

Western Horsemanship

Class Description

The western horsemanship event is judged both on how the horse performs for the riders and rider's skill.

Attire and Equipment

- Cowboy hat or helmet
- Long sleeve button up shirt
- Chaps (Optional)
- Bootcut show pants or Bootcut Jeans
- Belt
- Cowboy Boots
- Show Number on back or saddle pad
- Western Saddle
- Split reins or Romal reins.
- Shank bit
- Snaffle bit for horses 5 and under

Rider's Position

- The rider should sit in the center of the saddle forming a straight line from the ear, through the center of the shoulder and hip, touching the back of the heel or through the ankle.
- The free arm may be carried bent at the elbow in a position similar to the rein hand.
- The reins should be adjusted so that the rider has light contact with the horse's mouth.

• At no time should the reins require more than a slight hand movement to control the horse.

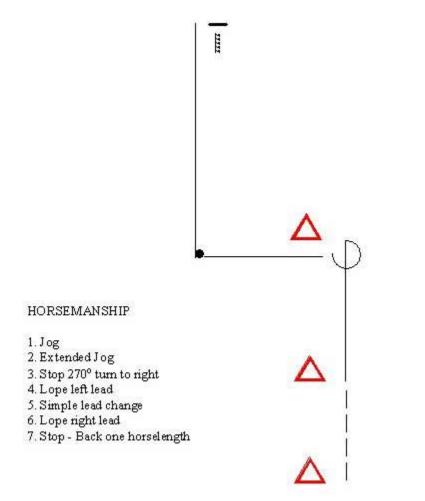
Procedures:

- The class must work at all three gaits (walk, jog, and lope) at least one direction of the arena.
- The following maneuvers are acceptable in a pattern: walk, jog, trot, extended trot, lope, in a straight line, curved line, serpentine, circle, or figure eight, stop, back in a straight or curved line, turn or pivot, including spins, 90, 180, 270, 360, or 450 (1 and ¹/₄ spin)
- A simple change, break two strides and lope on the other lead.
- A back will be asked for at some point during the class.

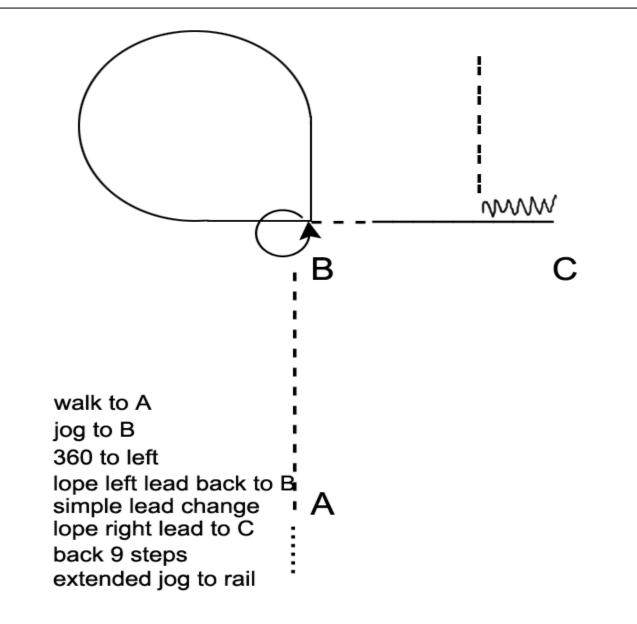
Disqualifications:

- Failure to display correct number
- Abuse of horse or schooling
- Fall by the horse or the rider.
- Off pattern, including knocking over cone or wrong side of cone or marker; never performing designated gait or lead; over or under turning more than ¹/₄ turn.

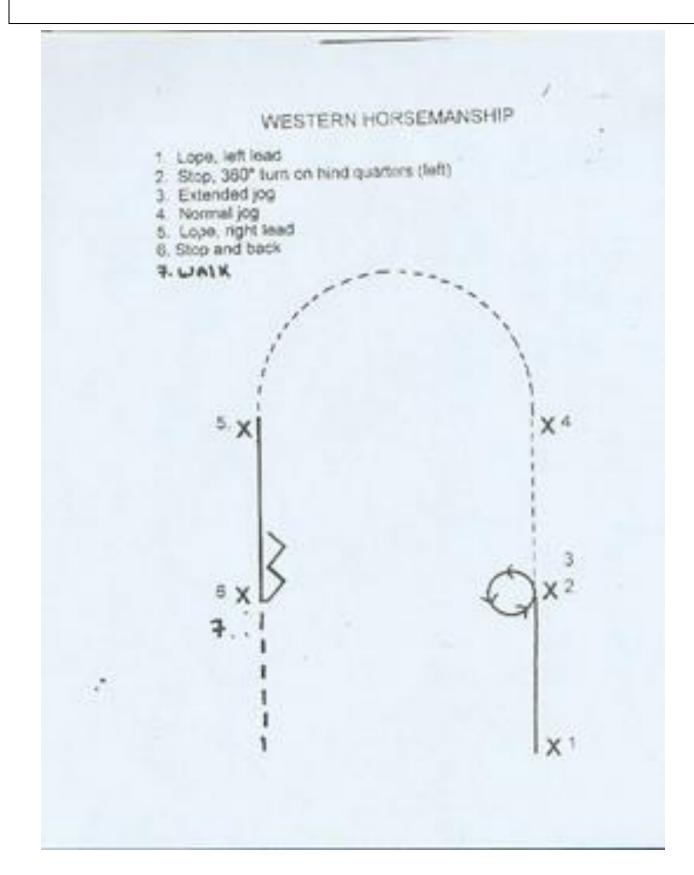
March 25th Show Pattern



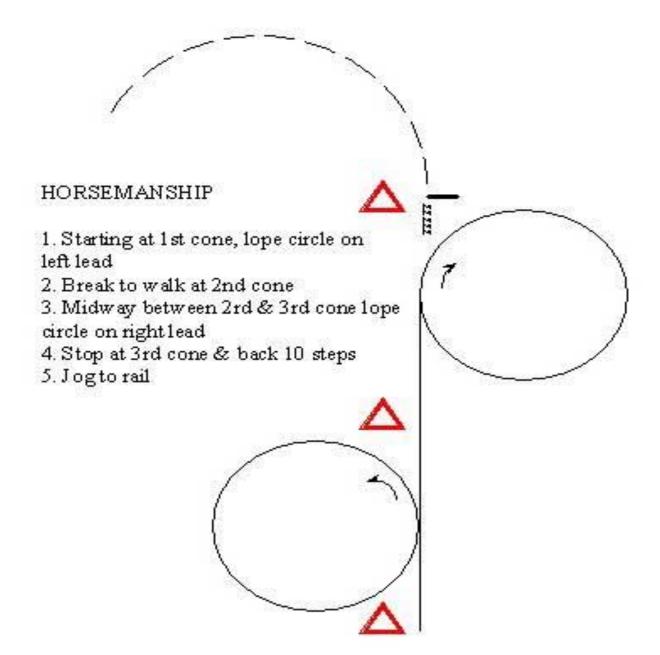
April 15th Show Pattern



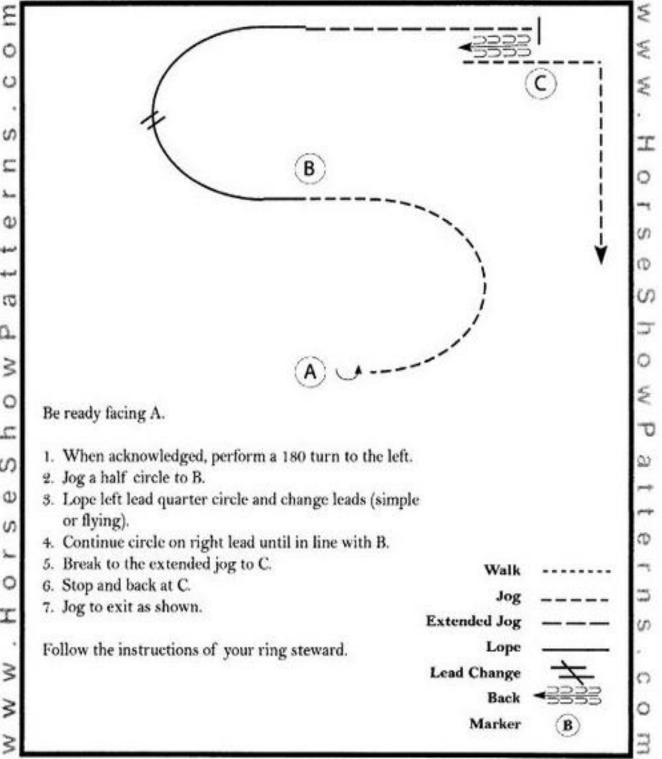
April 22nd Show Pattern



April 29th Show Pattern

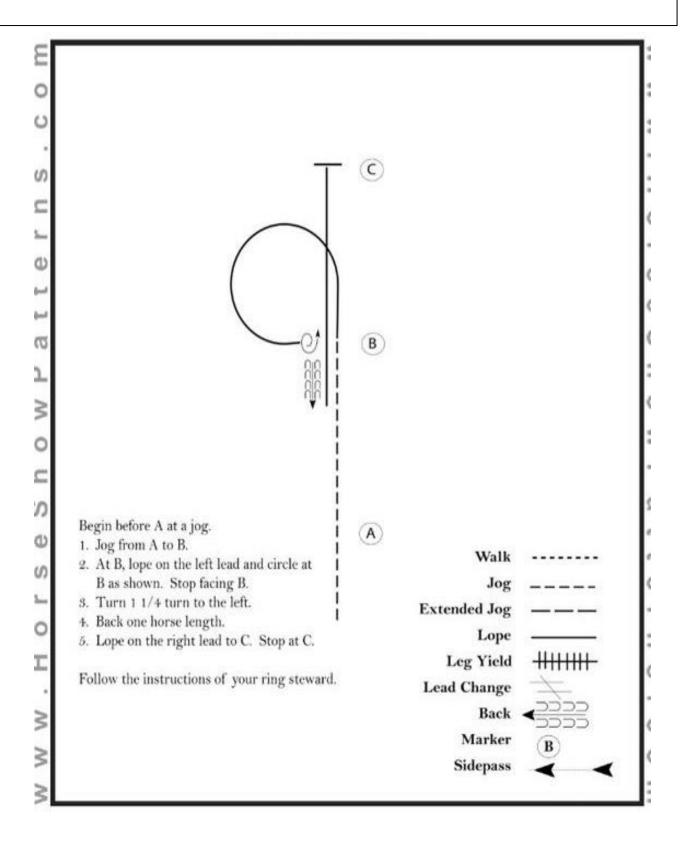


May 20th Show Pattern

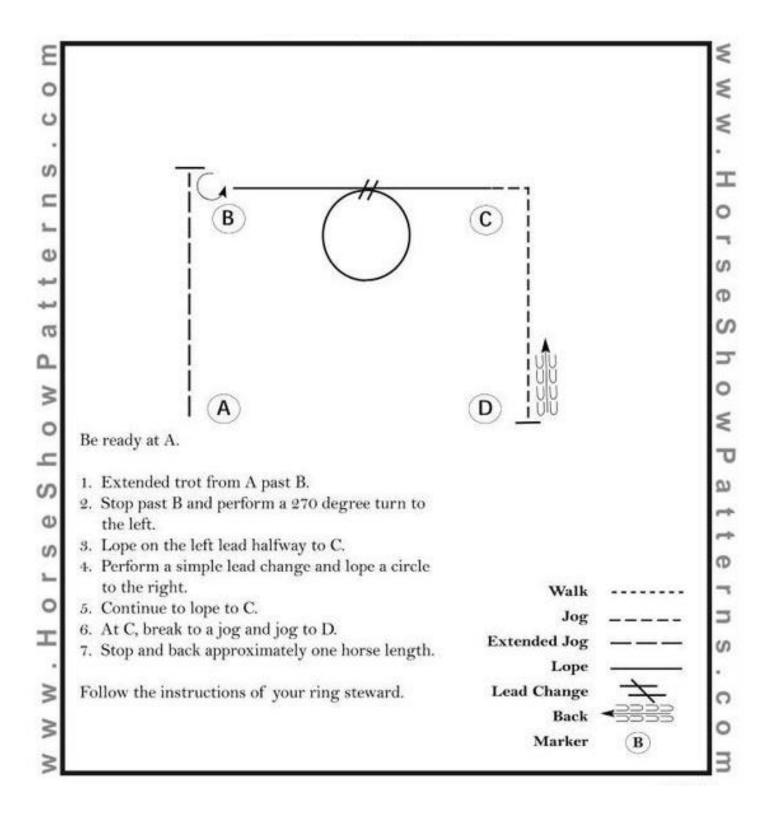


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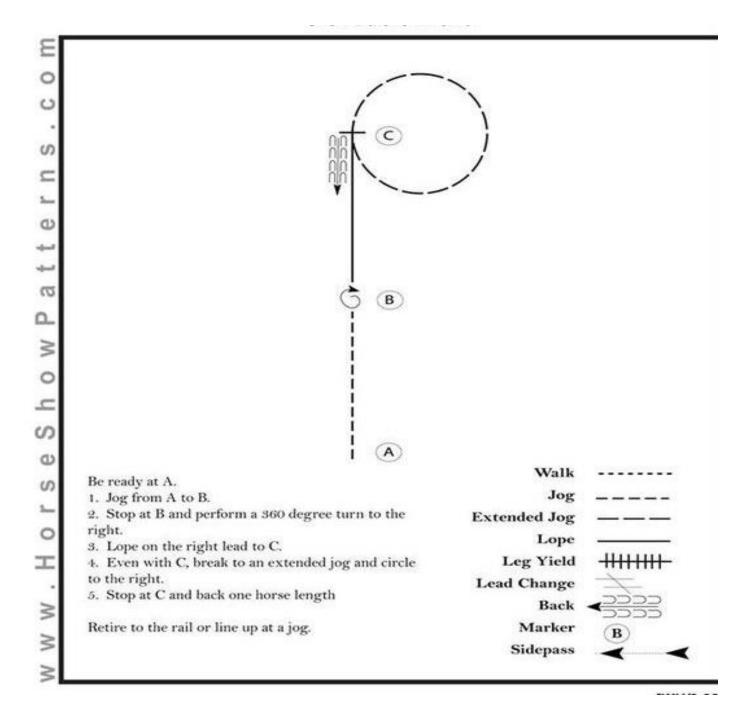
June 3rd Show Pattern



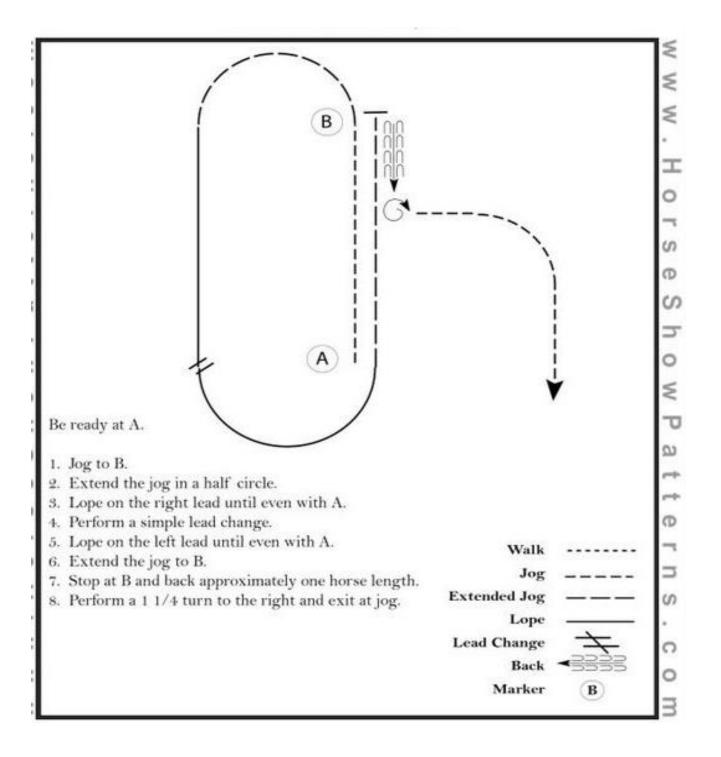
June 10th Show Pattern



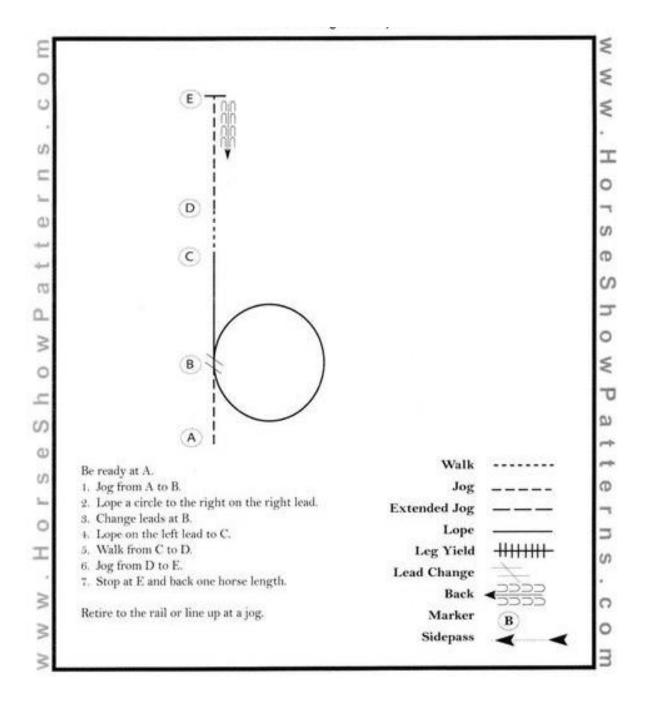
June 17th Show Pattern



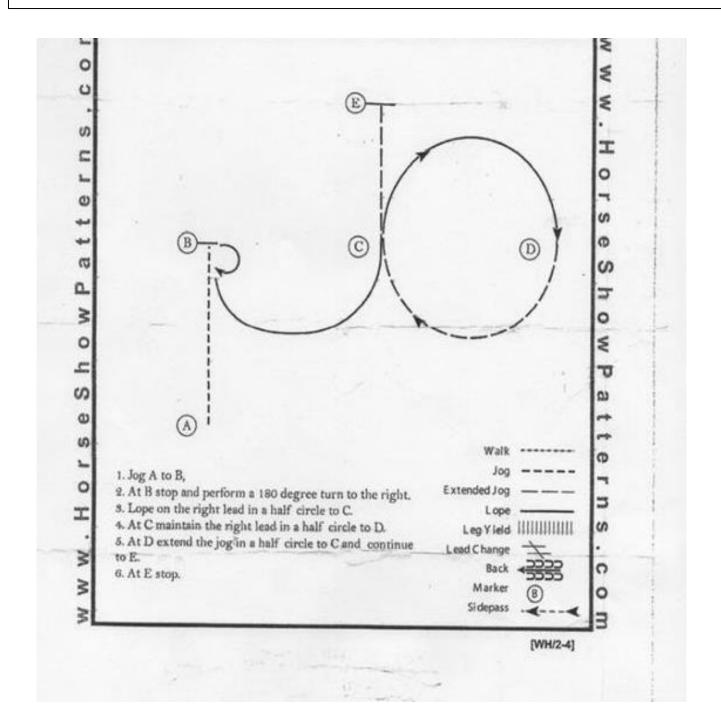
July 15th Show Pattern



July 22nd Show Pattern



July 29th Show Pattern



August 12th Show Pattern

