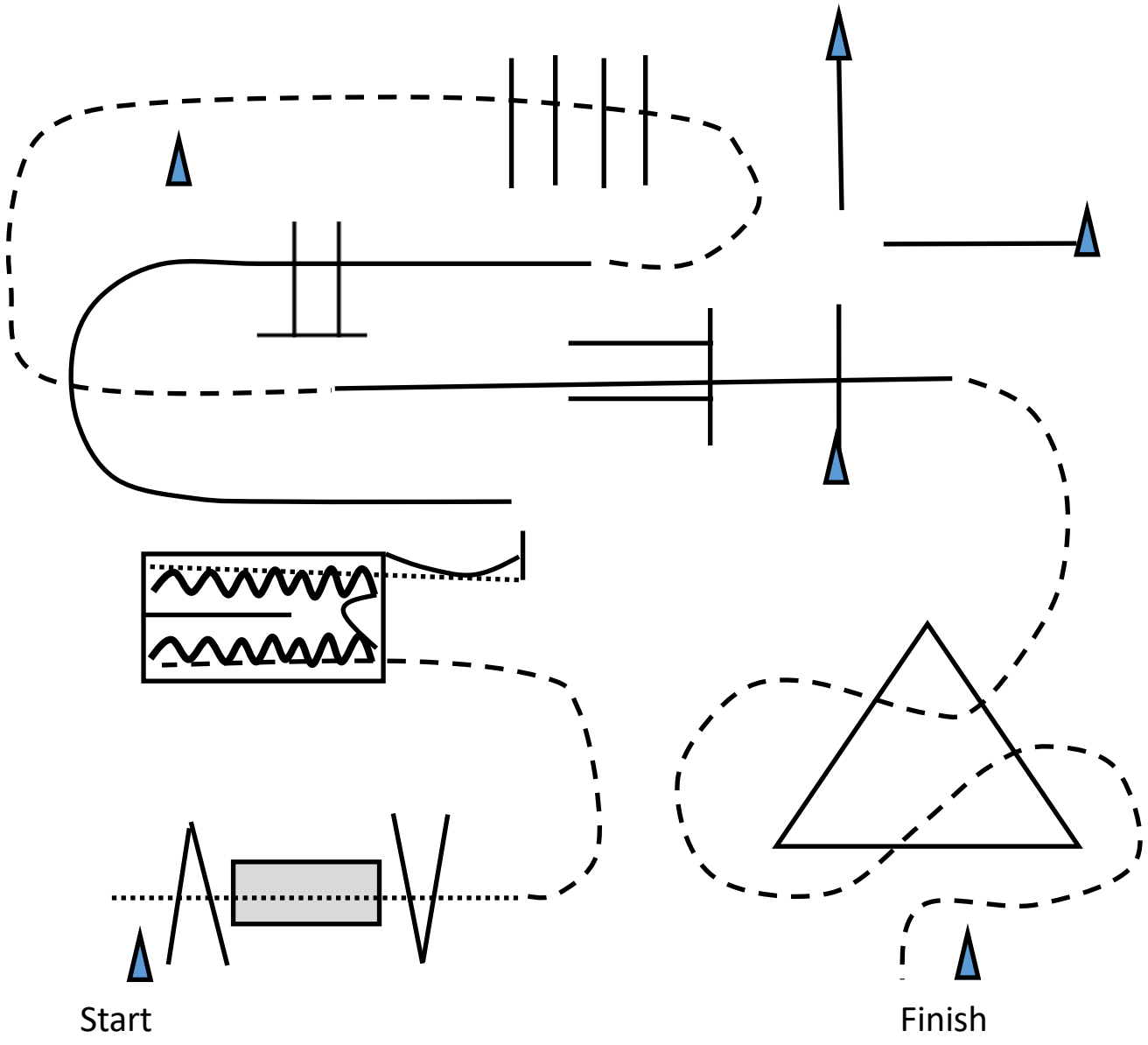
Start

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2. Left lead lope over poles & through chute
3. Jog over elevated poles and continue to gate at lope on Left Lead
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7. Walk over poles & bridge.

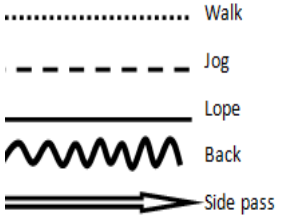


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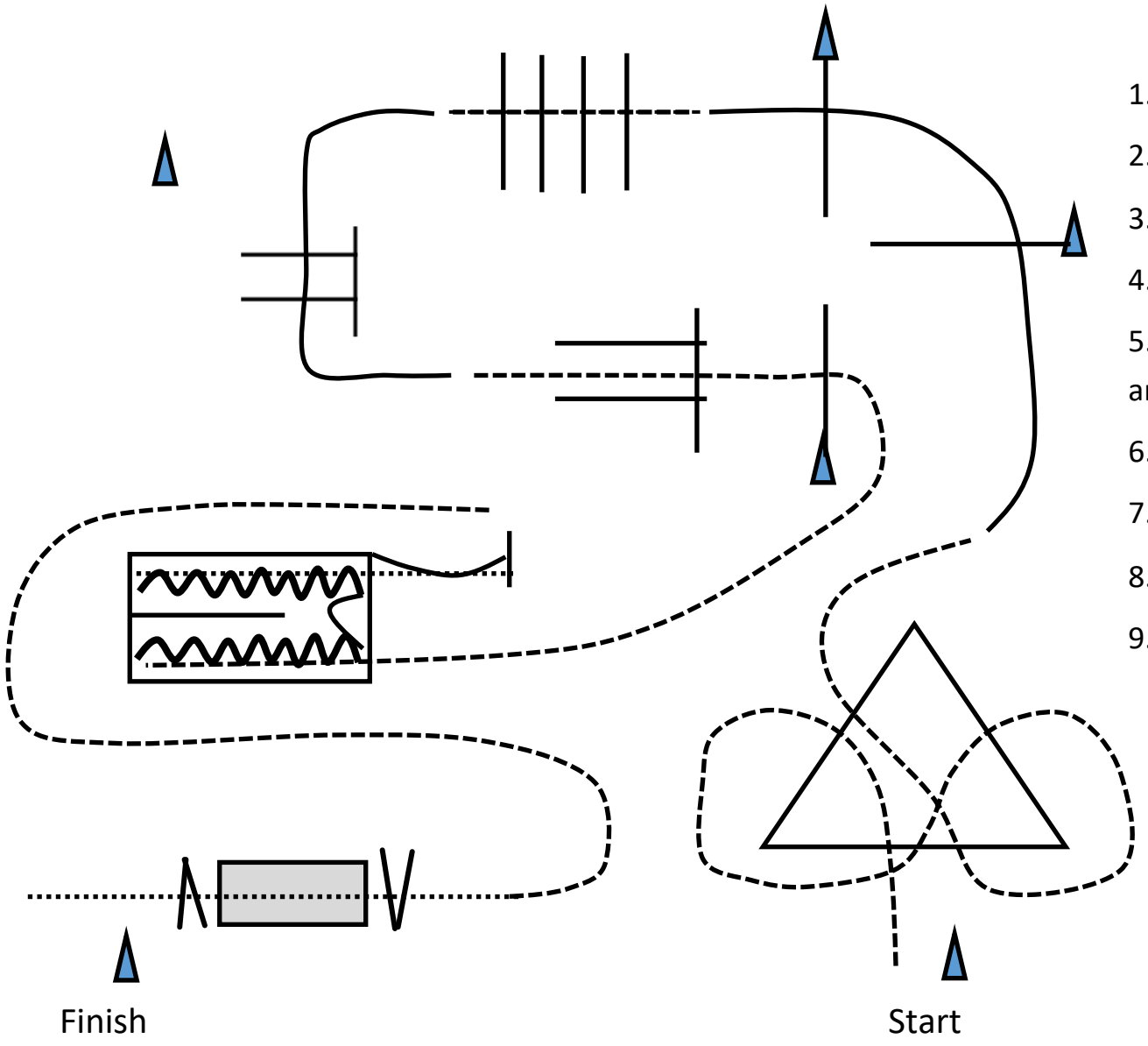
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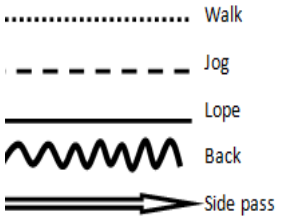
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2. Jog into box
3. Back around pole
4. Walk to and work gate
5. Right lead lope over poles
6. Jog over elevated poles and around cone
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8. Jog triangle to finish



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Jackpot All Breeds Trail

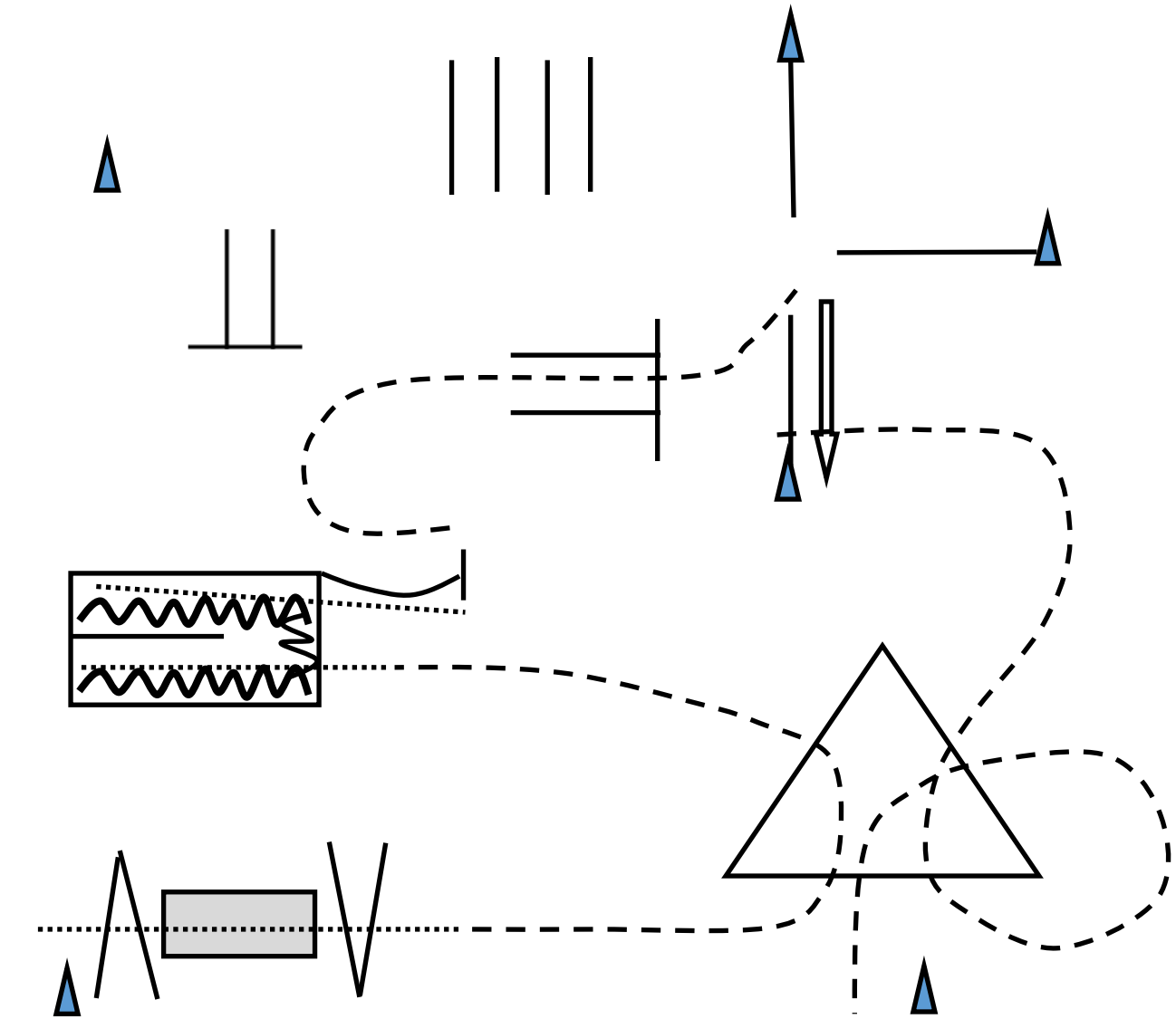


1. Jog triangle as shown
2. Left lead lope over poles
3. Jog elevated poles
4. Left lead lope through chute
5. Jog through chute and over pole and into box
6. Back around pole as shown
7. Walk out and work gate
8. Jog to poles
9. Walk over poles and bridge to finish

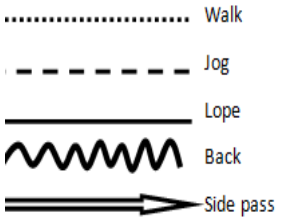


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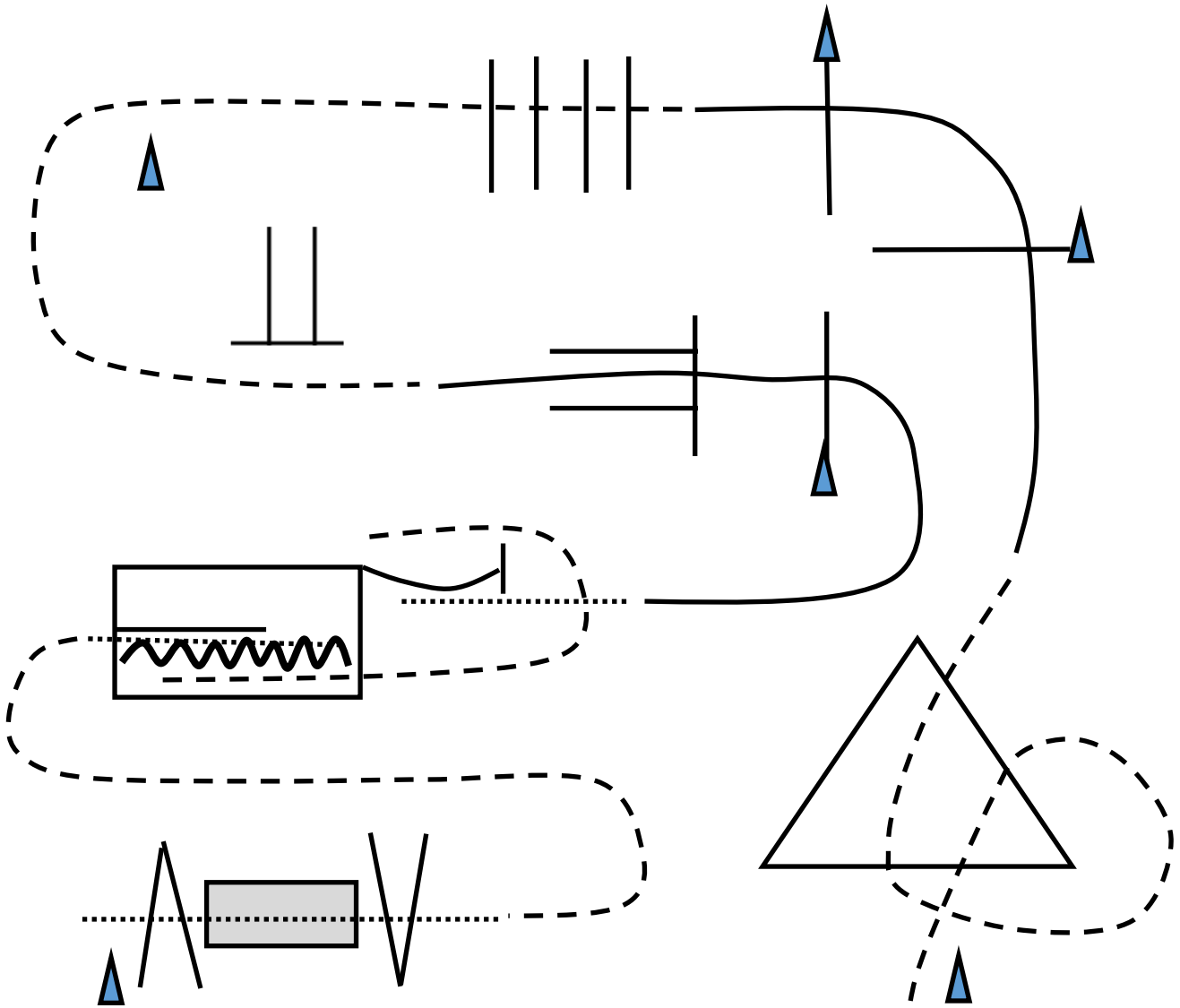


1. Walk over poles and bridge
2. Jog poles as shown
3. Walk into box and back around pole
4. Walk as show to gate and work gate
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6. Side pass over pole
7. Jog poles to finish

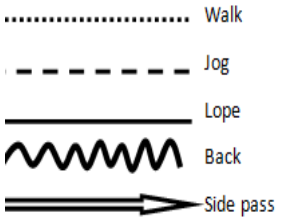


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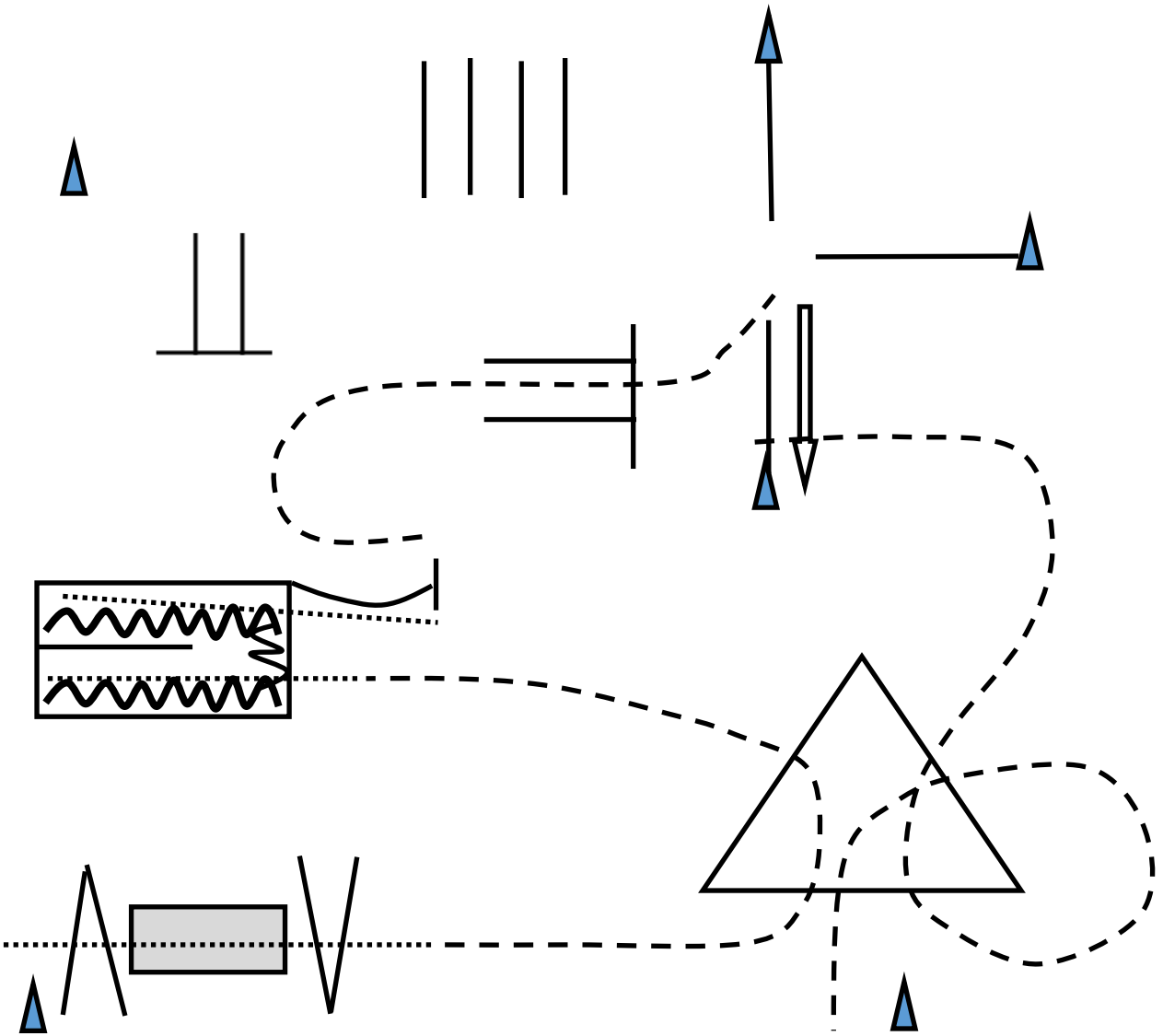


1. Jog triangle
2. Left lope over poles
3. Jog elevated poles and around cone
4. Right lope through chute and over pole
5. Walk to and work gate
6. Jog into box and back
7. Walk out and jog as show
8. Walk poles and bridge to finish



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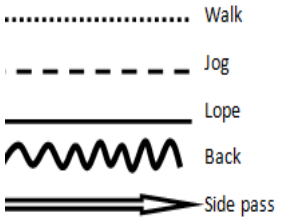
All Breed Walk Jog Trail



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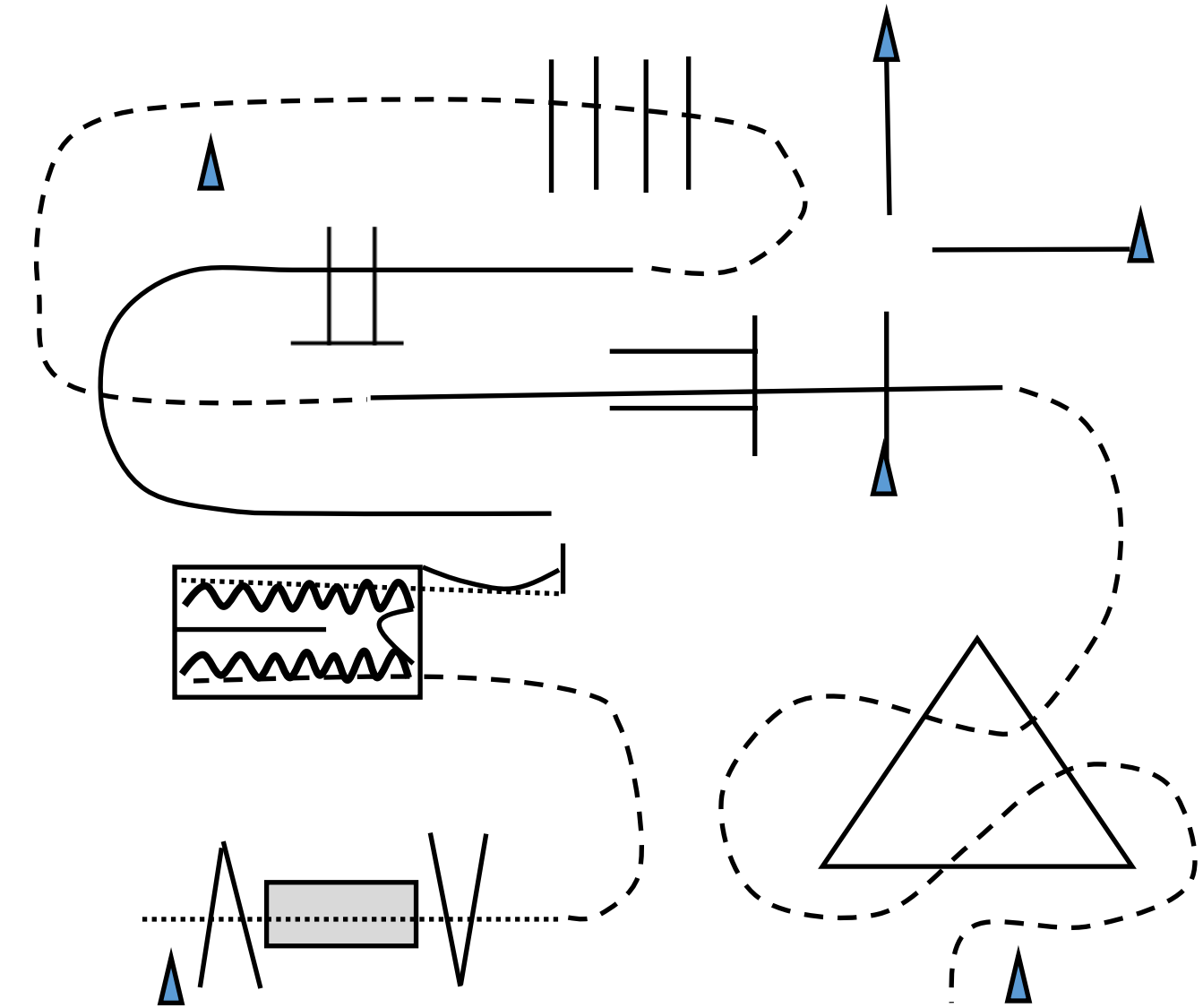
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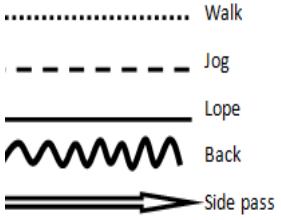
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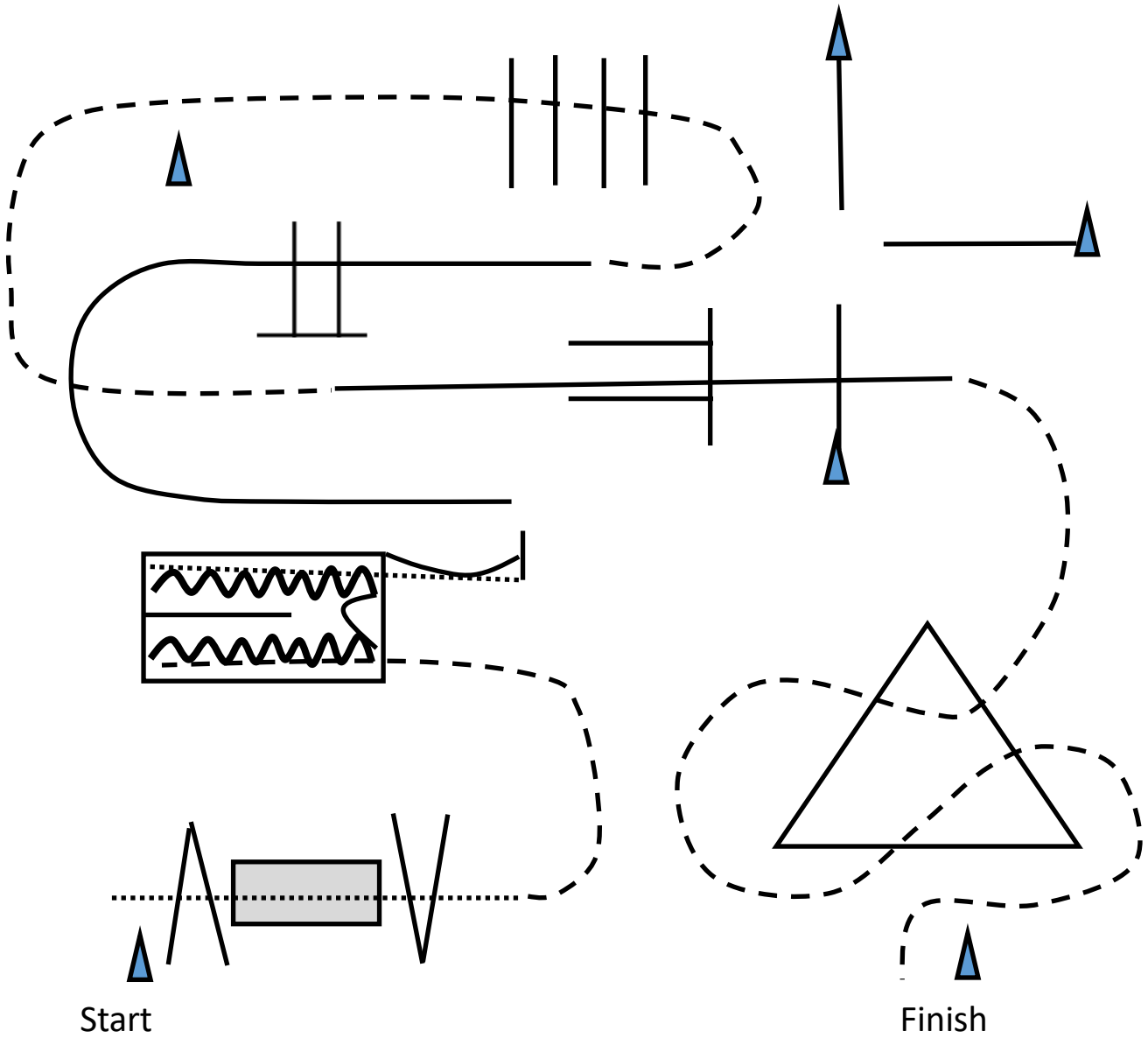
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7. Walk over poles & bridge.

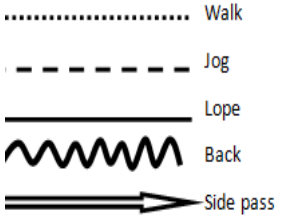


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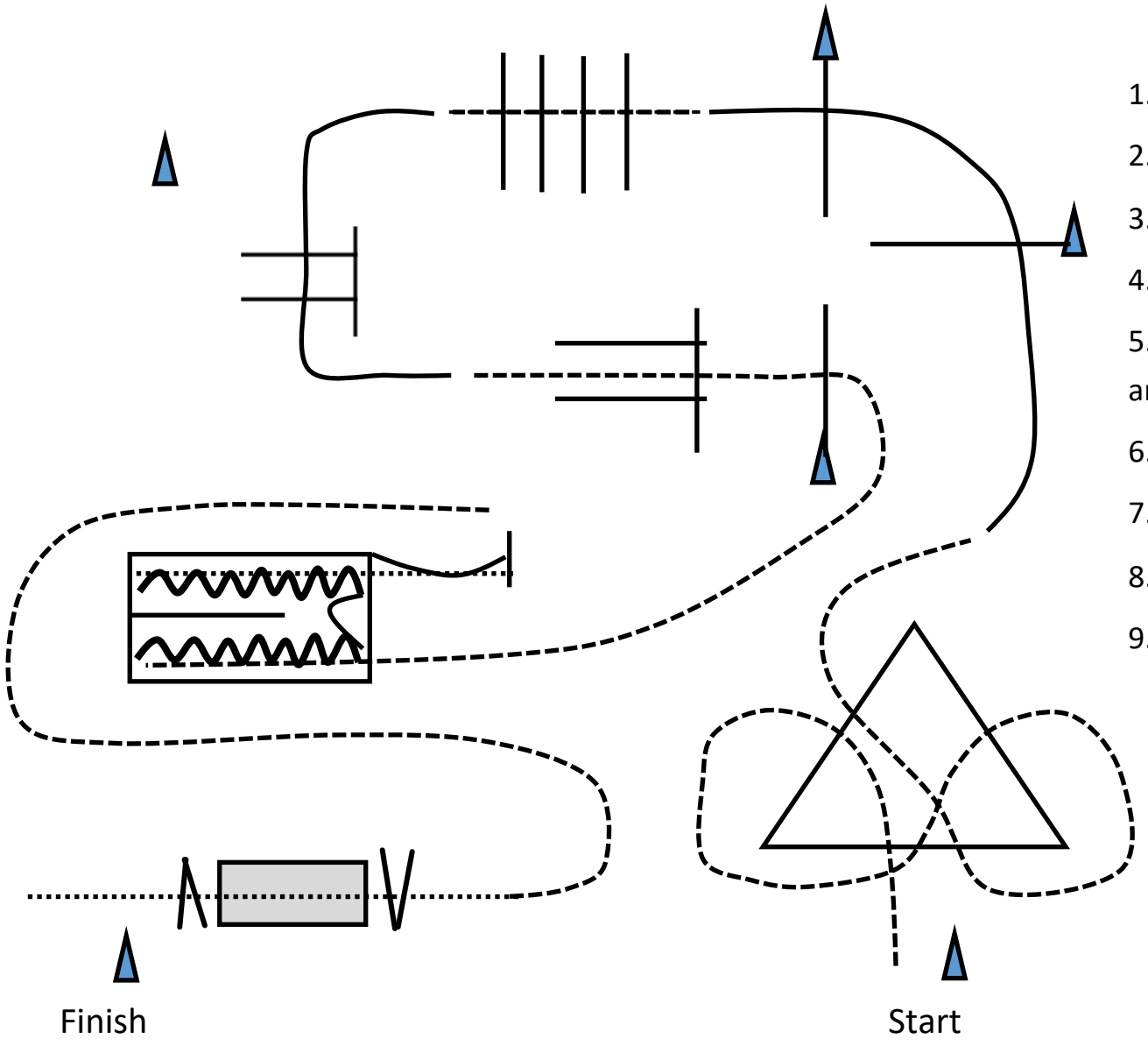
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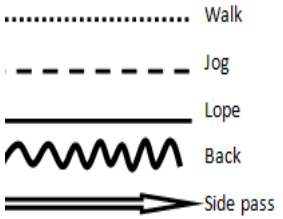
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NSW Appaloosa State Show
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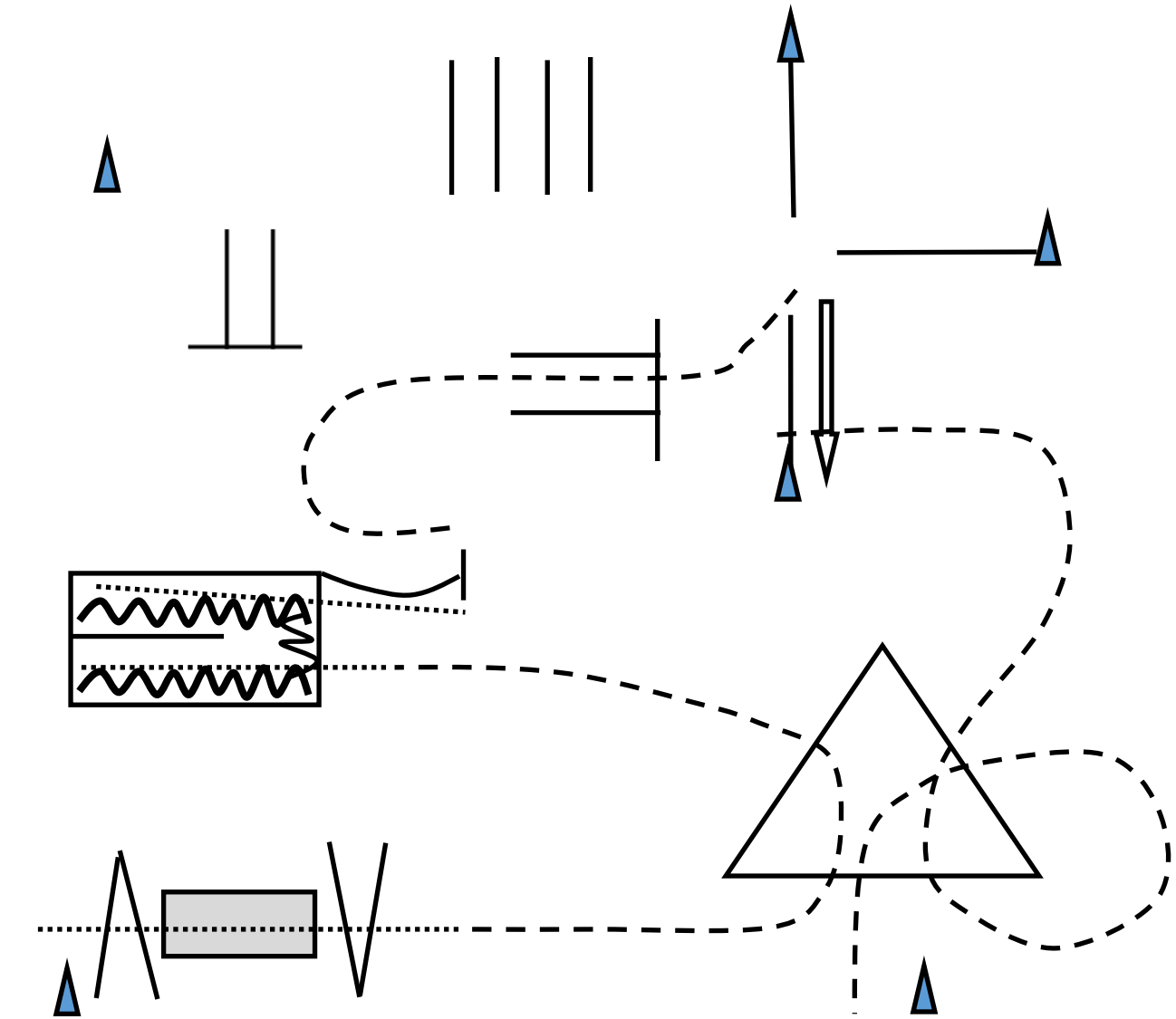


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3. Jog elevated poles
4. Left lead lope through chute
5. Jog through chute and over pole and into box
6. Back around pole as shown
7. Walk out and work gate
8. Jog to poles
9. Walk over poles and bridge to finish

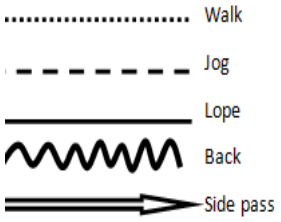


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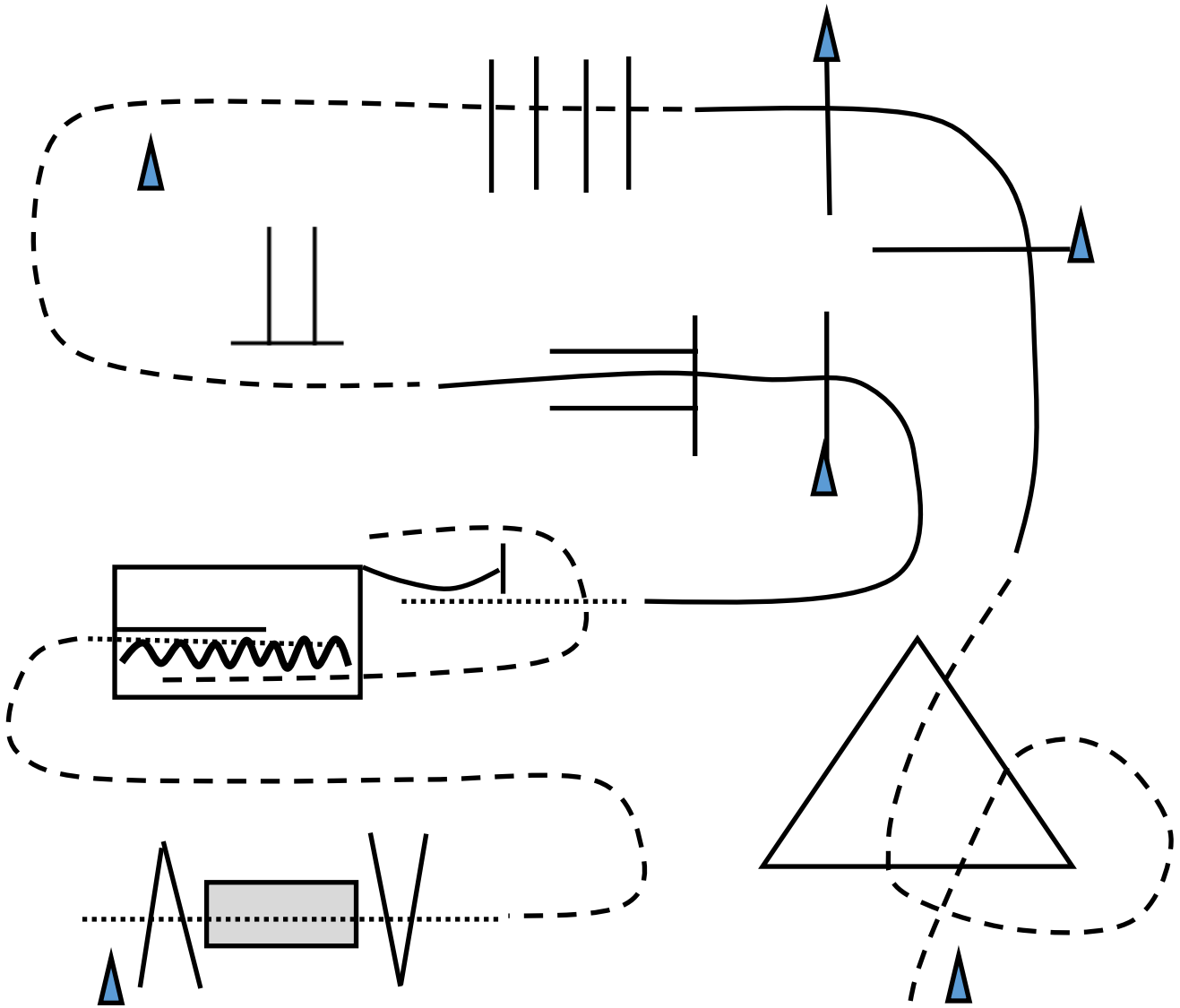


1. Walk over poles and bridge
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7. Jog poles to finish

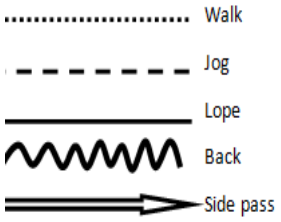


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Amateur Senior, Youth 14-18, Senior Horse Trail



1. Jog triangle
2. Left lope over poles
3. Jog elevated poles and around cone
4. Right lope through chute and over pole
5. Walk to and work gate
6. Jog into box and back
7. Walk out and jog as show
8. Walk poles and bridge to finish



1. Walk to & over bridge & pole.

2. Extend trot around Trees as shown, then trot

3. Trot over pole and stop.
4. Sidepass right in front of log.

5. Extend trot to top hay bale, then walk before stopping.
6. Back between bales.

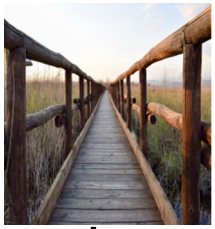
7 Trot to gate and work gate.

8. Trot over logs

9 Pick up rope, walk around cones back to start position. Re-place rope on stand.

Trot to finish.





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3 Yr & Under Led Prospect Ranch Trail

1. Walk to & over bridge & pole.

2. Extend trot around Trees as shown, pick up RL Lope.

3. Lope over pole and stop, Sidepass right between logs.

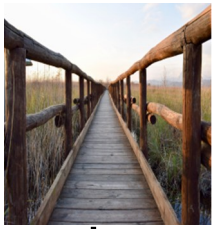
4.Extend lope LL around hay bales and collect lope before stop.
5. Back between bales.
6. Jog to gate and work gate.

7. Jog over logs

8. Drag object around cones back to start position, walk or jog.

9. Take down Rope, build a loop and trot to finish while swinging loop above horse. (Extending Trot)





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All Age Open Ranch Trail

1. Walk to & over bridge & pole.

2. Extend trot around Trees as shown, pick up RL Lope.

3. Lope over pole and stop.
4. Sidepass right between logs.

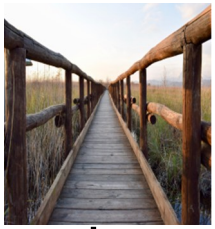
5. Extend lope LL around hay bales and collect lope before stop.
6. Back between bales.

7 Jog to gate and work gate.

8. Jog over logs

9 Drag object around cones back to start position, walk or jog. Lope RL to finish.





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Select Amateur/ Amateur Ranch Trail

1. Extend Trot up to stand.

2. Pick up Rope and Walk around cones. Replace rope on Stand.

3. Trot over poles to gate.
4. Work gate.

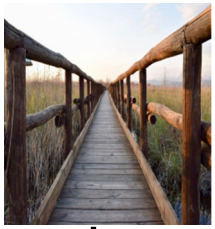
5. Trot over to bale, turn and back between bales.

6. Extend trot around bales and down to sidepass.
7. Sidepass to right over pole. Then trot over log.

8. Trot around trees as shown

9. Walk over Pole & Bridge to finish.





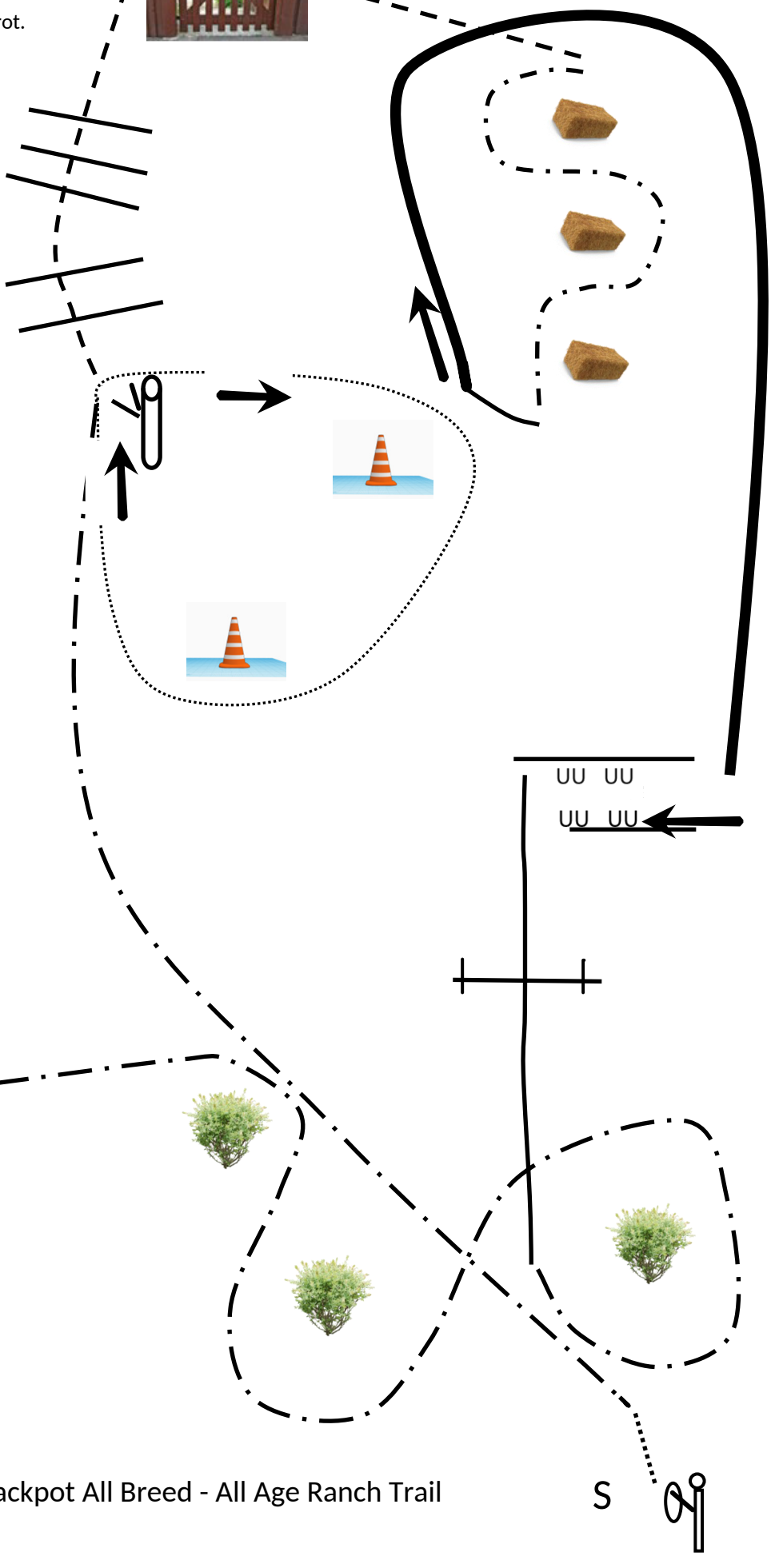
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Beginner Walk Trot Ranch Trail

1. Take down Rope, build a loop and trot to Drag while swinging loop above horse. (Extending Trot)
2. Coil Rope, place on pole.Drag object around cones & back to start position, walk or trot.
3. Trot over logs
4. Trot to gate & work gate
5. Trot to and back between bales
6. Lope then Extend lope RL around hay bales and stop.
7. Sidepass right between logs. Lope over Jump and trot
8. Extend trot around Trees as shown.
9. Walk to & over pole & bridge .





Jackpot All Breed - All Age Ranch Trail

1. Walk to & over bridge & pole.

2. Extend trot around Trees as shown, pick up RL Lope.

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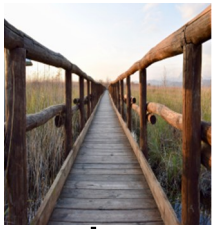
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9 Pick up rope, Jog around cones back to start position. Replace rope on stand.

Lope RL to finish.





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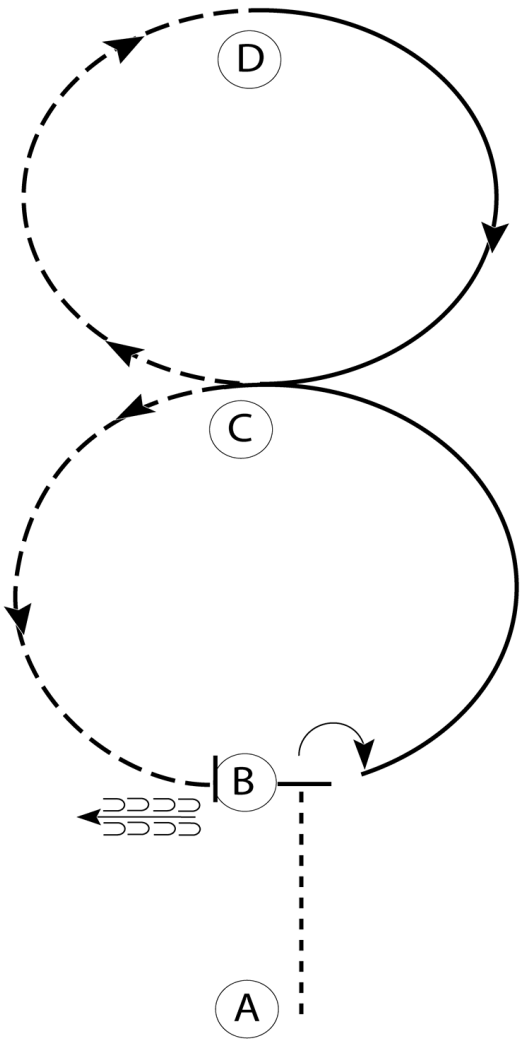
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NSW Appaloosa Championships

Hunt Seat Equitation (Amateur / Select Amateur)

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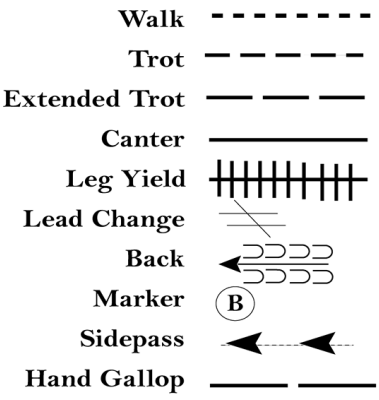
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Be ready at A.

1. Walk to B.
2. Stop at B and perform a 90 degree turn to the right on the forehand.
3. Canter on the left lead to C.
4. Posting trot from C to D.
5. Canter on the right lead from D to C.
6. Posting trot from C to B.
7. Stop at B and back one horse length.

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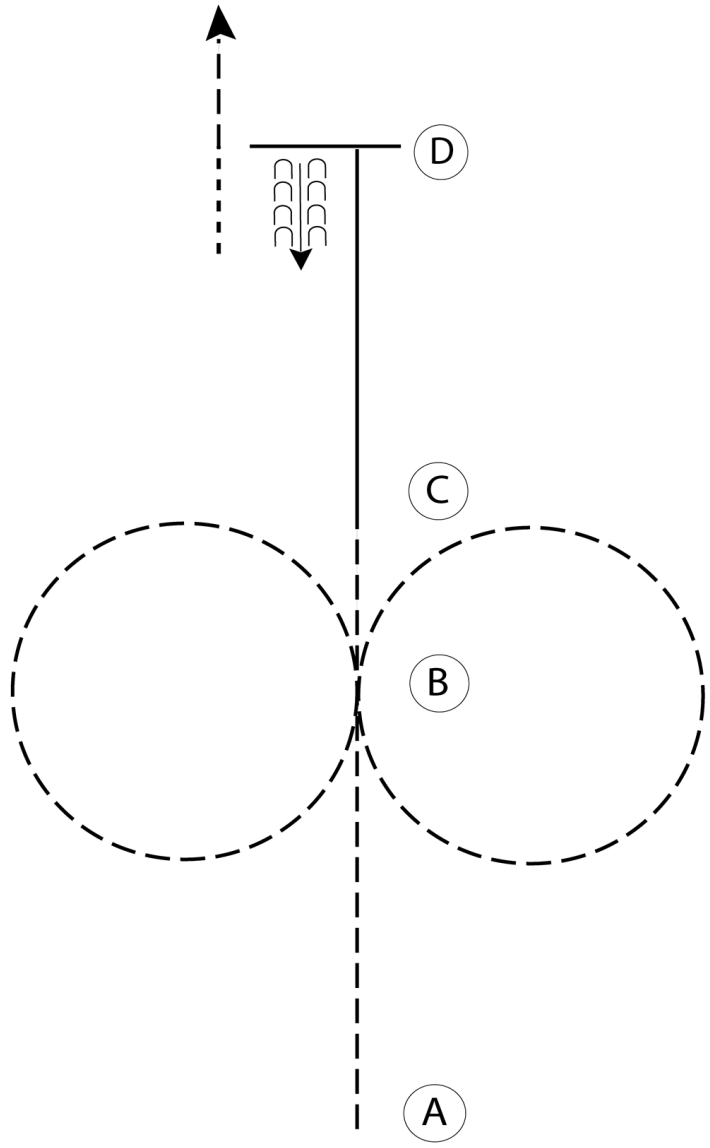
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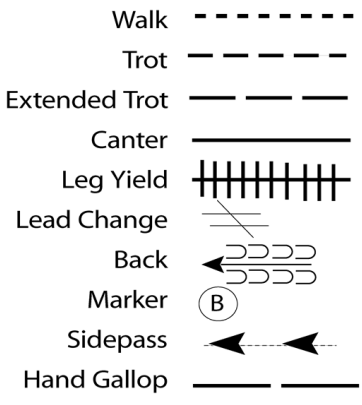
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1. Sitting trot from A to B
2. Perform a figure eight at the posting trot starting to the right
3. Continue posting trot to C
4. Canter right lead to D
5. At D stop and back five steps
6. Walk five steps and trot to the line



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[HSE/1-5]

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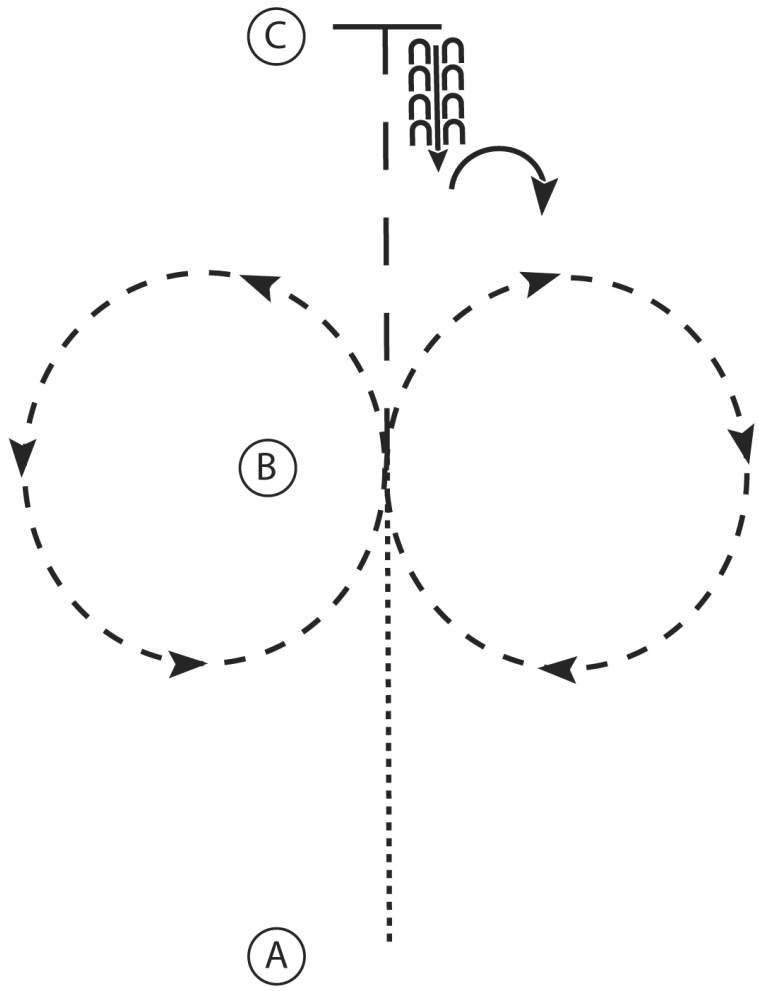
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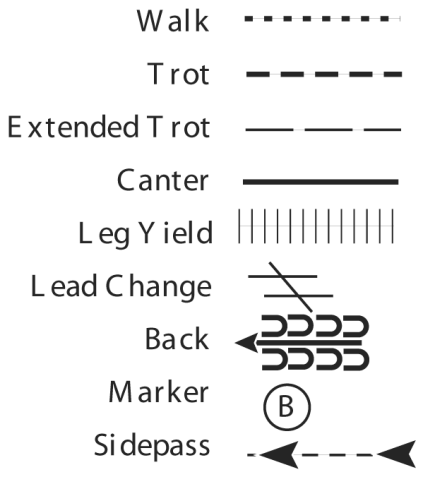
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1. Walk A to B
2. Sitting trot circle to the right
3. Posting trot circle to the left
4. At B extend the trot to C
5. Stop at C and back 4 steps
6. Perform a 90 degree turn to the right



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[HSE/WT-1]

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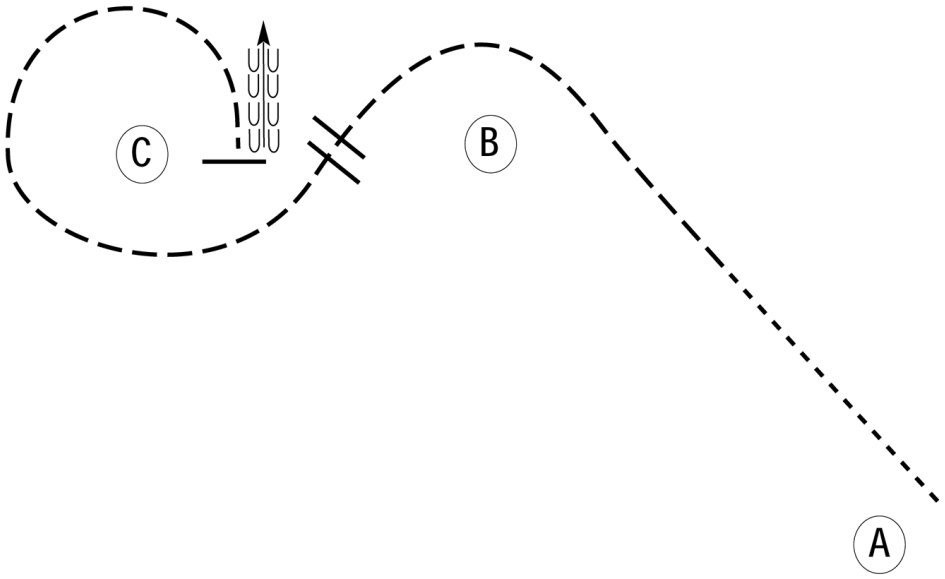
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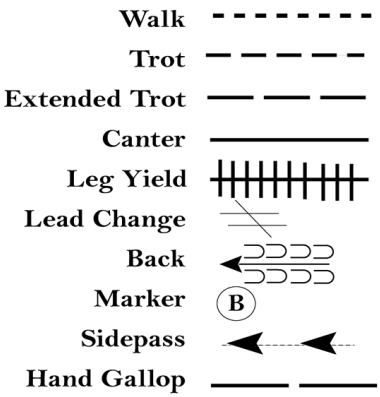
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Be ready at A.

1. Walk halfway to B.
2. Sitting trot to B.
3. Posting trot on the right diagonal from B, halfway to C.
4. Change diagonals halfway to C.
5. Posting trot on the left diagonal to and around C.
6. Stop at C.
7. Back approximately one horse length.



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[HSE/WT-12]

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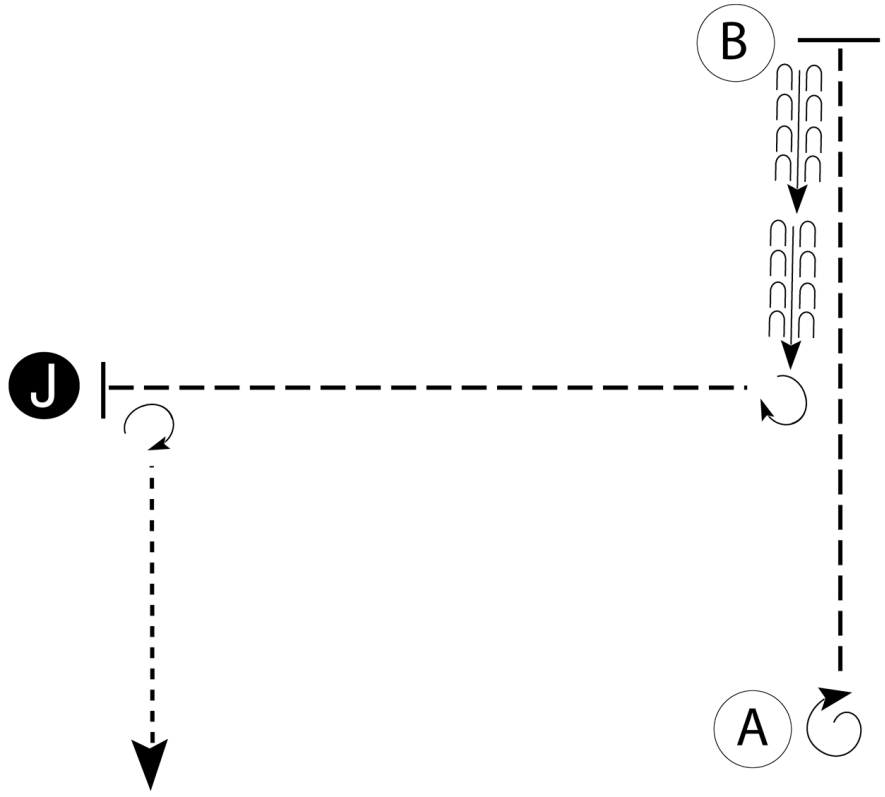
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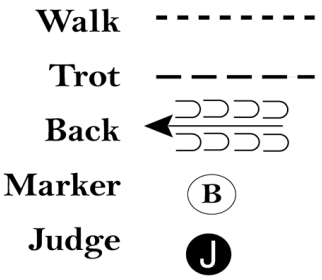
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Be ready at A.

1. When acknowledged, perform a 360 degree turn.
2. Trot to B.
3. Stop at B and back.
4. Perform a 270 degree turn.
5. Trot to judge.
6. Stop and set up for inspection.
7. When dismissed, perform a 270 degree turn.
8. Walk straight away from judge.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.



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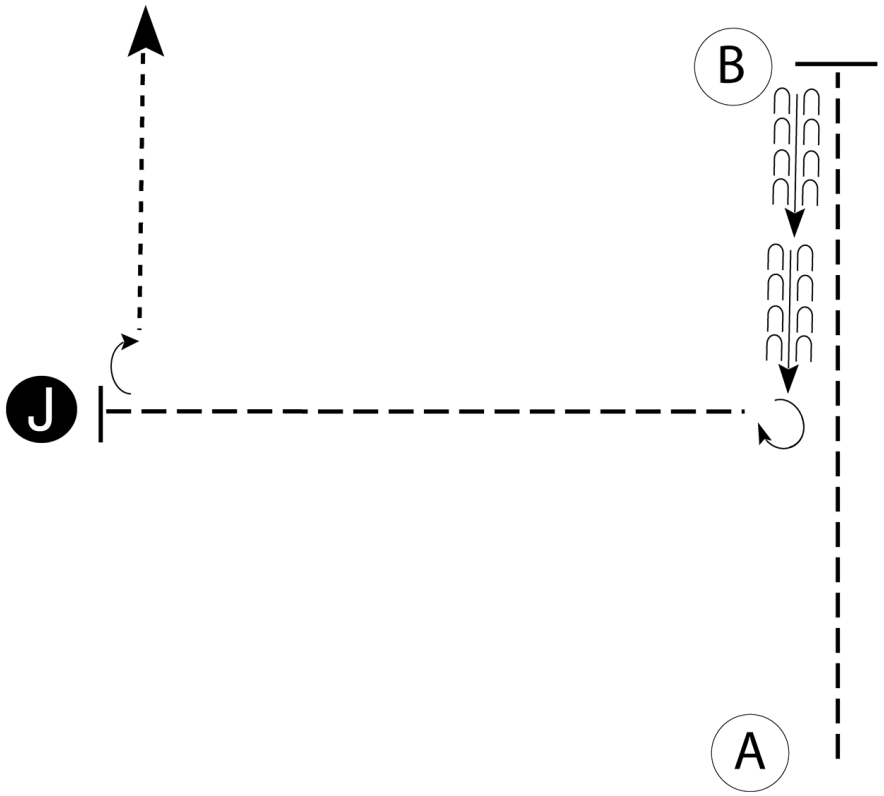
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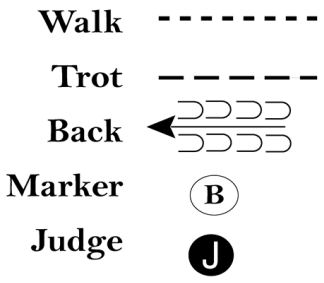
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Be ready at A.

1. Trot to B.
2. Stop at B and back.
3. Perform a 270 degree turn.
4. Trot to judge.
5. Stop and set up for inspection.
6. When dismissed, perform a 90 degree turn.
7. Walk straight away from judge.

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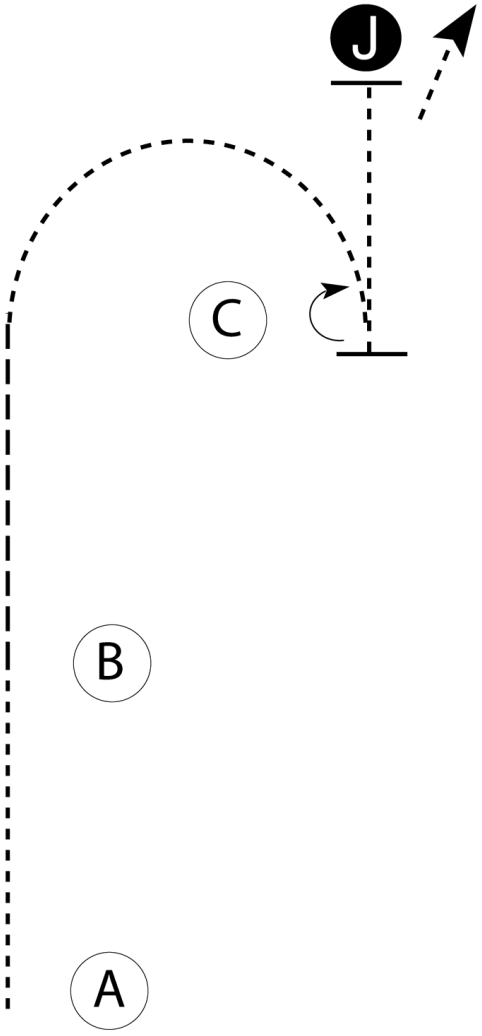
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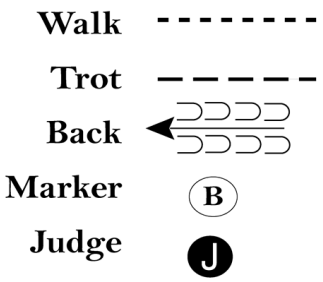
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Be ready at A.

1. Walk A to B.
2. Trot from B until even with C.
3. Walk around C.
4. Stop when even with C.
5. Turn 180 degrees.
6. Walk to judge.
7. Stop and set up for inspection.
8. When excused, walk away from judge.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.



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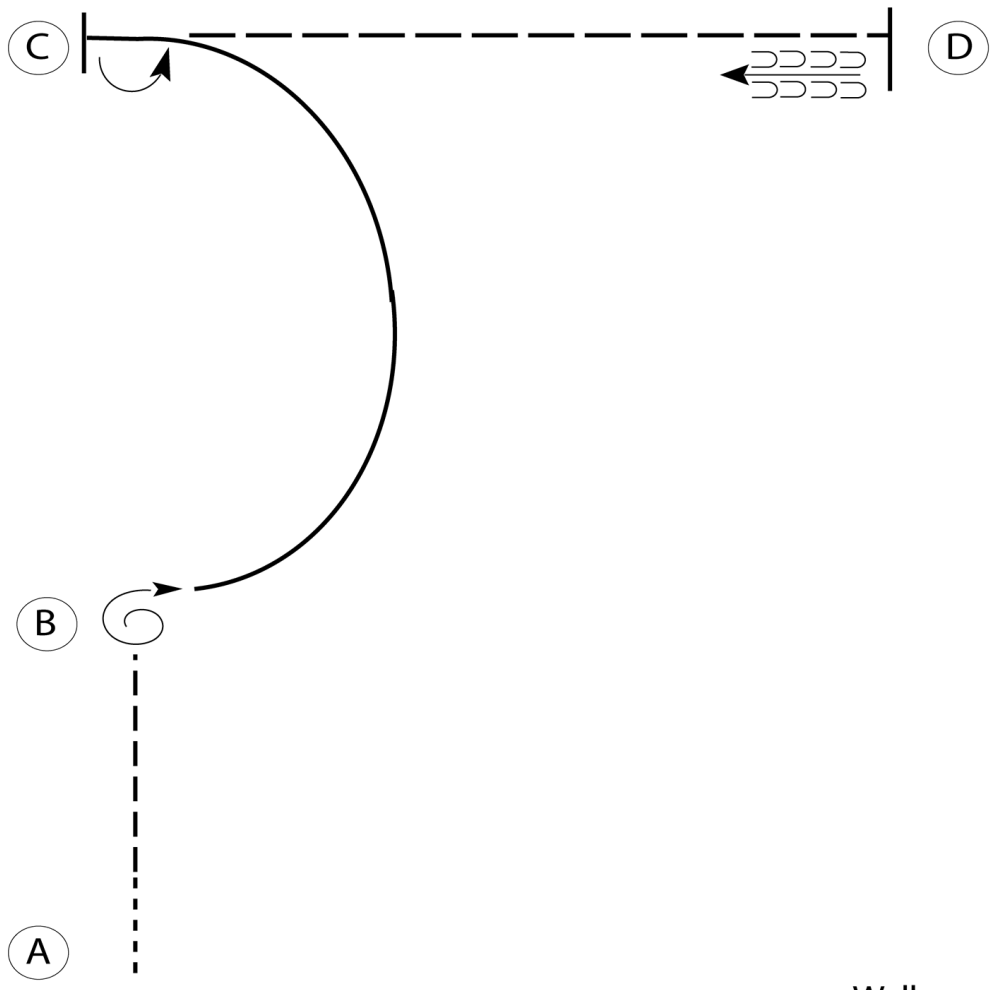
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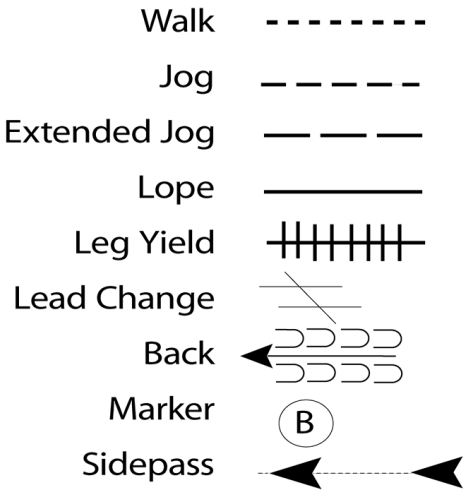
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1. Be ready at A.
2. Walk four steps from A.
3. Jog to B. At B stop and perform a 450 degree turn to the right on the hindquarters.
4. Lope a half circle on the left lead to C.
5. At C stop and perform a 180 degree turn on to the left on the hindquarters.
6. Extend the jog to D.
7. Stop at D and back four steps.



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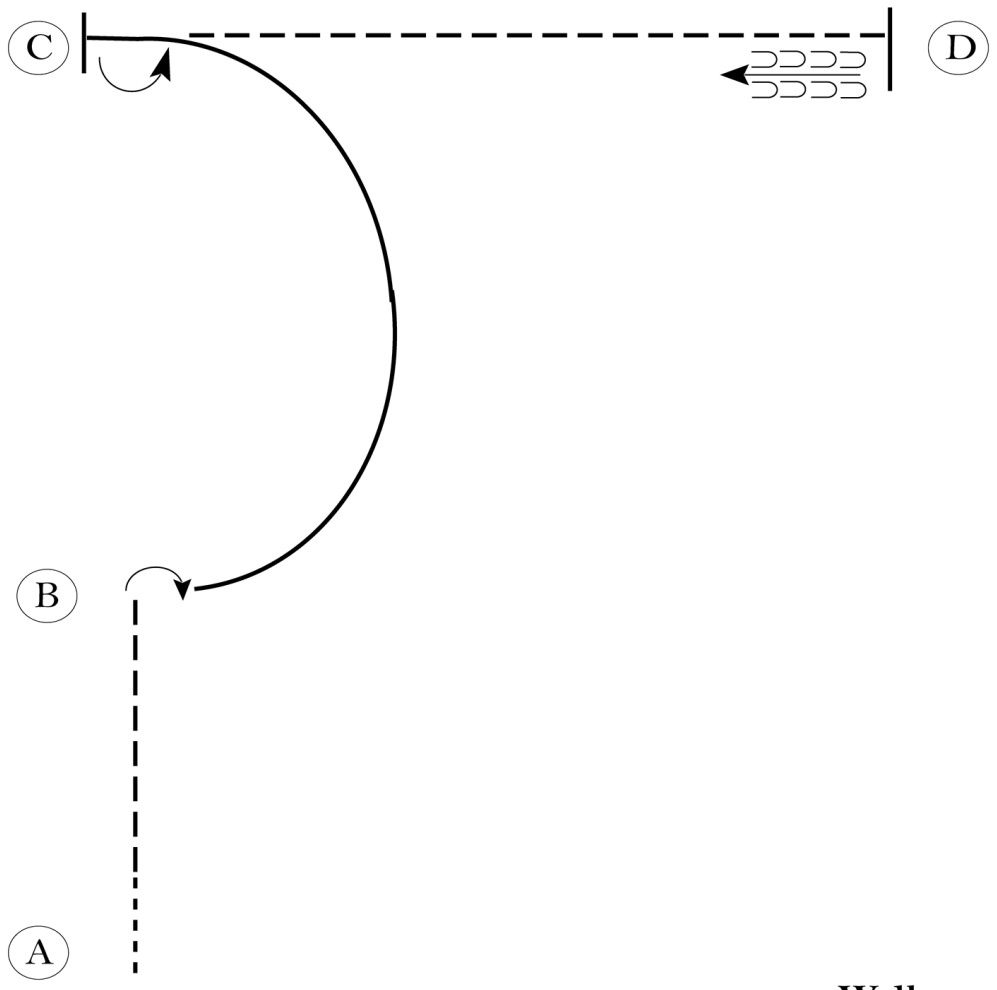
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Be ready at A.

1. Walk approximately 2 horse lengths from A.
2. Jog to B.
3. Turn 1/4 turn to the right.
4. Lope on the left lead to C.
5. Turn 1/2 turn to the left.
6. Jog to D.
7. Stop at D and back approximately one horse length.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.

Walk
Jog
Extended Jog
Lope
Leg Yield
Lead Change
Back
Marker B
Sidepass

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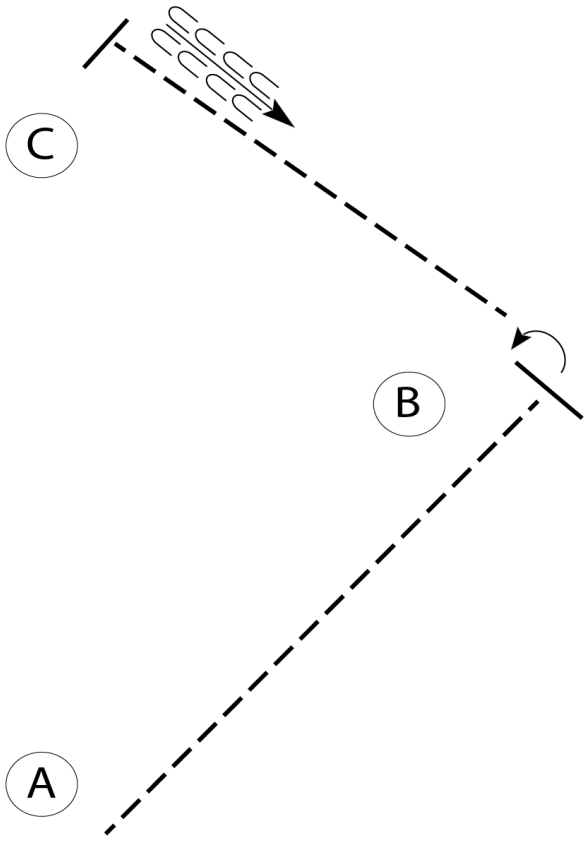
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Be ready at A.

1. Jog A to B.
2. At B, stop and perform a 90 degree turn to the left.
3. Jog B to C.
4. Stop at C and back 4 steps.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.

Walk
Jog
Extended Jog
Lope
Lead Change
Back
Marker B

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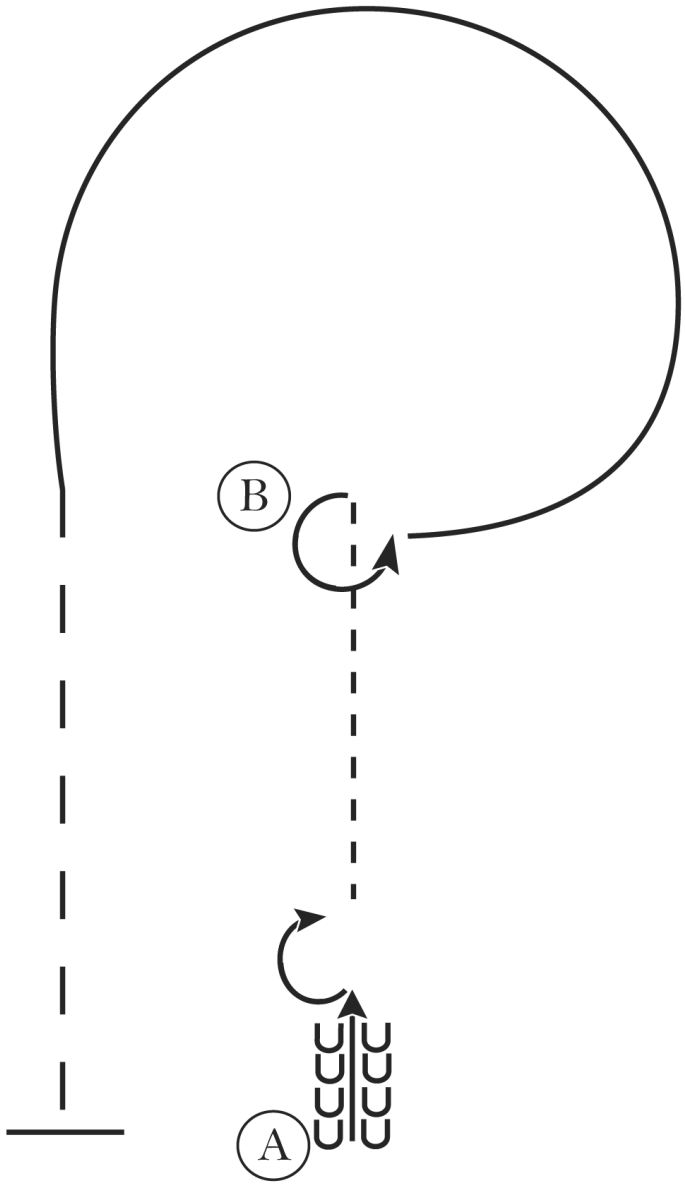
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1. Back 4 steps at A.
2. Perform a 180 degree turn to the right.
3. Jog to B.
4. At B perform a 270 degree turn to the left .
5. Lope a circle around B on the left lead.
6. At B extend the jog to A.
7. At A stop.



Walk
Jog
Extended Jog
Lope
Leg Yield
Lead Change
Back
Marker
B
Sidepass

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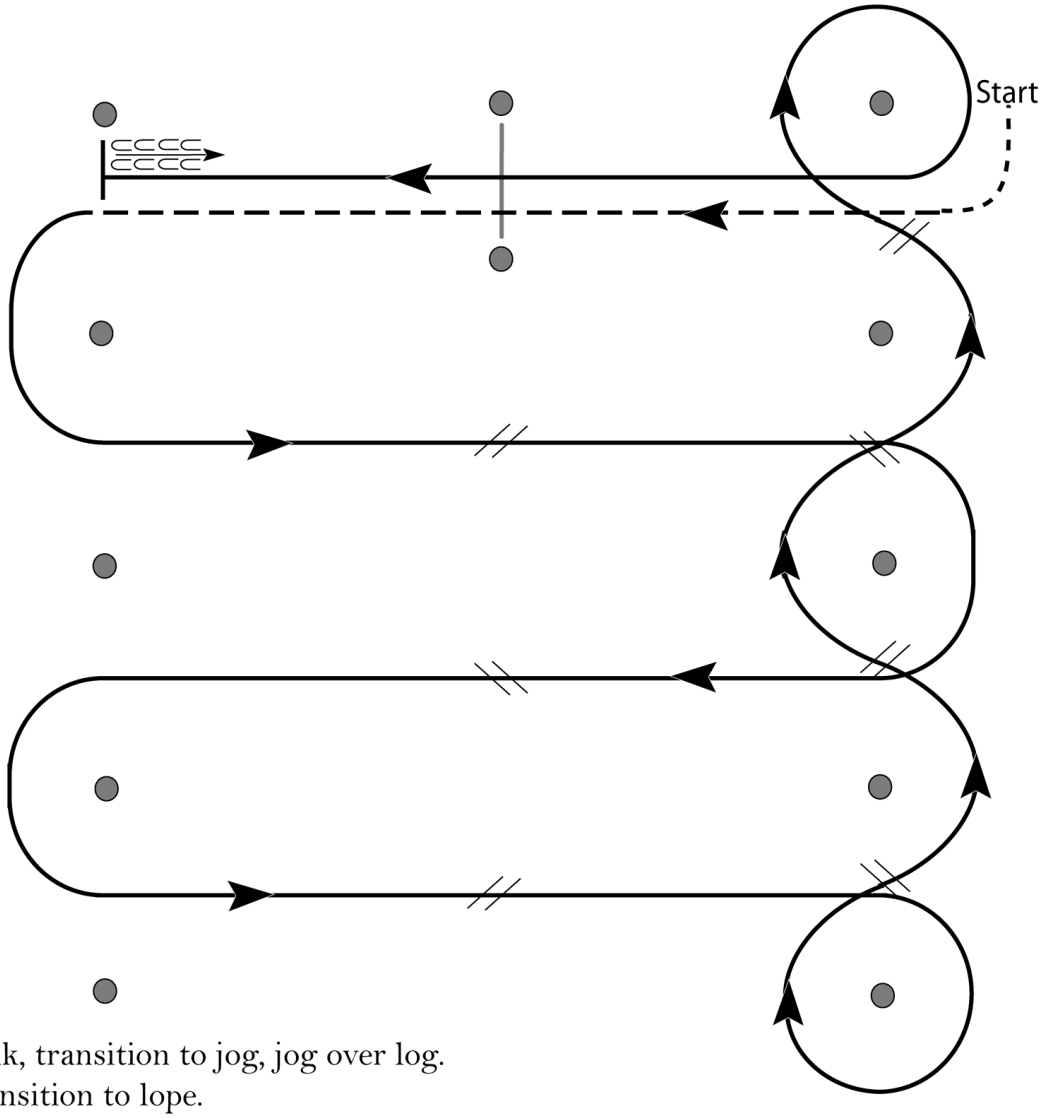
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1. Walk, transition to jog, jog over log.
2. Transition to lope.
3. First crossing change.
4. Second crossing change.
5. Third crossing change.
6. Circle and first line change.
7. Second line change.
8. Third line change.
9. Fourth line change and circle.
10. Lope log.
11. Lope, stop and back.

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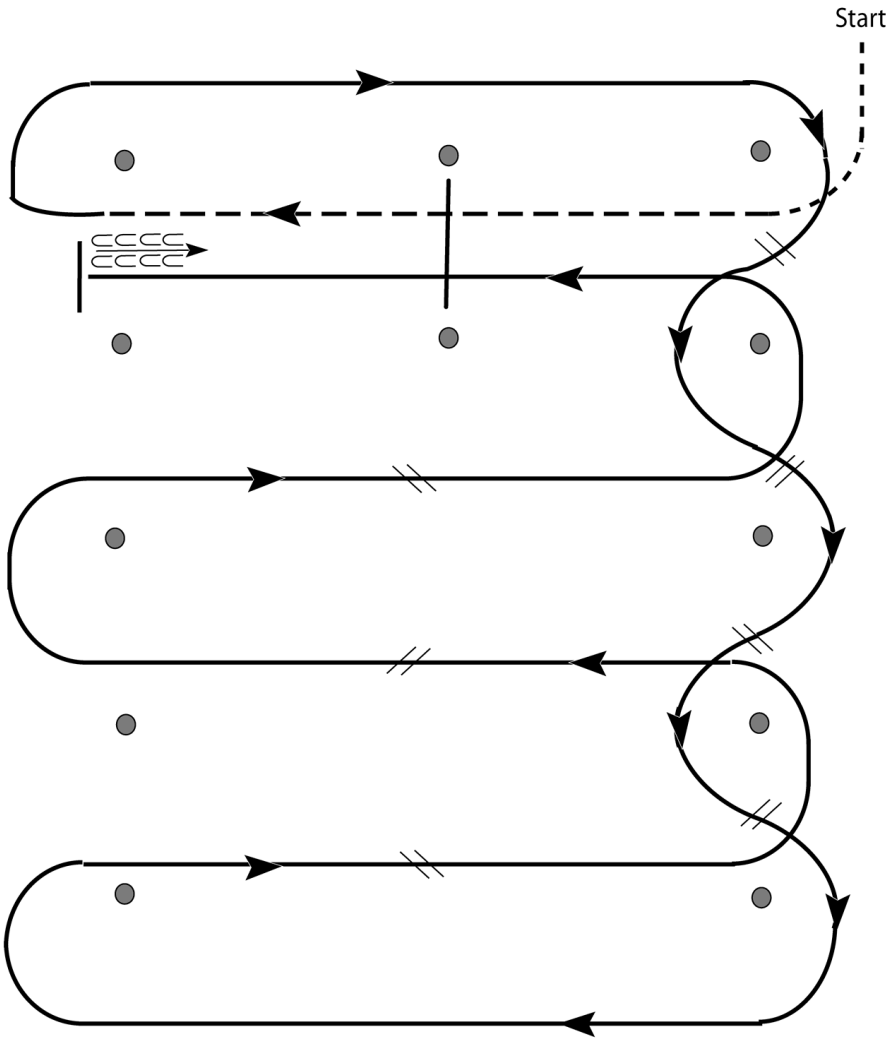
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1. Walk, transition to jog, jog over log.
2. Transition to right.
3. First line change.
4. Second line change.
5. Third line change.
6. Fourth line change.
7. First crossing change.
8. Second crossing change.
9. Third crossing change.
10. Lope over log.
11. Lope, stop and back.

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[WR/OP-4]

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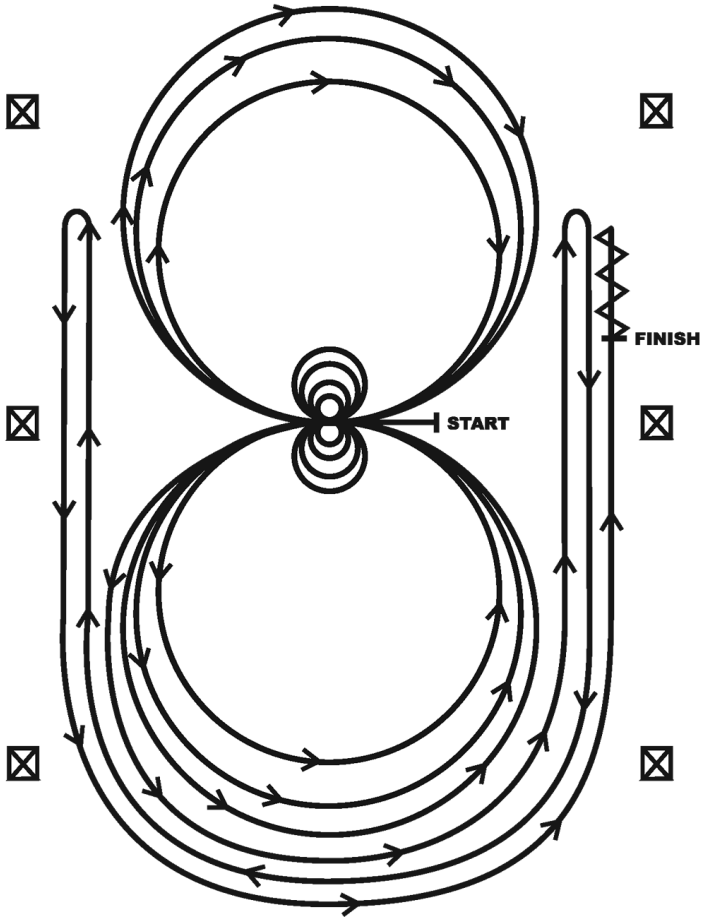
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REINING PATTERN 6



Horses may walk or jog to the center of arena. Horses must walk or stop prior to starting pattern. Beginning at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

1. Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
2. Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate.
3. Beginning on the left lead, complete three circles to the left: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
4. Complete three circles to the right: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
5. Begin a large circle to the left but do not close this circle. Run up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a right rollback at least twenty feet (six meters) from the wall or fence—no hesitation.
6. Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the left side of the arena past the center marker and do a left rollback at least twenty feet (six meters) from the wall or fence—no hesitation.
7. Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least twenty feet (six meters) from the wall or fence. Back up at least ten feet (three meters). Hesitate to demonstrate the completion of the pattern.

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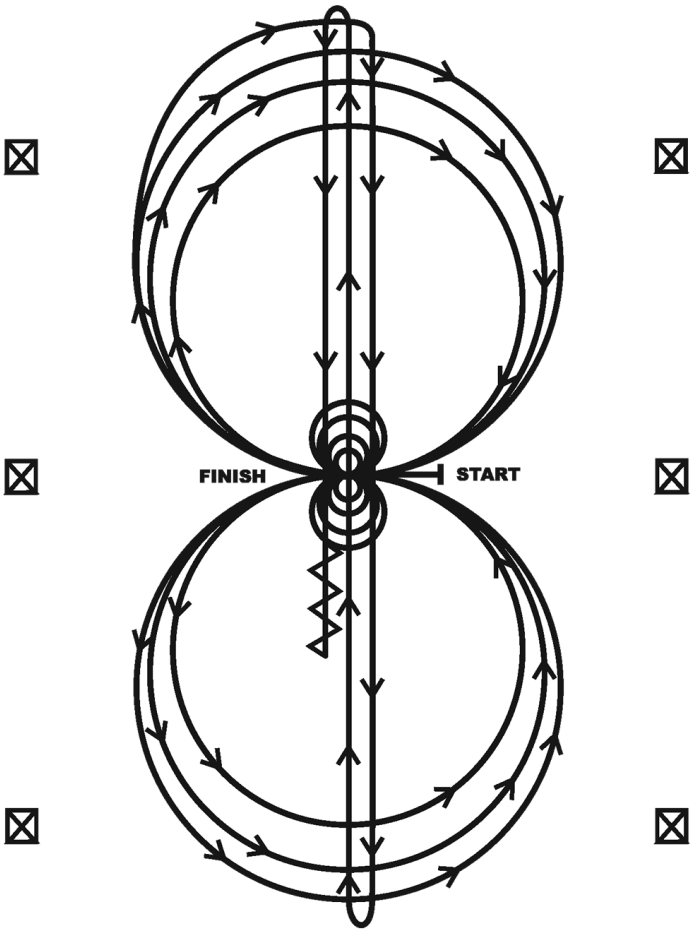
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REINING PATTERN 2



Horses may walk or jog to the center of arena. Horses must walk or stop prior to starting pattern. Beginning at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

1. Beginning on the right lead, complete three circles to the right: the first circle small and slow; the next two circles large and fast. Change leads at the center of the arena.
2. Complete three circles to the left: the first circle small and slow; the next two circles large and fast. Change leads at the center of the arena.
3. Continue around previous circle to the right. At the top of the circle, run down the middle to the far end of the arena past the end marker and do a right rollback—no hesitation.
4. Run up the middle to the opposite end of the arena past the end marker and do a left rollback—no hesitation.
5. Run past the center marker and do a sliding stop. Back up to the center of the arena or at least ten feet (three meters). Hesitate.
6. Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
7. Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate to demonstrate the completion of the pattern.

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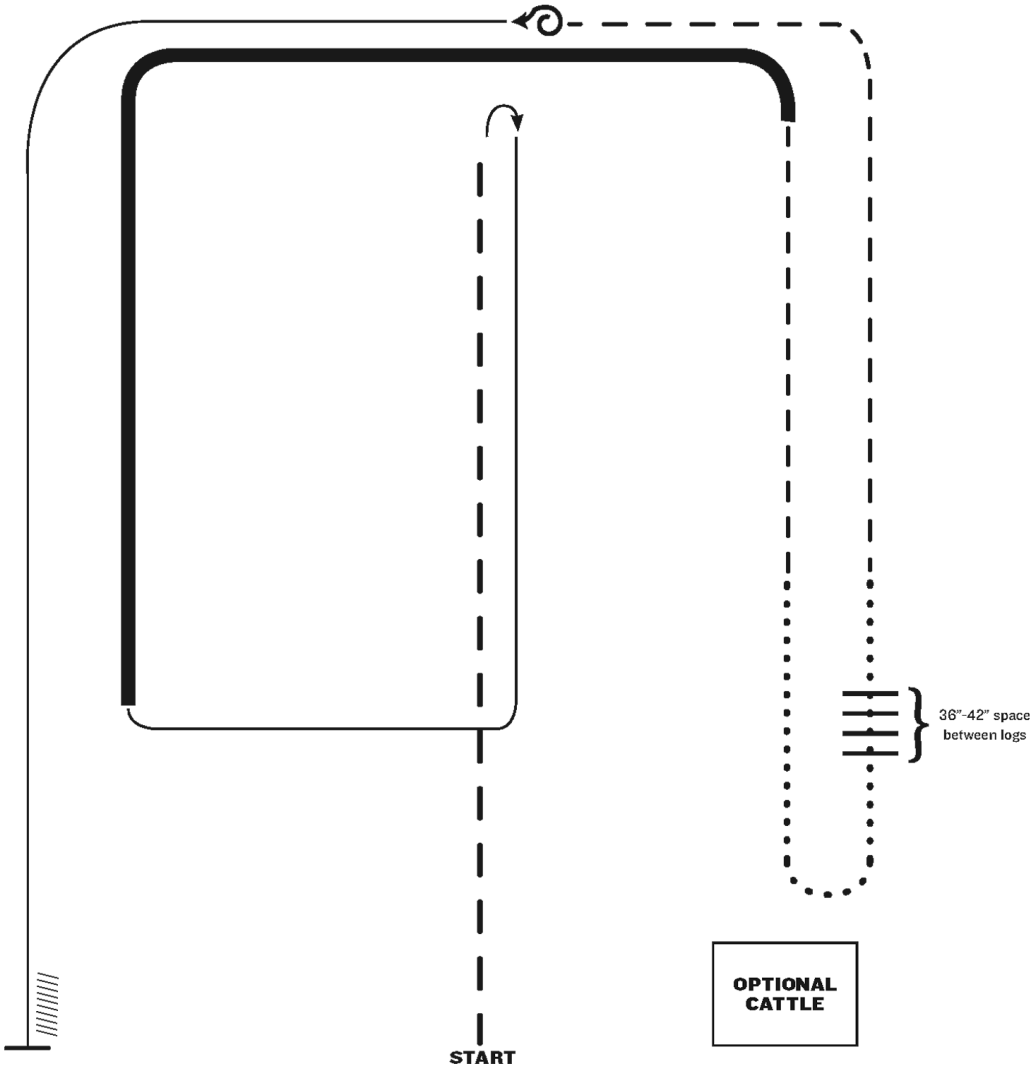
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1. Extended trot
2. Stop, rollback right
3. Lope right lead
4. Extended lope (right lead)
5. Trot
6. Walk
7. Walk over logs
8. Walk
9. Trot
10. Stop, 360 left
11. Lope left lead
12. Stop and back

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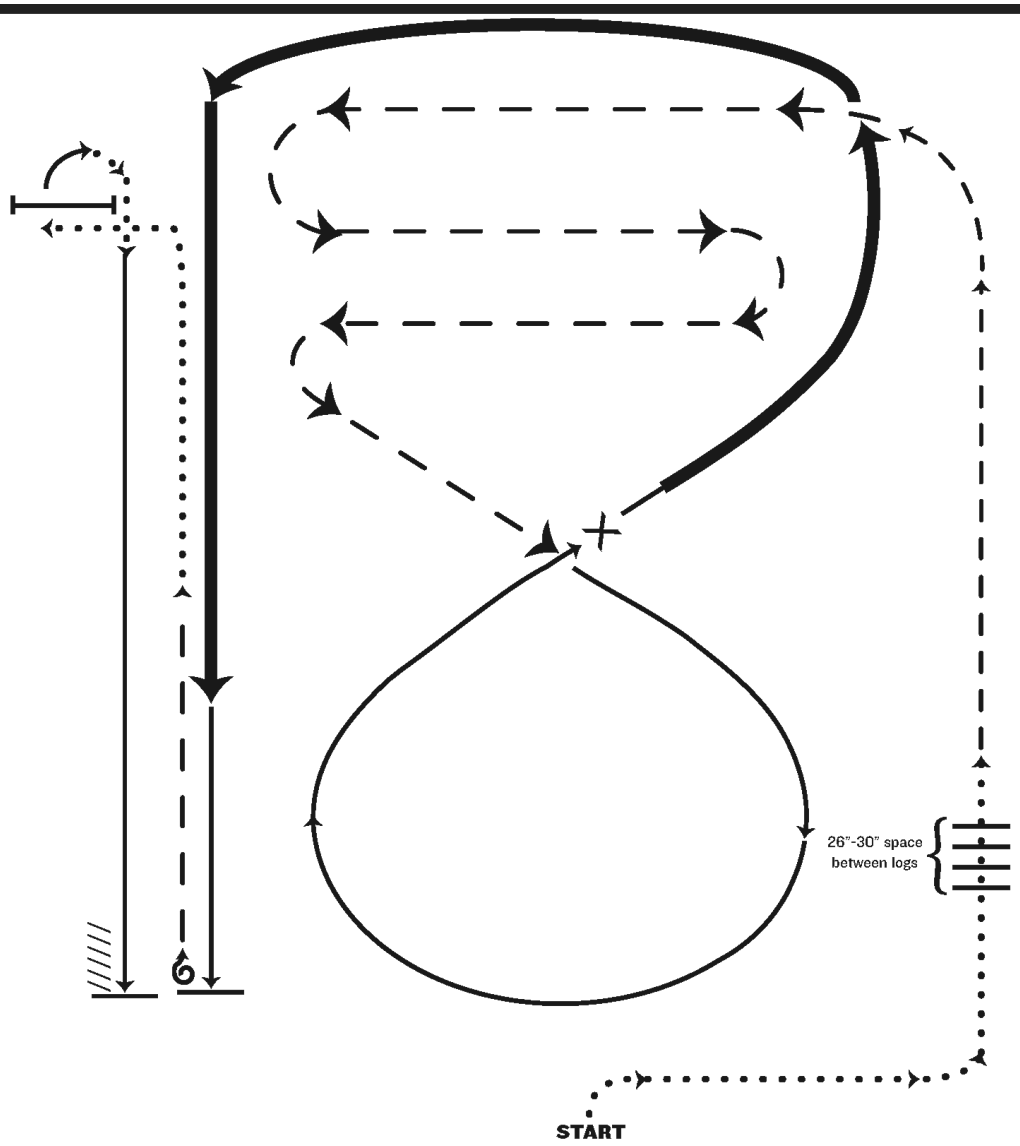
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1. Walk
2. Walk over logs
3. Trot
4. Extended trot serpentine
5. Lope right lead
6. Change leads (simple or flying)
7. Extended lope (left lead), collect lope
8. Stop, 1 1/2 turn, either direction
9. Trot
10. Walk to gate
11. Right hand push gate
12. Walk, lope left lead
13. Stop and back

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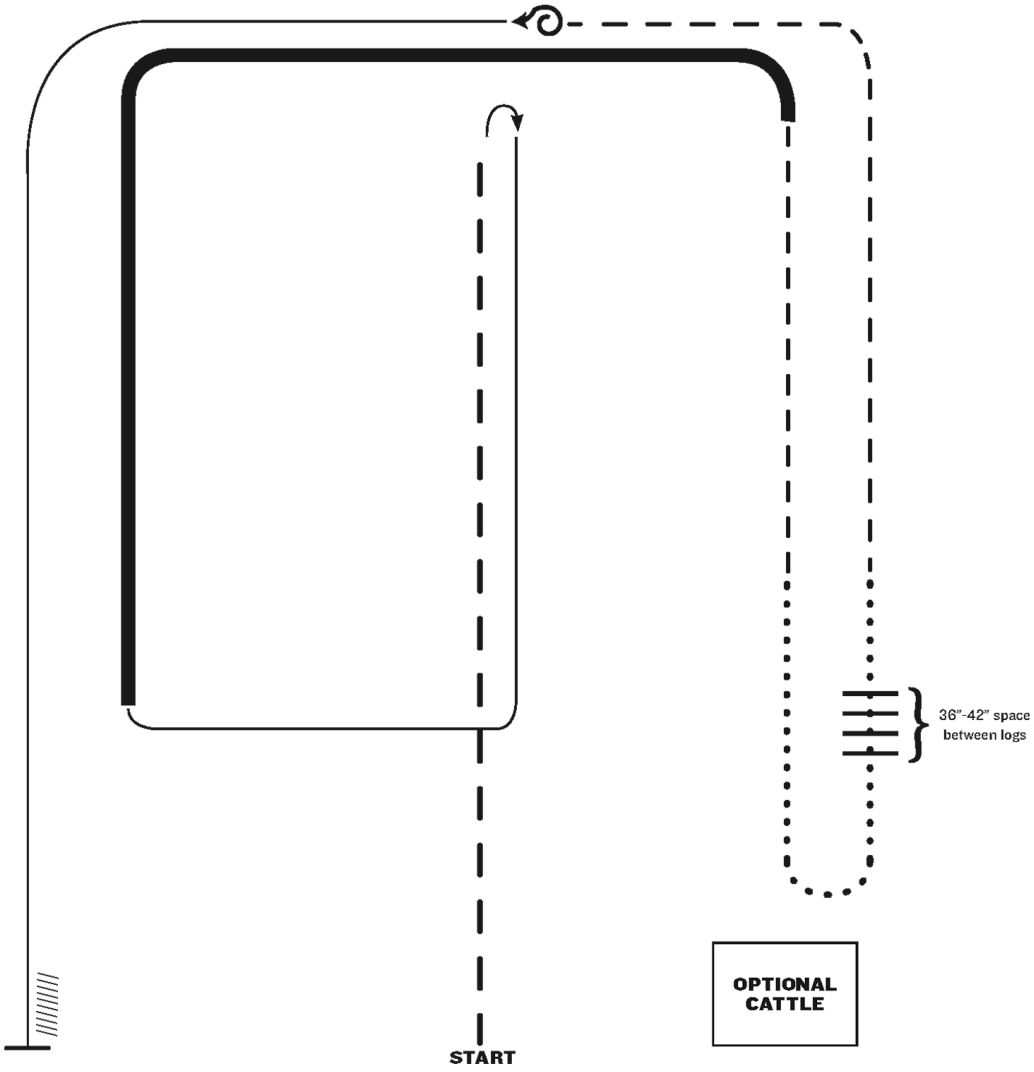
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2. Stop, rollback right
3. Lope right lead
4. Extended lope (right lead)
5. Trot
6. Walk
7. Walk over logs
8. Walk
9. Trot
10. Stop, 360 left
11. Lope left lead
12. Stop and back

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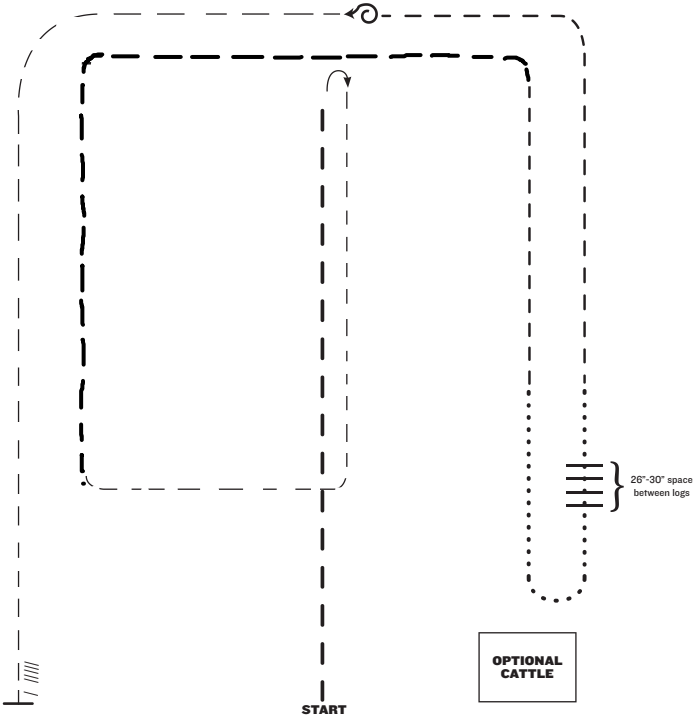
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RANCH RIDING – PATTERN 15

BEGINNER Walk Trot



1. Extended trot
2. Stop, rollback right
3. Trot
4. Extended Trot
5. Trot
6. Walk
7. Walk over logs
8. Walk
9. Trot
10. Stop, 360 left
11. Trot
12. Stop and back

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