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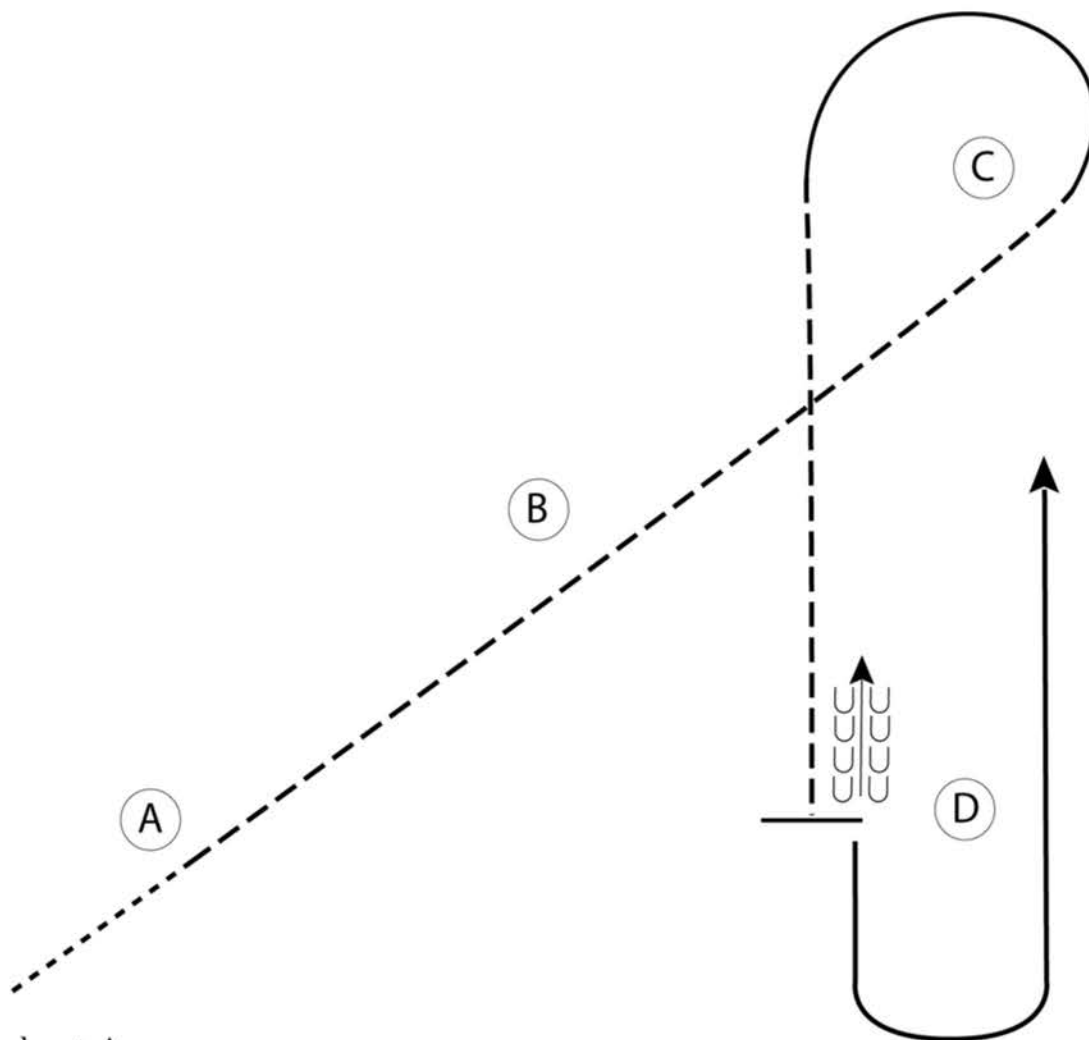
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- 11. Amateur Mule English Equitation
- 12. Youth Mule English Equitation (18 & Under)
- 13. Silver Amateur English Equitation

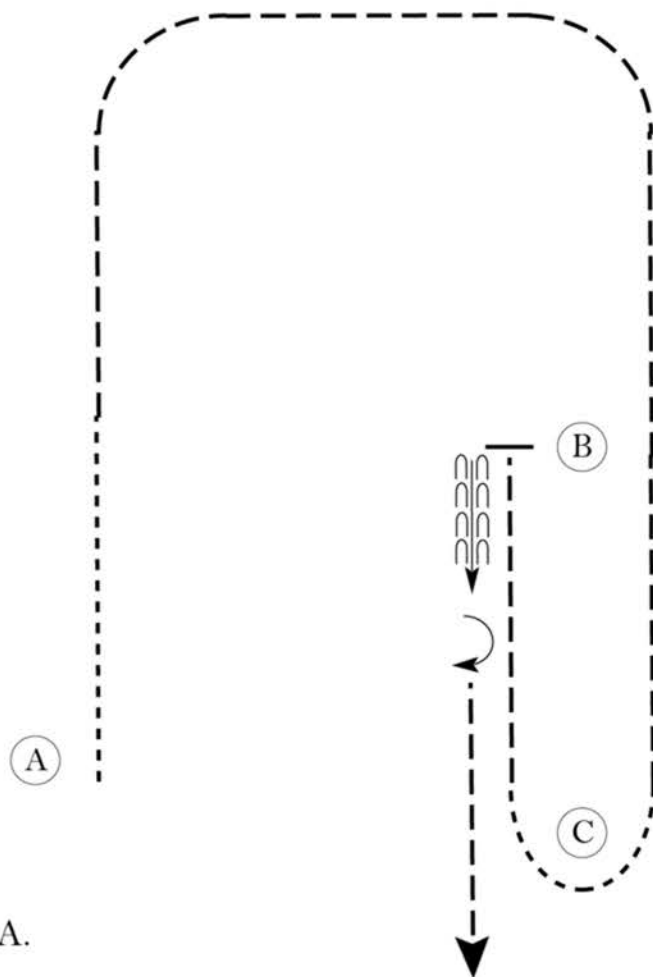


Be ready at A.

1. Walk to A.
2. Sitting trot to B.
3. Posting trot on the right diagonal.
4. At C, canter a half circle on the left lead and circle back around to C.
5. At C, drop to a posting trot on the left diagonal to D.
6. Stop at D and back 3 steps.
7. Canter left lead to exit.

Walk	-----
Trot	- - - - -
Extended Trot	— — — —
Canter	— — — — —
Leg Yield	
Lead Change	↗ ↘
Back	← ← ← ←
Marker	(B)
Sidepass	← ← ← ←
Hand Gallop	— — — — —

14. Amateur Donkey English Equitation (Walk/Trot)

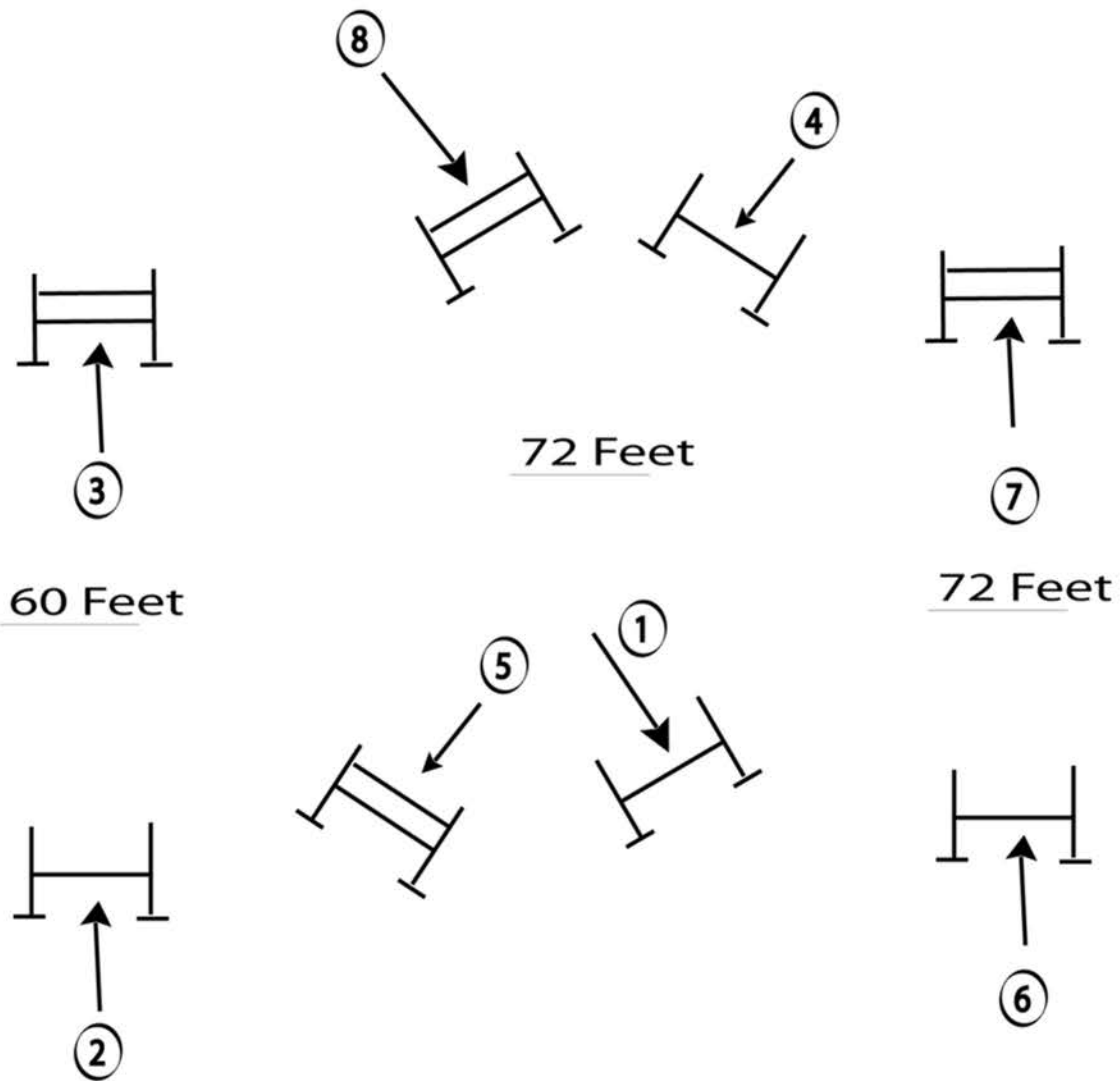


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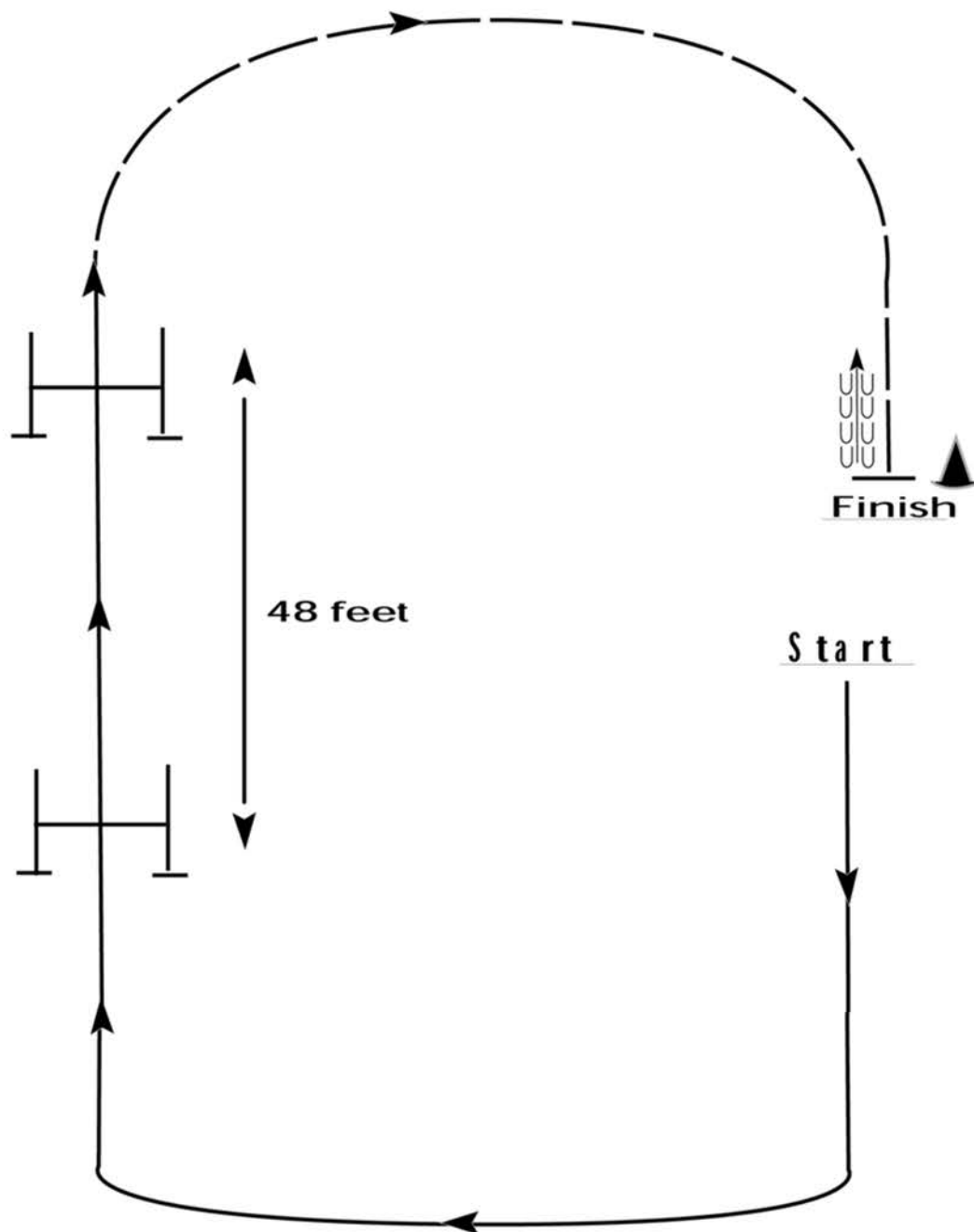
1. Walk until even with B.
2. Trot on the left diagonal to B.
3. Sitting trot from B to C.
4. Walk around C.
5. Trot on the right diagonal to B.
6. Stop and back approximately one horse length.
7. Perform a 180 degree turn to the right on the hindquarters and trot to exit.

Walk	-----
Trot	- - - - -
Extended Trot	— — — — —
Canter	—————
Leg Yield	
Lead Change	↗ ↘
Back	← ← ← ← ←
Marker	(B)
Sidepass	← — — — — →
Hand Gallop	—— — — —

15. Open Mule Working Hunter



15. Open Mule Hunter Hack



Start

Finish

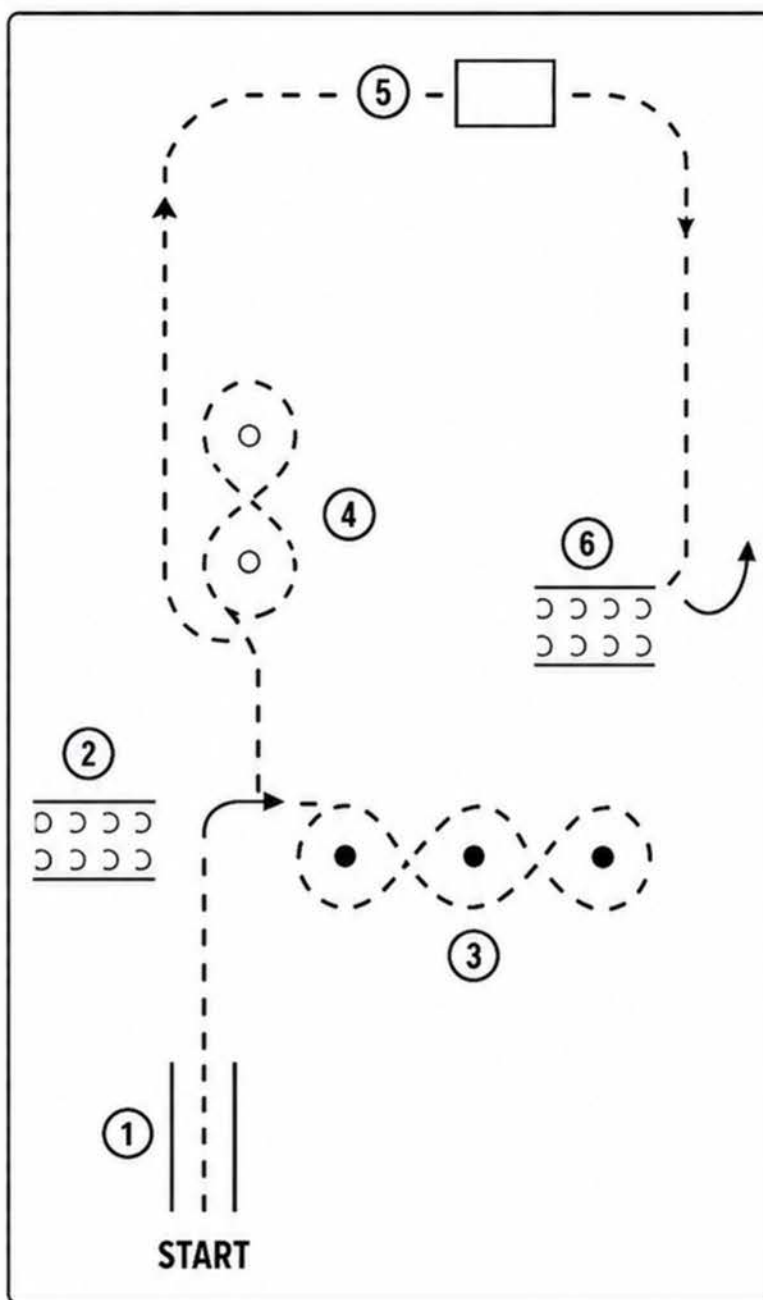
48 feet

Canter 
 Back 
 Hand Gallop 
 Marker 

1. Fences are set approximately 48 feet apart.
2. After 2nd fence, hand gallop to marker. Stop and back approximately one horse length.
3. Drop your reins to signify completion.

24. Open Donkey Obstacle Driving

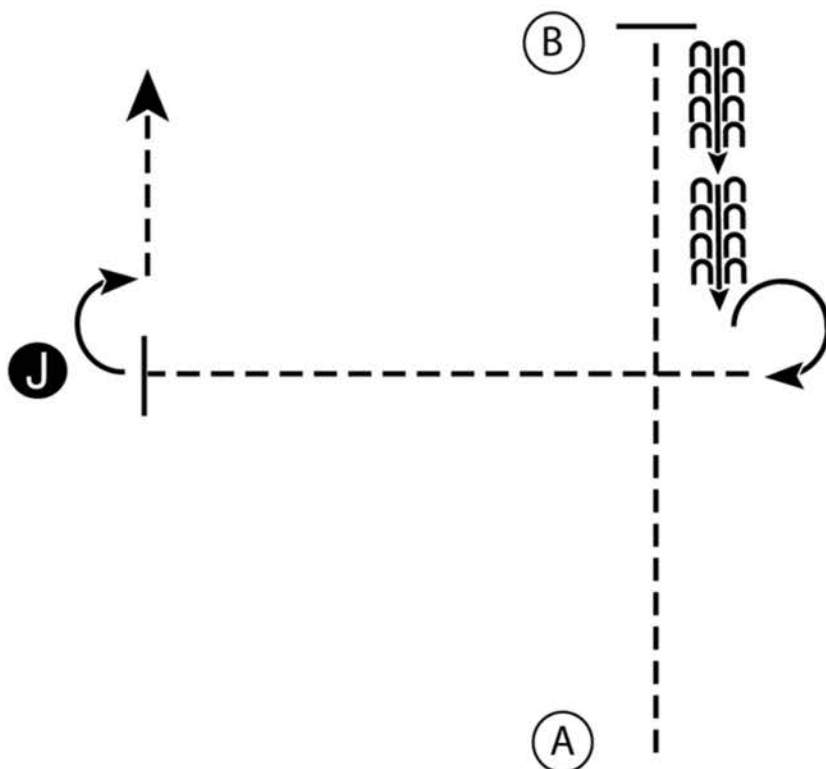
25. Open Mule Obstacle Driving



1. Start - Park trot with left wheel between poles
2. Stop at cone - 90° back into box
3. Serpentine at a park trot
4. Figure 8 at walk
5. Road trot to bridge, walk over bridge
6. Walk to back through, 90° left to back between poles
7. Walk through poles to exit



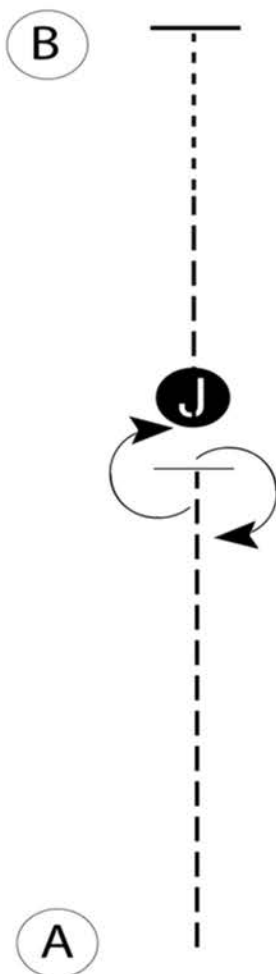
- 26. Amateur Mule Showmanship
- 27. Youth Mule Showmanship
- 28. Silver Amateur Mule Showmanship
- 30. Youth Donkey Showmanship
- 31. Amateur Donkey Showmanship



1. Trot A to B
2. Stop at B and back halfway to A
3. Stop and perform a 270 degree turn
4. Trot to judge and set up for inspection
5. When dismissed perform a 90 degree turn and trot away from judge

- Walk - - - - -
- Trot - - - - -
- Back ← C C C C C
- Marker (B)
- Judge (J)

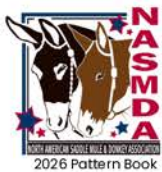
29. Youth Showmanship 10 & Under



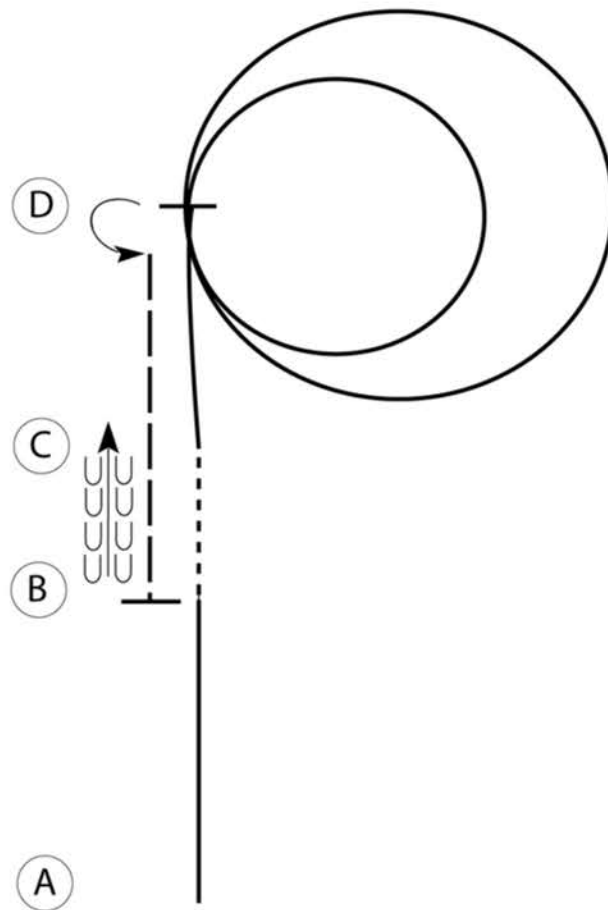
Be ready at A.

1. When acknowledged, trot to the Judge.
 2. Stop and perform a 180 degree turn. Set up for inspection.
 3. When dismissed, judge will move out of your path. Perform a 180 degree turn.
 4. Trot half way to B. Break to a walk and walk to B.
 5. Stop at B.
- Follow the instructions of your ring steward.

Walk	-----
Trot	-----
Back	← 
Marker	ⓑ
Judge	ⓐ



- 57. Amateur Mulemanship
- 58. Youth Mulemanship (18 & Under)
- 59. Silver Amateur Mulemanship
- 62. Youth Donkeymanship



Be ready at A.

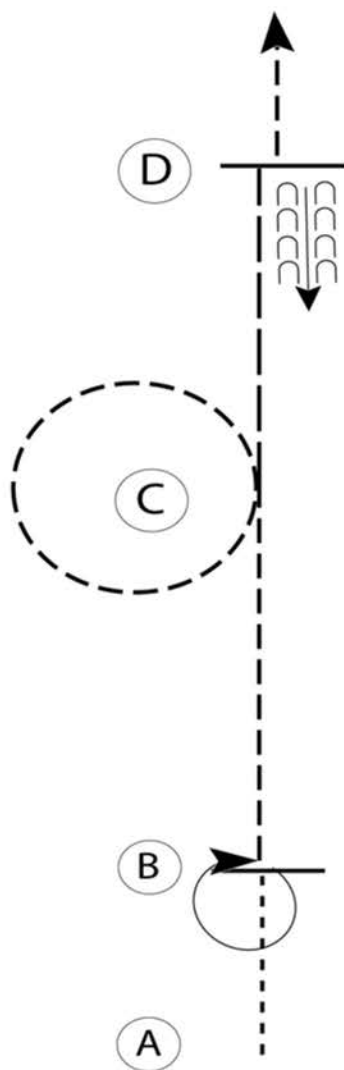
1. Lope on the left lead to B.
2. Walk B to C.
3. Lope on the right lead to D.
4. Lope a large fast circle to the right.
5. Lope a small slow circle to the right.
6. Stop at D and perform a 180 degree spin to the left.
7. Extend the jog to B.
8. Stop at B and back to C.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.

Walk	-----
Jog	-----
Extended Jog	-----
Lope	=====
Leg Yield	
Lead Change	↗↘
Back	←←←←←
Marker	(B)
Sidepass	←-----→



60. Open Walk/Trot Mulemanship (Non-NASMDA)
 61. Youth Mule/Donkeymanship 10 & Under Walk/Trot
 63. Amateur Donkeymanship Walk/Trot



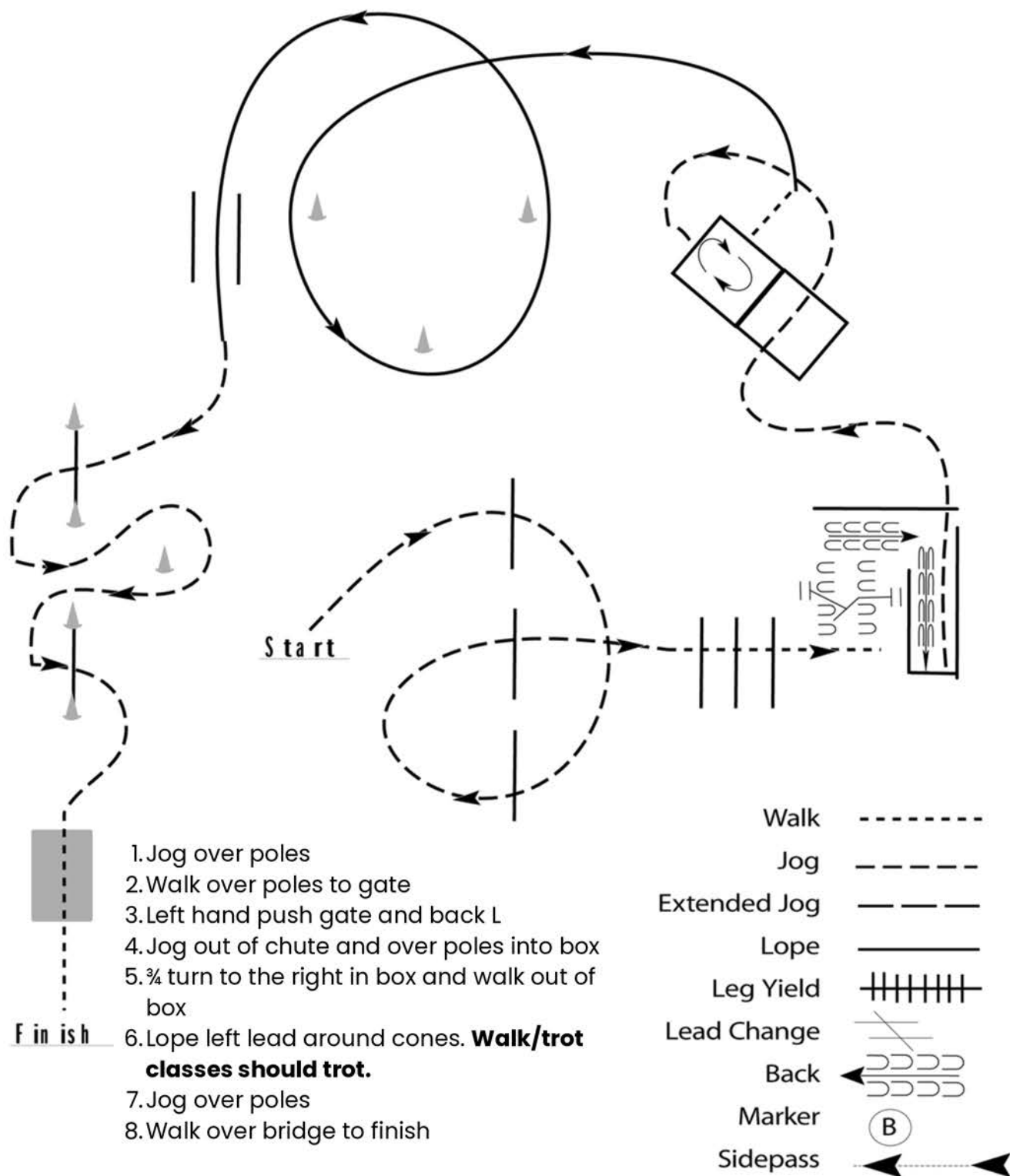
1. Walk from A to B
2. At B stop and perform a 360 degree turn on the hindquarters to the right
3. Jog to C, and jog a circle around C to the left
4. Extend the jog to D
5. At D stop, back five steps, and jog to the line

Walk	-----
Jog	- - - - -
Extended Jog	— — — —
Lope	—————
Leg Yield	
Lead Change	— / —
Back	← — — — —
Marker	(B)
Sidepass	← — — — — →



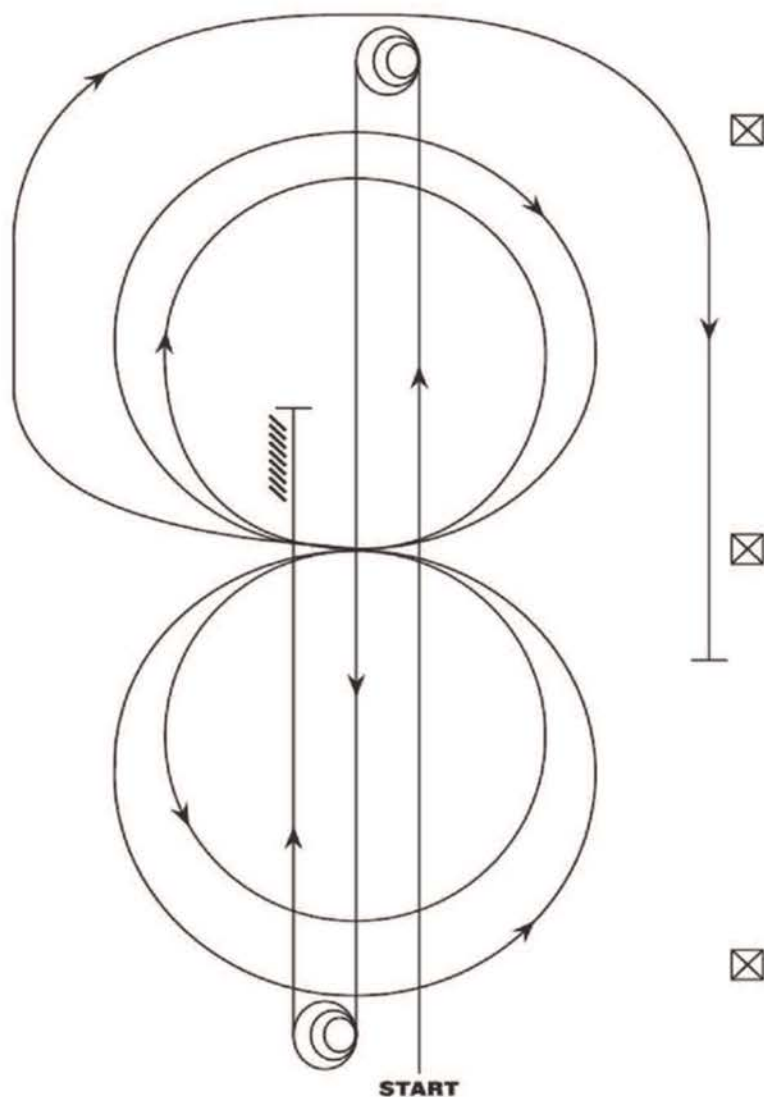
- 64. Senior Mule Trail
- 65. Youth Mule Trail (18 & Under)
- 66. Amateur Mule Trail
- 67. Junior Mule Trail
- 68. Silver Amateur Mule Trail

- 69. Open Donkey Trail
- 70. Youth Donkey Trail
- 71. Youth Trail Walk/Trot 10 & Under
- 72. Training Level Donkey Trail Walk/Trot
- 73. Amateur Donkey Trail Walk/Trot



74. Senior Mule Ranch Reining

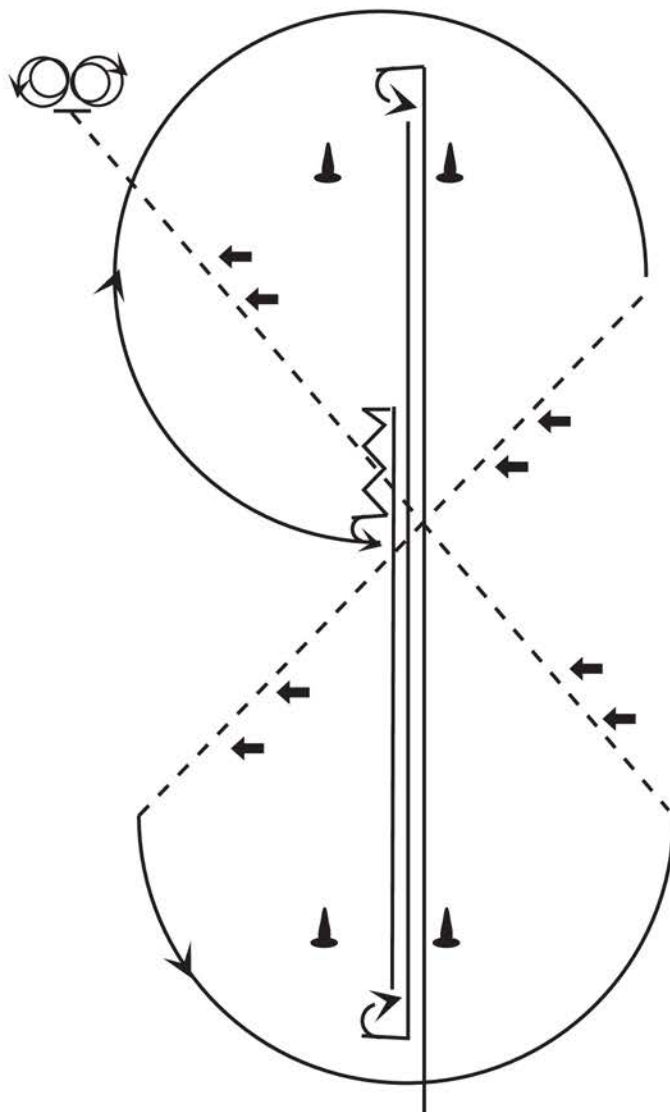
75. Junior Mule Ranch Reining



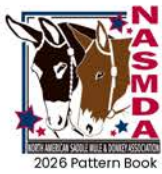
RANCH REINING #5

1. Run up center of arena past the end marker and do a sliding stop.
2. Complete 3 1/2 spins to the left.
3. Run down to opposite end of arena, past the end marker and do a sliding stop.
4. Complete 3 1/2 spins to the right.
5. Run past the center marker and do a sliding stop. Back at least 10 feet. Complete 1/4 turn to the left; hesitate.
6. Beginning on right lead, complete two circles to the right - the first one small and slow, the second one large and fast. Change leads at center of arena.
7. Complete two circles to the left - the first one small and slow, the second one large and fast. Change leads at center of arena.
8. Begin a large circle to the right but do not close this circle. Run down the right side of the arena, past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least 20 feet from the fence. Hesitate to show completion of pattern.

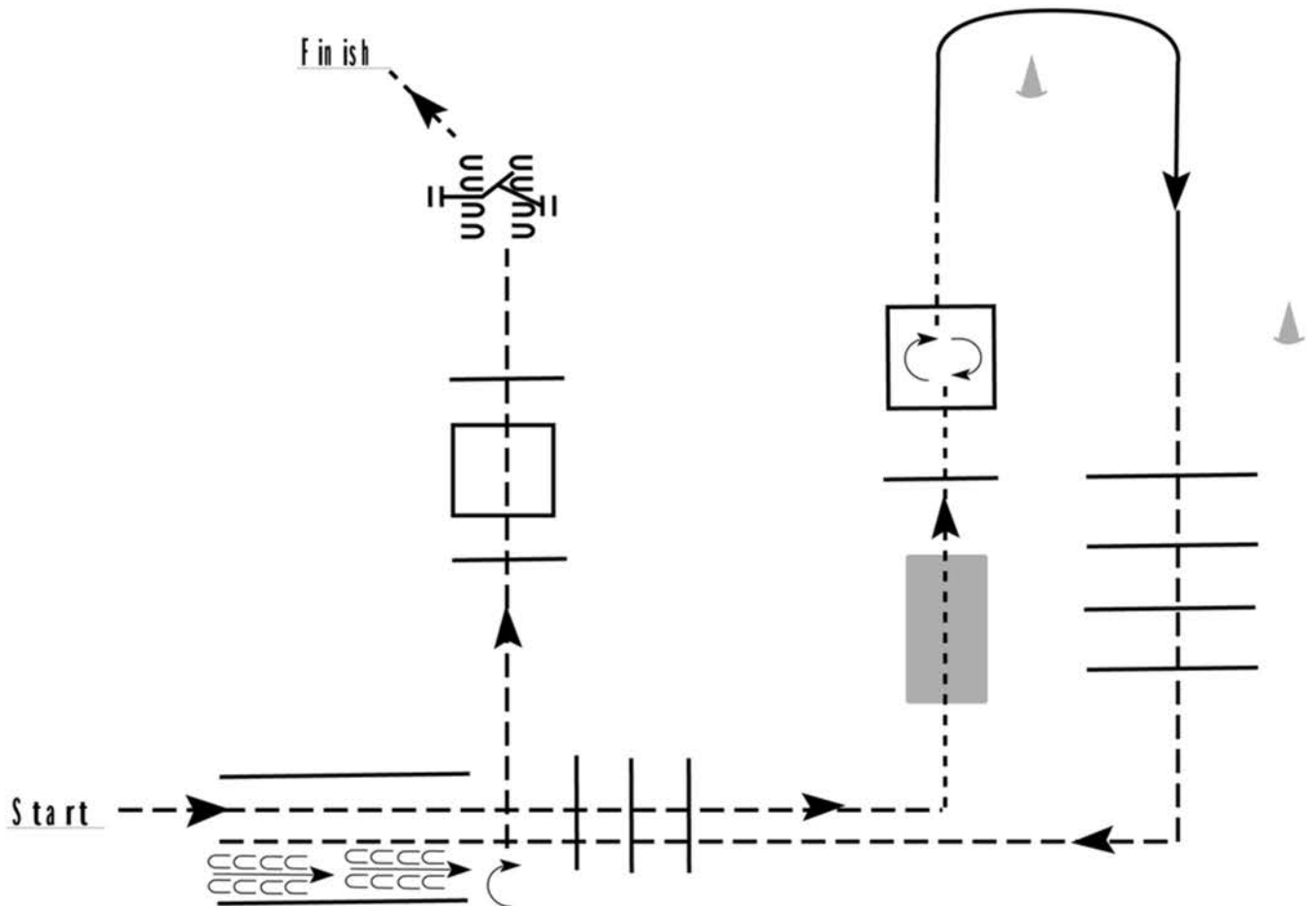
76. Open Reined Working Donkey



1. Lope with speed through both sets of cones and stop. Rollback to the left.
2. Lope with speed through the opposite cones and stop. Rollback to the right.
3. Lope with speed past center of arena and stop. Back to center of the arena. Pivot 1/4 to the left on the hindquarters.
4. Lope 3/4 of a circle to the right on the outside of the cones and break to a trot.
5. Demonstrate lateral movement (leg Yield) to the right.
6. Lope left lead half circle on the outside of the cones and break to a trot.
7. Demonstrate lateral movement (leg Yield) to the left and stop.
8. Complete two spins to the left.
9. Complete two spins to the right.
10. Walk or trot to judge and stop for inspection (if requested), exit at a trot.



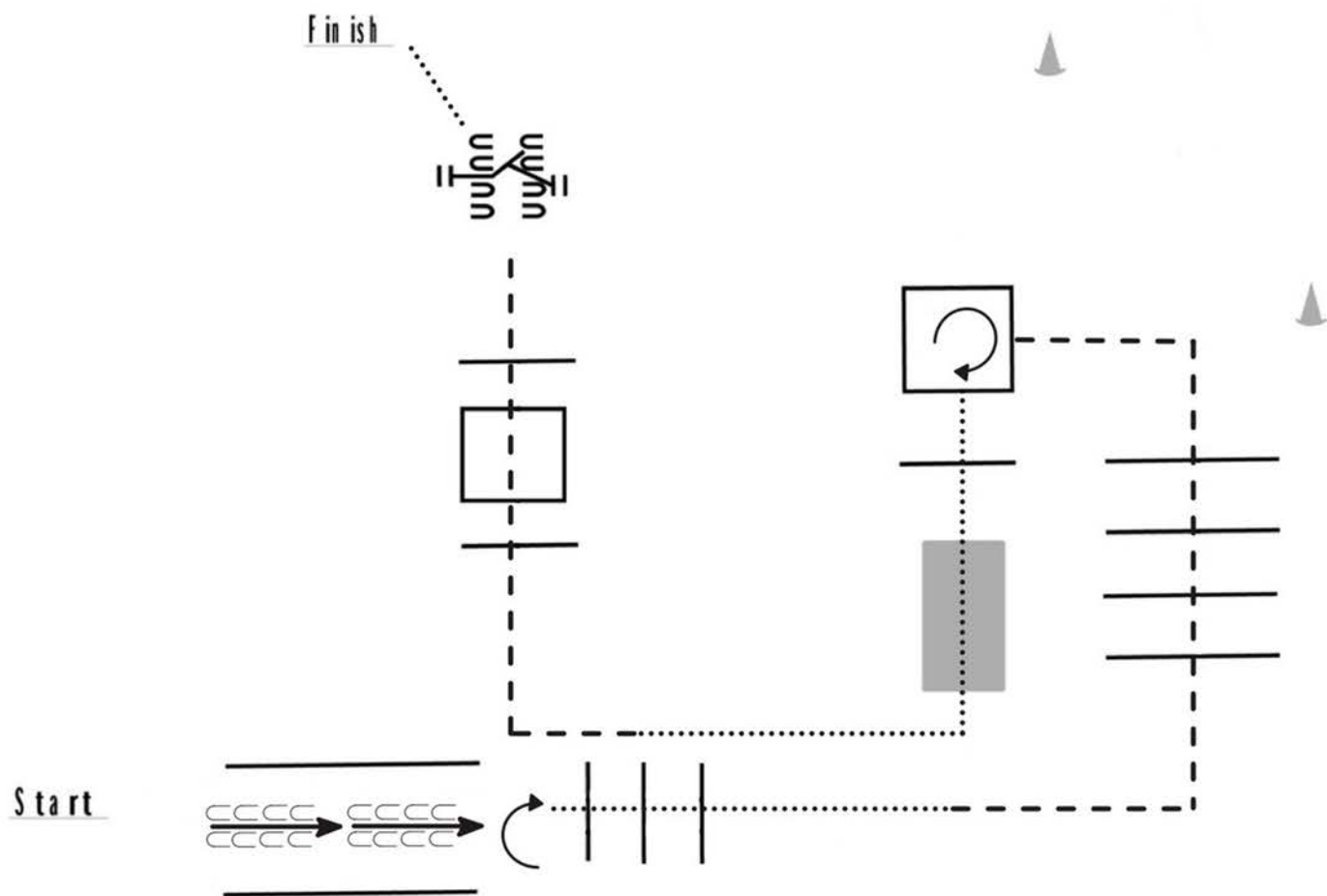
- 77. Senior Mule Ranch Trail
- 78. Amateur Mule Ranch Trail
- 79. Junior Mule Ranch Trail
- 80. Open Donkey Ranch Trail
- 81. Youth Mule Ranch Trail (18 & Under)
- 82. Silver Amateur Mule Ranch Trail
- 83. Youth Donkey Ranch Trail



1. Trot thru chute, over poles and to bridge.
2. Walk over bridge and pole into box.
3. Perform a full turn to the right and walk out.
4. Lope on the right lead around cone and to 2nd cone.
5. Trot over poles and into chute.
6. Back out of chute and turn 1/4 turn right.
7. Trot over poles to gate.
8. Work the gate and walk to finish.

Walk	-----
Jog	-----
Lope	-----
Back	←←←←←
Marker	▲
Sidepass	←←←←←

84. In Hand Mule Ranch Trail



1. Back through chute
2. 180° right
3. Walk over poles
4. Trot over poles into box
5. Stop in box, 270° right
6. Walk out of box over pole and bridge
7. Trot over poles to gate
8. Walk through gate to exit

Walk	
Jog	----
Lope	—
Back	←
Marker	▲
Sidepass	←

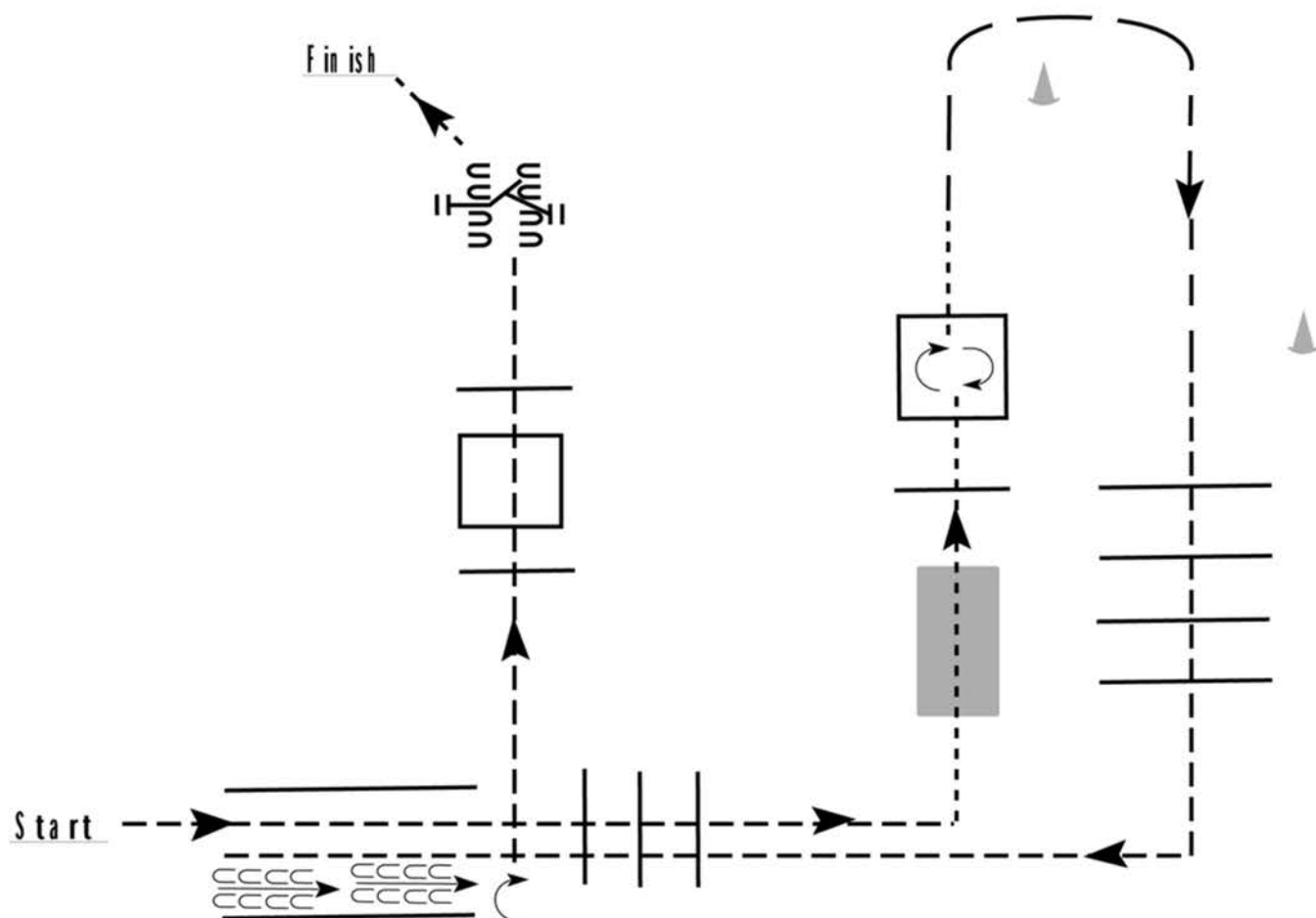


85. Training Level Donkey Ranch Trail Walk/Trot

86. Amateur Donkey Ranch Trail Walk/Trot

87. Open Youth Burro Ranch Trail Walk/Trot**

**Big Burro Shootout Invitational



1. Trot thru chute, over poles and to bridge.
2. Walk over bridge and pole into box.
3. Perform a full turn to the right and walk out.
4. Extended trot around cone and to 2nd cone.
5. Trot over pole into chute.
6. Back out of chute and turn ¼ turn to right.
7. Trot over poles to gate.
8. Work the gate and walk to finish.

Walk	-----
Jog	-----
Lope	-----
Back	←←←←←
Marker	▲
Sidepass	←-----→

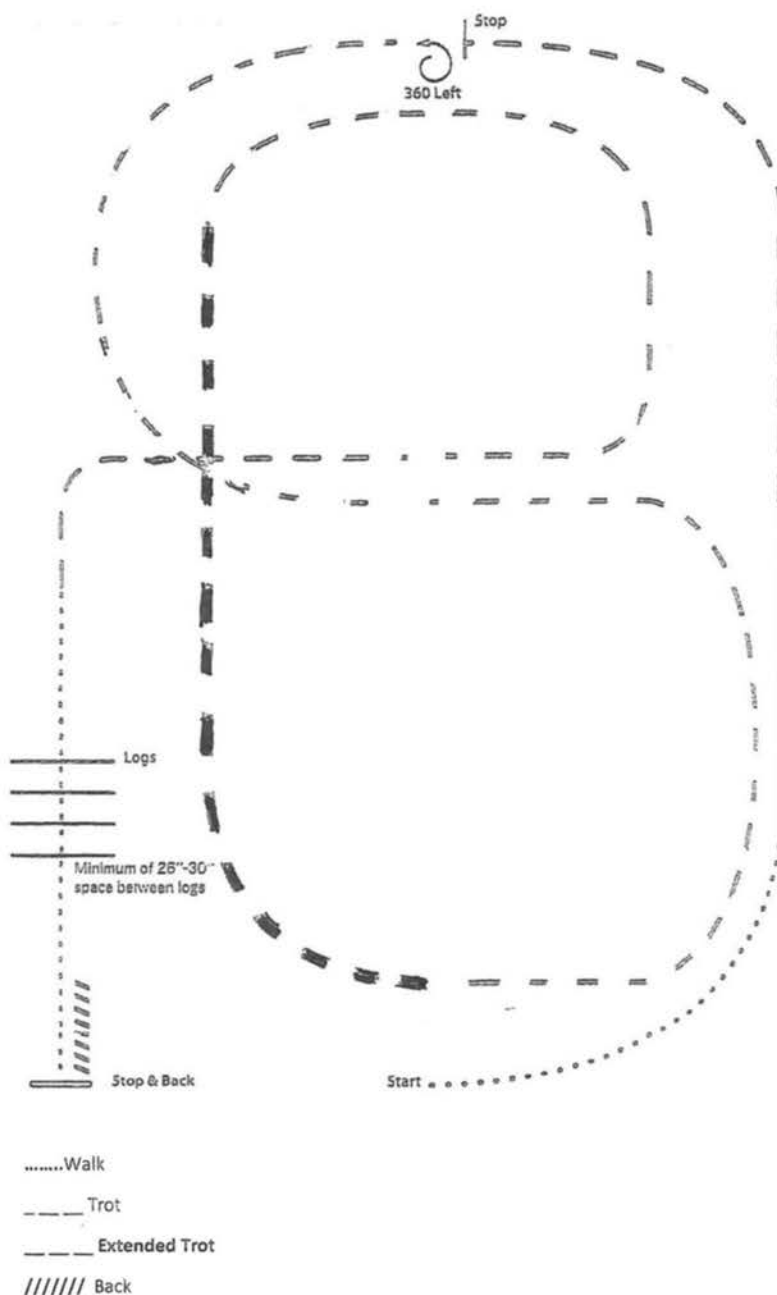


Note: The drawn description of this pattern is only intended for the general depiction of the pattern. Exhibitors should utilize the arena space to best exhibit their horses.



126.Training Level Donkey Ranch Riding Walk/Trot

127.Amateur Donkey Ranch Riding Walk/Trot

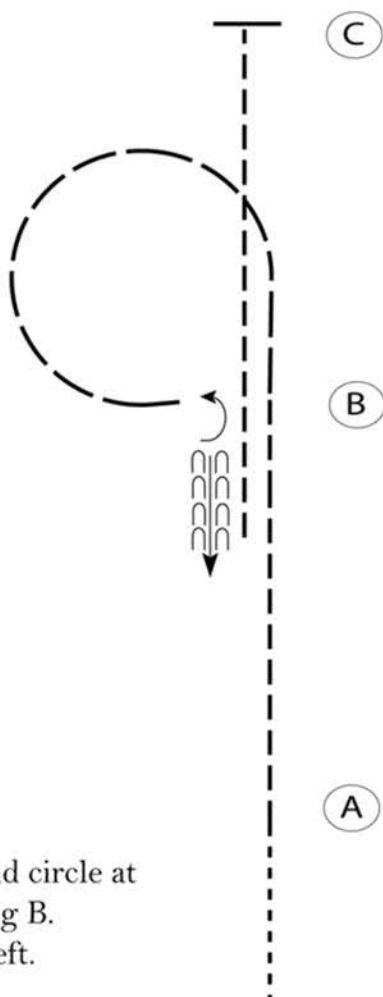


RANCH RIDING

1. Walk
2. Trot
3. At top of arena stop
4. 360 turn left
5. Trot 1/2 circle to center
6. At center change directions and continue trotting
7. At bottom of the arena extend the trot and turn right trotting to far end.
8. Trot and turn right, trot 1/2 circle through center and turn left
9. Break to walk
10. Walk over logs
11. Stop and Back.



131. Youth Ranchmanship Walk/Trot Mule/Donkey (10&Under)
 133. Amateur Donkey Ranchmanship Walk/Trot



Begin before A at a walk.

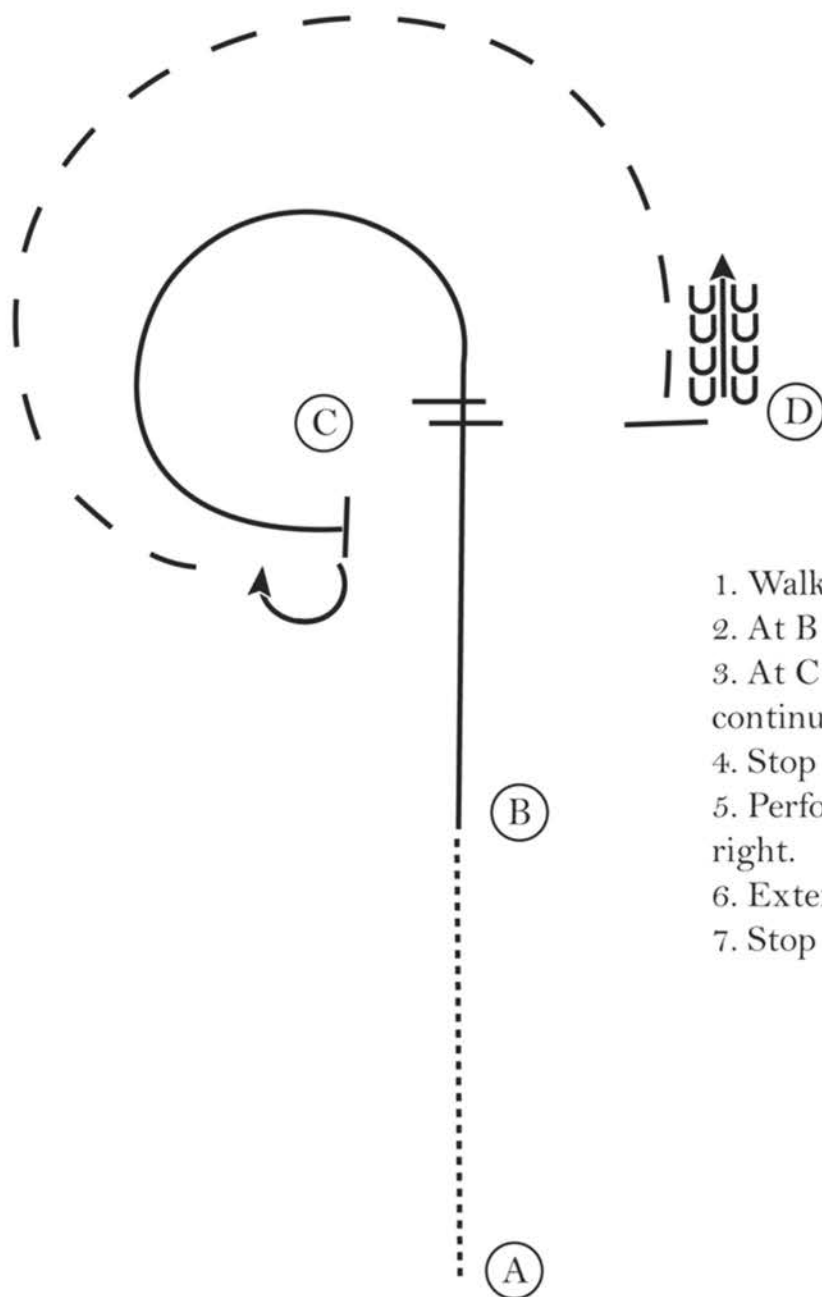
1. Jog from A to B.
2. At B, extend the jog and circle at B as shown. Stop facing B.
3. Turn 1/4 turn to the left.
4. Back one horse length.
5. Jog to C. Stop at C.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.

Walk	-----
Jog	-----
Extended Jog	-----
Lope	-----
Leg Yield	
Lead Change	---/---
Back	←--- ---←
Marker	(B)
Sidepass	←-----→



- 128. Amateur Mule Ranchmanship
- 129. Youth Mule Ranchmanship (18 & Under)
- 130. Silver Amateur Ranchmanship
- 132. Youth Donkey Ranchmanship



1. Walk A to B.
2. At B lope on the right lead to C.
3. At C perform a lead change and continue on the left lead around C.
4. Stop at C.
5. Perform a 180 degree turn to the right.
6. Extend the jog around C.
7. Stop at D and back 4 steps.

Walk	
Jog	-----
Extended Jog	-----
Lope	—————
Leg Yield	
Lead Change	///
Back	←←←←
Marker	(B)
Sidepass	←←←←