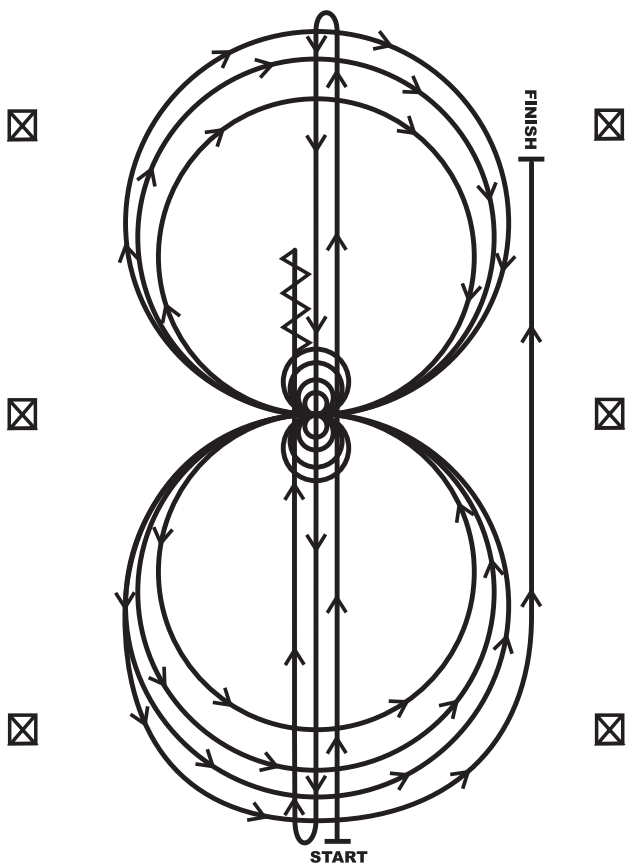


## PATTERNS

1. The following patterns are to be worked as stated, not as drawn. The drawn pattern is just to give the general idea of what the pattern will look like in the arena.
2. Markers will be placed on the wall or fence of the arena as follows:
  - (i) at the center of the arena
  - (ii) at least 50' (15 meters) from each end wall
3. Where designated in the pattern for stops to be beyond a marker, the horse should begin his stop after he passes the specified marker.
4. Each pattern is drawn so that the bottom of the page represents the end of the arena entered by contestants and must be run as such. In the event that an arena has only one gate and it is in the exact middle of the side, that side shall represent the right side of the page the pattern is drawn on.
5. All horses will be judged immediately upon entering the arena and judging will cease after the last maneuver. Any fault incurred prior to the commencement of a pattern will be scored according to the rules for judging.
6. All judges' decisions are final.
7. With the exception of Entry Level Ride & Slide & Para-Reining classes, the following patterns are the only patterns to be used at NRHA events. NRHA Green classes should use NRHA patterns but simple lead changes are allowed. Show management hosting Category 11 or 13 classes may request approval from the Executive Committee to use modified patterns following a review and recommendation from the NRHA Judges Committee.

**Patterns to follow, ☒ indicates markers**

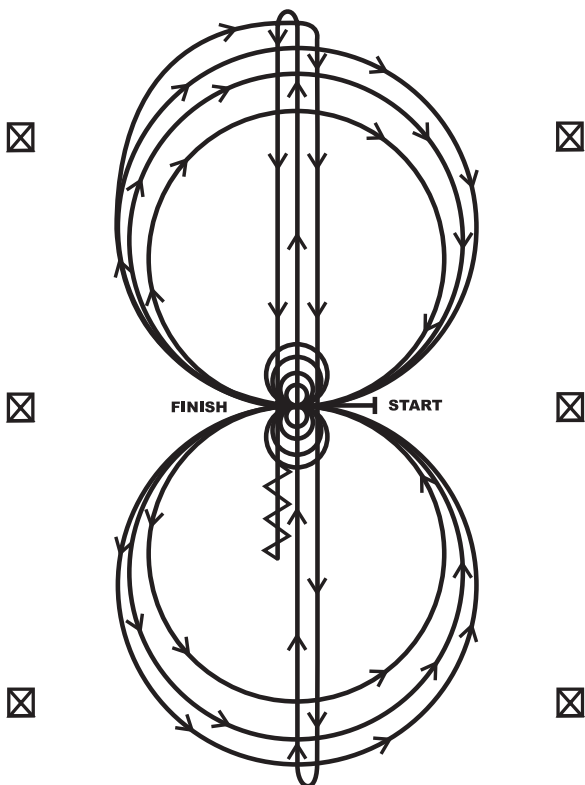
# Pattern 1



## **Pattern 1**

- 1.** Run at speed to the far end of the arena past the end marker and do a left rollback—no hesitation.
- 2.** Run to the opposite end of the arena past the end marker and do a right rollback—no hesitation.
- 3.** Run past the center marker and do a sliding stop. Back up to center of the arena or at least ten feet (three meters). Hesitate.
- 4.** Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
- 5.** Complete four and one-quarter spins to the left so that horse is facing left wall or fence. Hesitate.
- 6.** Beginning on the left lead, complete three circles to the left: the first circle large and fast; the second circle small and slow; the third circle large and fast. Change leads at the center of the arena.
- 7.** Complete three circles to the right: the first circle large and fast; the second circle small and slow; the third circle large and fast. Change leads at the center of the arena.
- 8.** Begin a large circle to the left but do not close this circle. Run straight up the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop at least twenty feet (six meters) from wall or fence. Hesitate to demonstrate the completion of the pattern.

## Pattern 2



## **Pattern 2**

Horses may walk or jog to the center of arena. (To assist with the show schedule, show management may require that horses be jogged to center. Show management is responsible for posting this requirement.) 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.

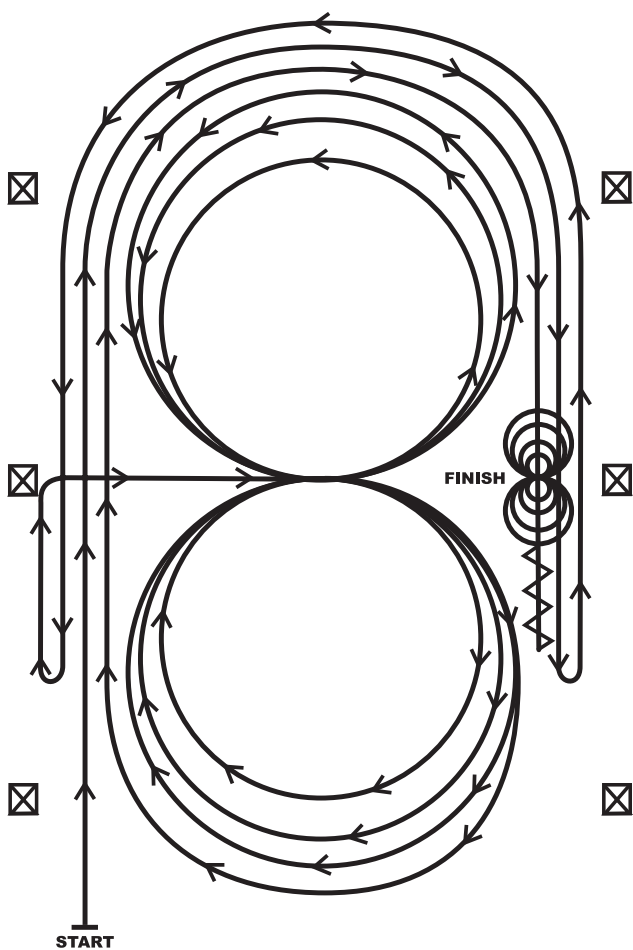
**4.** Run up the middle to the opposite end of the arena past the end marker and do a left rollback—no hesitation.

**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.

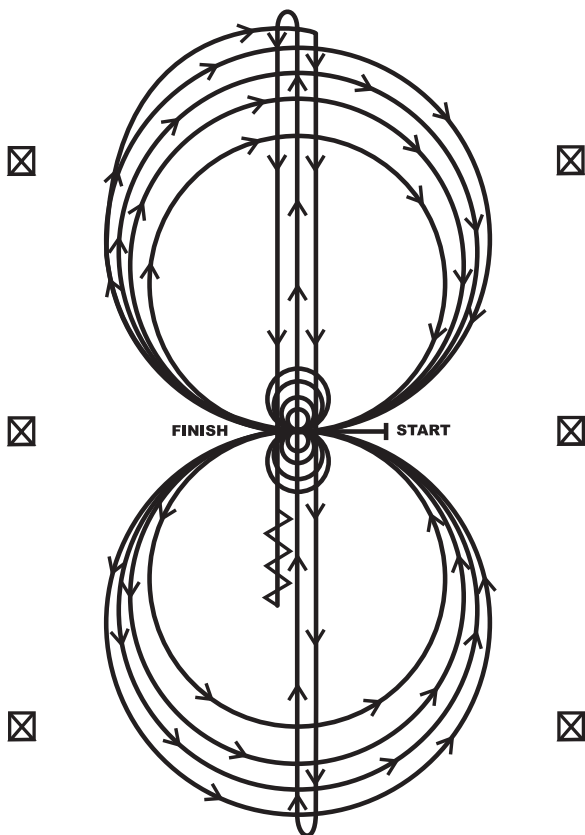
### Pattern 3



### **Pattern 3**

- 1.** Beginning, lope straight up the left side of the arena, circle the top end of the arena, and staying at least twenty feet (six meters) from the walls or fence, run straight down the opposite or right side of the arena past the center marker and do a left rollback—no hesitation.
- 2.** Continue straight up the right side of the arena circle back around the top of the arena, and staying at least twenty feet (six meters) from the walls or fence, run straight down the left side of the arena past the center marker and do a right rollback—no hesitation.
- 3.** Continue up the left side of the arena to the center marker. At the center marker, the horse should be on the right lead. Guide the horse to the center of the arena on the right lead and 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.
- 4.** Complete three circles to the left: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads in the center of the arena.
- 5.** Begin a large circle to the right but do not close this circle. Continue up the left side of the arena, circle the top of the arena, and staying at least twenty feet (six meters) from the walls or fence, run straight down the opposite or right side of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop. Back up 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 completion of the pattern.

## Pattern 4



## **Pattern 4**

Horses may walk or jog to the center of the arena. (To assist with the show schedule, show management may require that horses be jogged to center. Show management is responsible for posting this requirement.) 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 two large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.

**2.** Complete four spins to the right. 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. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.

**4.** Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate.

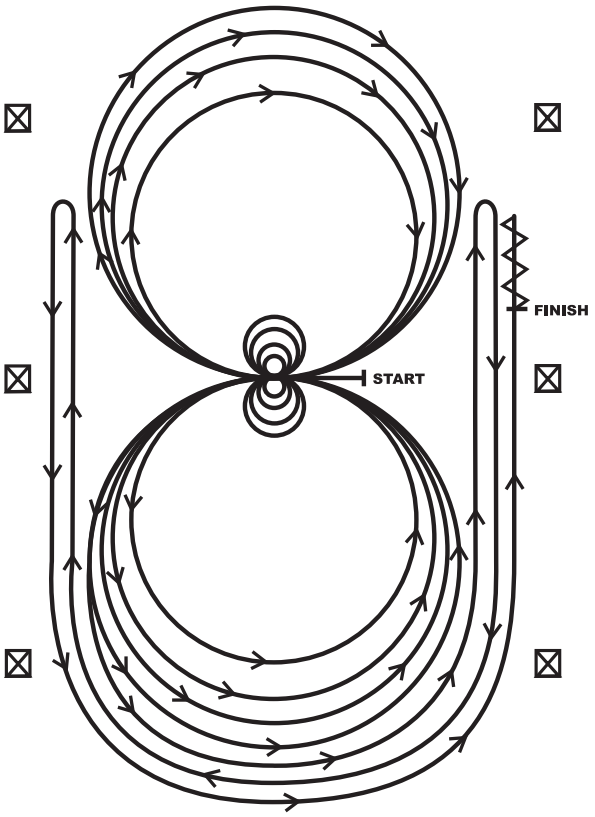
**5.** Beginning on the right lead, run a large fast circle to the right, change leads at the center of the arena, run a large fast circle to the left, and change leads at the center of the arena. (Figure 8)

**6.** 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.

**7.** Run up the middle to the opposite end of the arena past the end marker and do a left rollback—no hesitation.

**8.** 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 to demonstrate completion of the pattern.

# Pattern 5

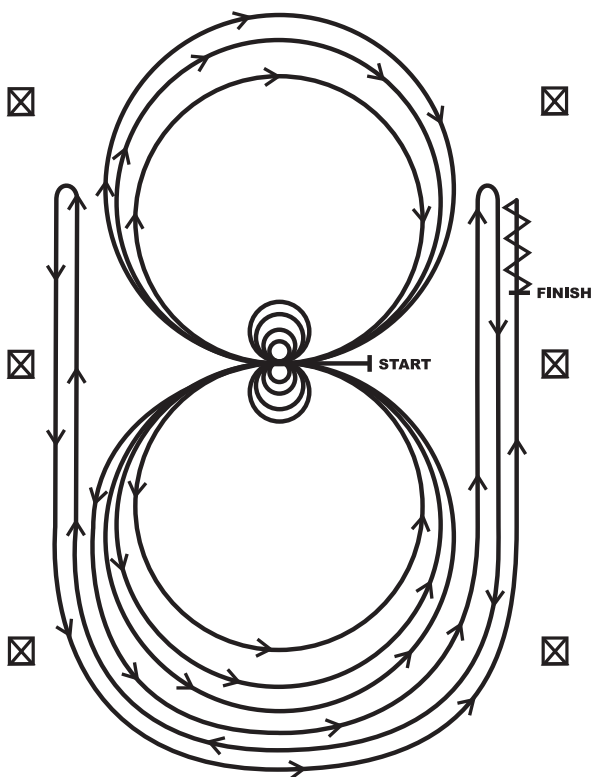


## Pattern 5

Horses may walk or jog to the center of arena. (To assist with the show schedule, show management may require that horses be jogged to center. Show management is responsible for posting this requirement.) 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 left lead, complete three circles to the left: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
2. Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate.
3. Beginning on the right lead, complete three circles to the right: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
4. Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
5. Beginning on the left lead, run a large fast circle to the left, change leads at the center of the arena, run a large fast circle to the right, and change leads at the center of the arena. (Figure 8)
6. Continue around previous 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.
7. Continue 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.
8. 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 completion of the pattern.

## Pattern 6

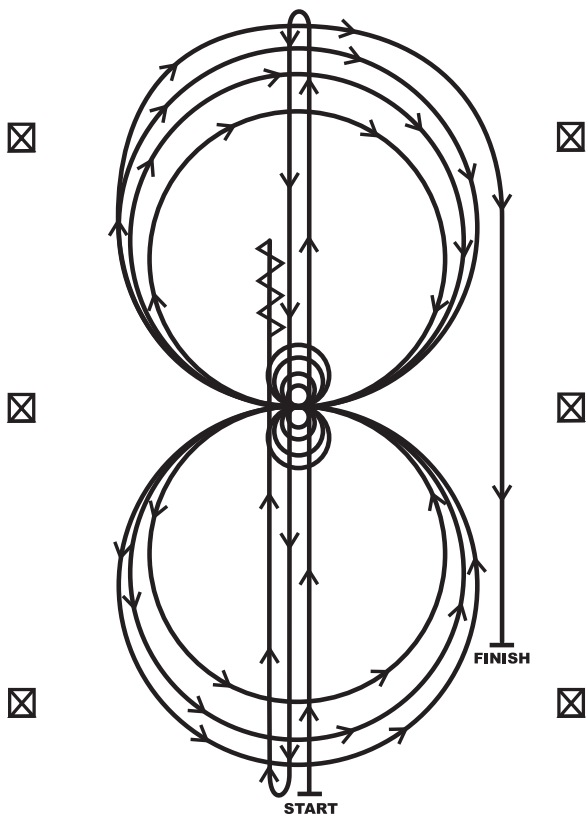


## Pattern 6

Horses may walk or jog to the center of arena. (To assist with the show schedule, show management may require that horses be jogged to center. Show management is responsible for posting this requirement.) 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.

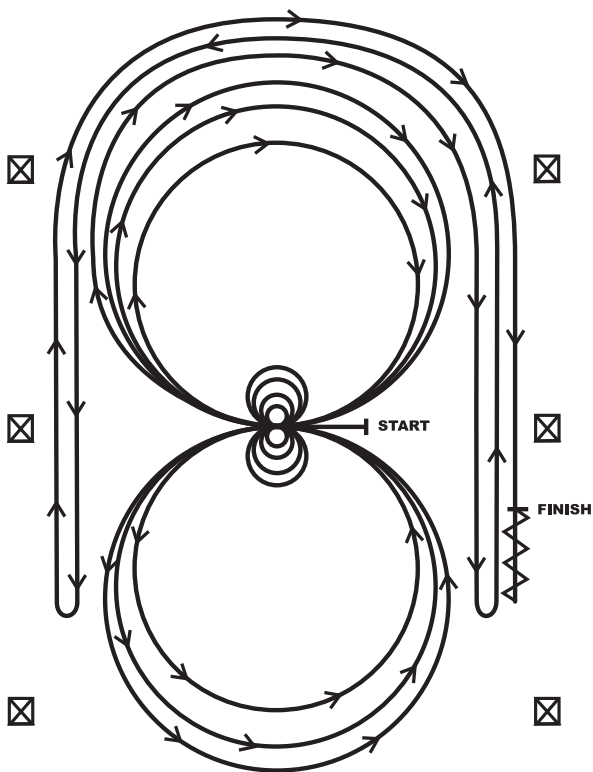
## Pattern 7



## **Pattern 7**

- 1.** Run at speed to the far end of the arena past the end marker and do a left rollback—no hesitation.
- 2.** Run to the opposite end of the arena past the end marker and do a right rollback—no hesitation.
- 3.** 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.
- 4.** Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
- 5.** Complete four and one-quarter spins to the left so that horse is facing left wall or fence. Hesitate.
- 6.** Beginning on the right lead, complete three circles to the right: the first two circles large fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
- 7.** Complete three circles to the left: the first two circles large fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
- 8.** Begin a large circle to the right but do not close this circle. Run straight down 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. Hesitate to demonstrate completion of the pattern.

## Pattern 8

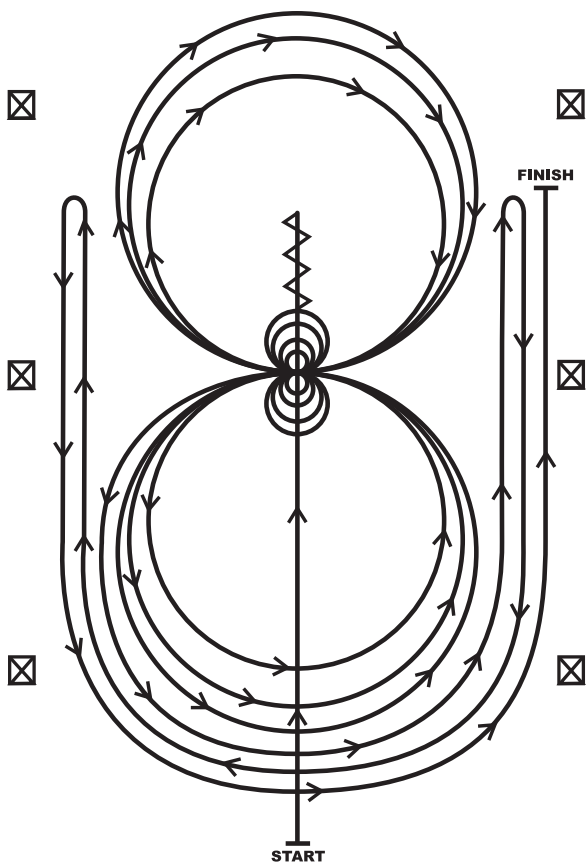


## Pattern 8

Horses may walk or jog to the center of arena. (To assist with the show schedule, show management may require that horses be jogged to center. Show management is responsible for posting this requirement.) Horses must walk or stop prior to starting pattern. Beginning at the center of arena facing the left wall or fence.

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

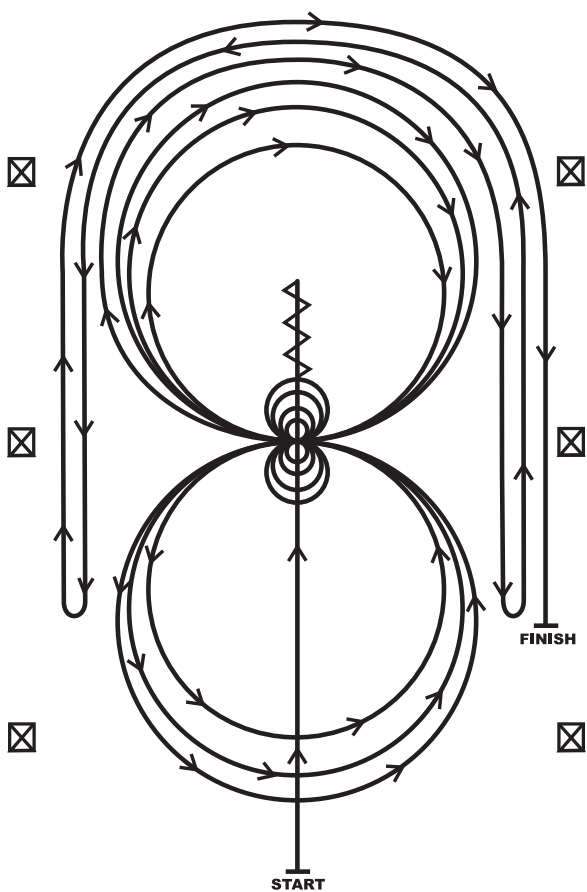
## Pattern 9



## **Pattern 9**

- 1.** 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.
- 2.** Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
- 3.** Complete four and one-quarter spins to the left so that horse is facing the left wall or fence. Hesitate.
- 4.** Beginning on the left lead, 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.
- 5.** 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.
- 6.** 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.
- 7.** Continue back around the 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.
- 8.** Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up 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. Hesitate to demonstrate completion of the pattern.

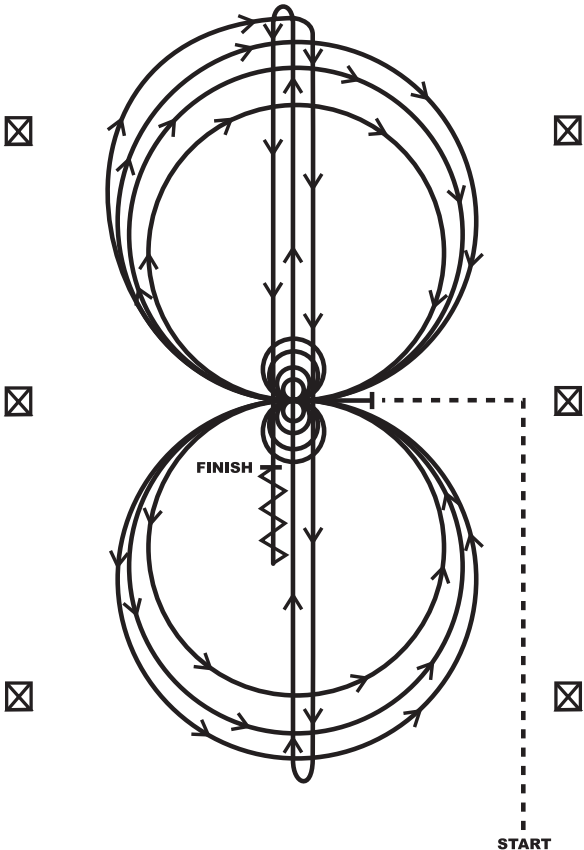
## Pattern 10



## **Pattern 10**

- 1.** 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.
- 2.** Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
- 3.** Complete four and one-quarter spins to the left so that the horse is facing the left wall or fence. Hesitate.
- 4.** Beginning on the right lead, 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.** 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.
- 6.** 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 left rollback at least twenty feet (six meters) from the wall or fence—no hesitation.
- 7.** Continue back around the previous circle but do not close this circle. Run down the left side of the arena past the center and do a right rollback at least twenty feet (six meters) from the wall or fence—no hesitation.
- 8.** Continue back around previous circle 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 twenty feet (six meters) from the wall or fence. Hesitate to demonstrate completion of the pattern.

Pattern 11

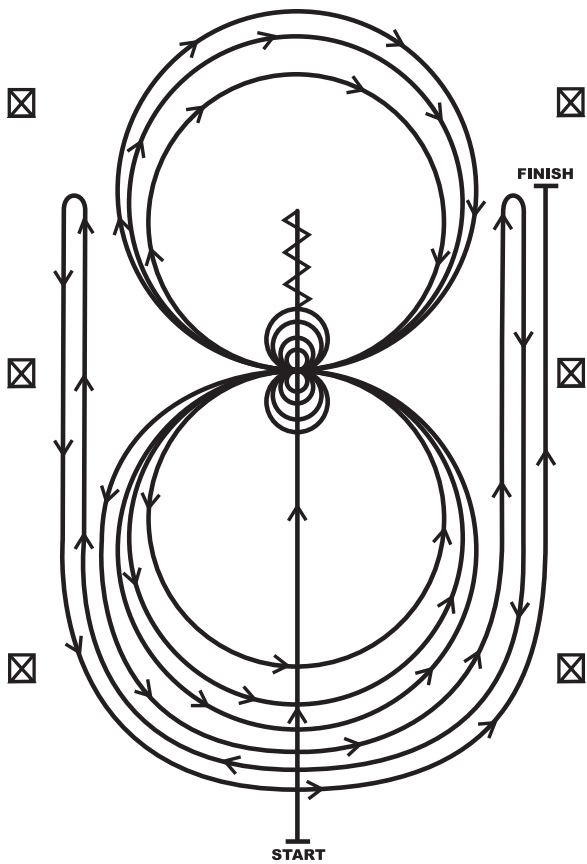


## **Pattern 11**

Horses must jog to the center of the arena (see Judges Guide for maneuver description). Horses must walk or stop prior to starting the pattern. Beginning at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

- 1.** Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate.
- 2.** Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
- 3.** 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.
- 4.** 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.
- 5.** Begin a large circle to the right, but do not close this circle. Run down the center of the arena past the end marker and do a right rollback—no hesitation.
- 6.** Run up the middle to the opposite end of the arena past the end marker and do a left rollback—no hesitation.
- 7.** 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 to demonstrate completion of the pattern.

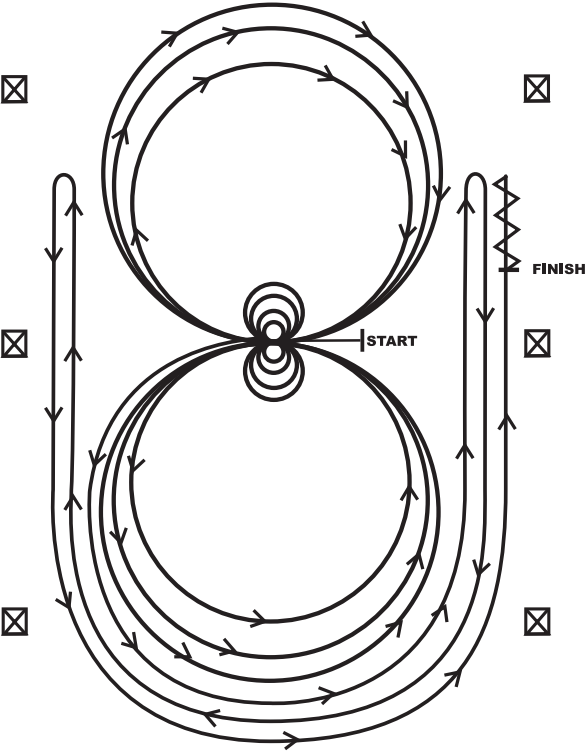
## Pattern 12



## **Pattern 12**

- 1.** Run past the center marker and do a sliding stop. Back up to the center of the arena or at least 10 feet (3 meters). Hesitate.
- 2.** Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
- 3.** Complete four and one-quarter spins to the left so that the horse is facing the left wall or fence. Hesitate.
- 4.** 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.
- 5.** Complete three circles to the right: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads at the center for the arena.
- 6.** 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 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence-no hesitation.
- 7.** Continue back around previous circle but do not close this circle. Run up the left side of the arena and past the center marker and do a left rollback at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence-no hesitation.
- 8.** 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 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence. Hesitate to demonstrate completion of pattern.

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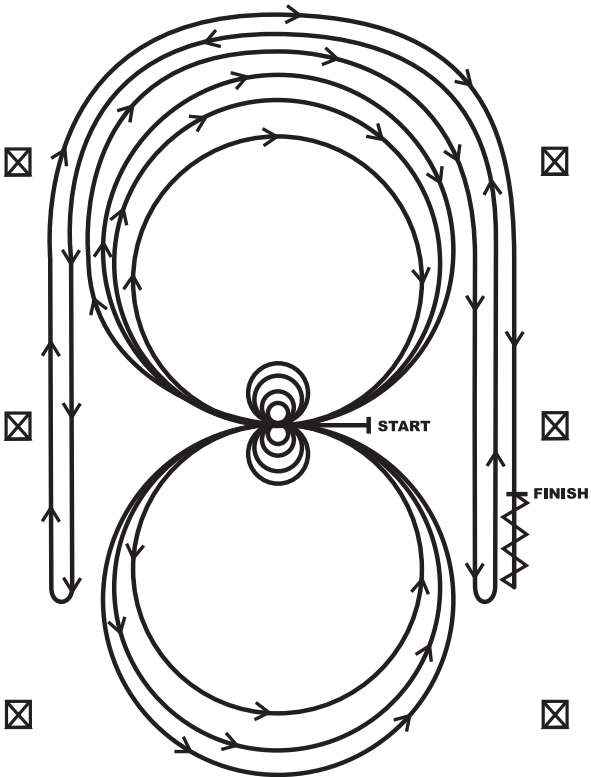


## **Pattern 13**

Horses may walk or jog to the center of the arena. (To assist with the show schedule, show management may require that horses be jogged to center. Show management is responsible for posting this requirement.) 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 left lead, complete two circles to the left: the first circle large and fast; the second circle small and slow. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
- 2.** Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate.
- 3.** Beginning on the right lead, complete two circles to the right: the first being large and fast; the second circle small and slow. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
- 4.** Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
- 5.** Beginning on the left lead, run a large fast circle to the left, change leads at the center of the arena, run a large fast circle to the right, and change leads at the center of the arena (figure 8).
- 6.** Continue around previous 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 20 feet (6meters) from the wall or fence-no hesitation.
- 7.** Continue 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 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence-no hesitation.
- 8.** 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 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence. Back up at least 10 feet (3 meters). Hesitate to demonstrate completion of pattern.

Pattern 14

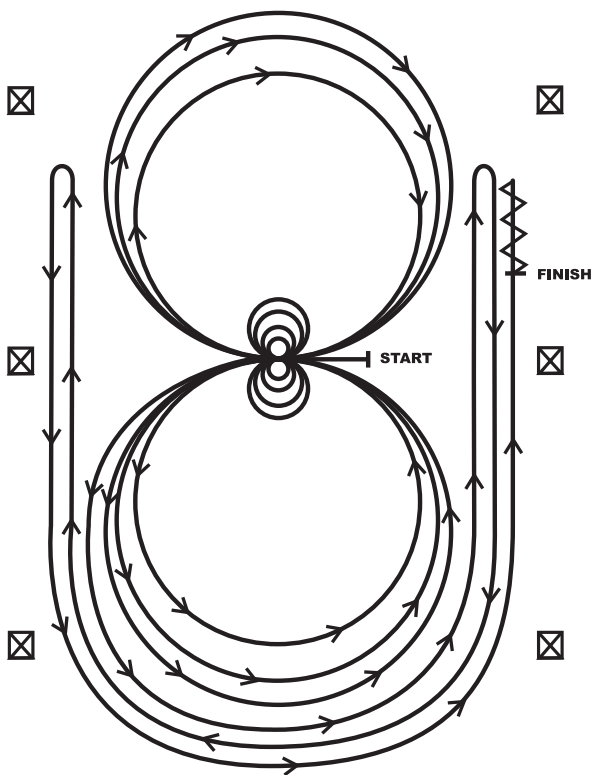


## Pattern 14

Horses may walk or jog to the center of arena. (To assist with the show schedule, show management may require that horses be jogged to center. Show management is responsible for posting this requirement.) 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 left. Hesitate.
2. Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
3. Beginning on the right lead, 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.
4. 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.
5. Begin a large circle to the right but do not close this circle. Run up the right 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.
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 right 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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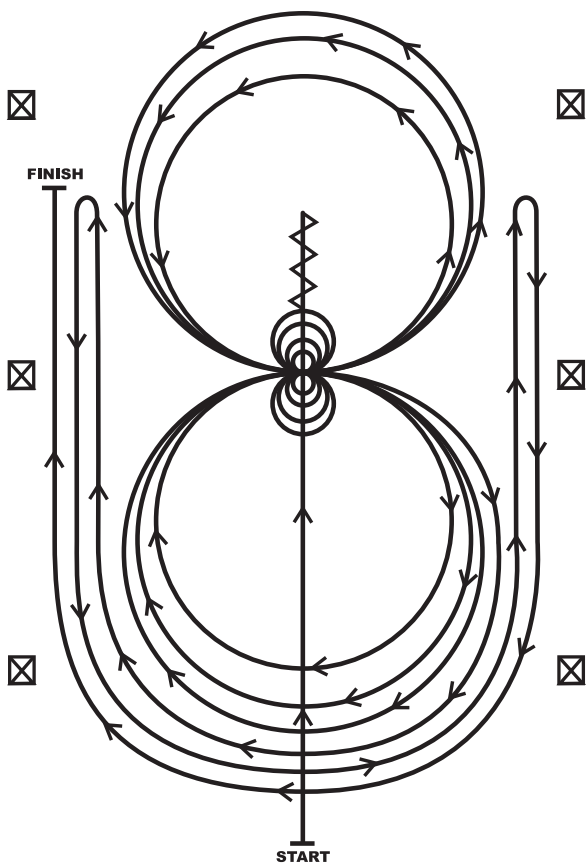


## Pattern 15

Horses may walk or jog to the center of arena. (To assist with the show schedule, show management may require that horses be jogged to center. Show management is responsible for posting this requirement.) Horses must walk or stop prior to starting pattern. Beginning at the center of 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 circle large and fast; the second circle small and slow; the third circle large and fast. Change leads at the center of the arena.
4. Complete three circles to the right: the first circle large and fast; the second circle small and slow; the third circle large and fast. Change leads at the center of the arena.
5. Begin a large circle to the left but do not close this circle. Run straight down 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 the previous circle but do not close this circle. Run down the left side of the arena past the center maker and do a left rollback at least twenty feet (six meters) from the wall or fence—no hesitation.
7. Continue back around the previous circle 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 twenty feet (six meters) from the wall or fence. Back up at least ten feet (three meters). Hesitate to demonstrate completion of the pattern.

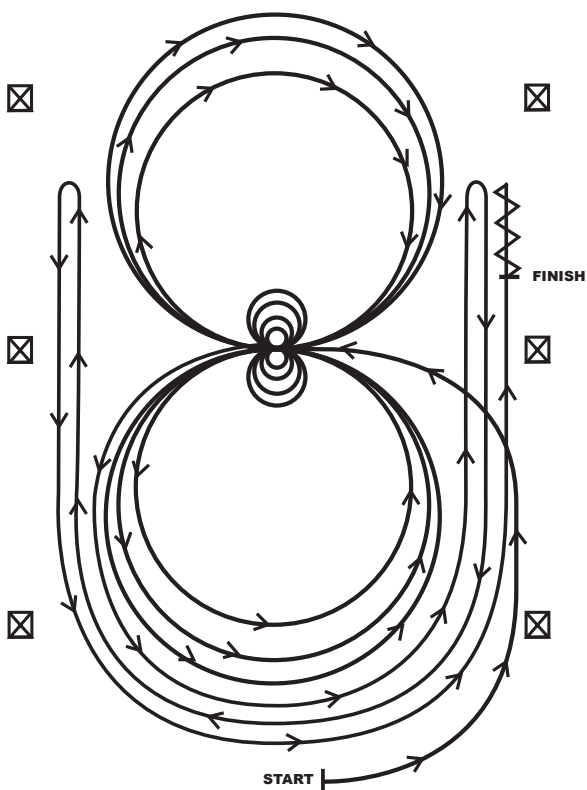
## Pattern 16



## **Pattern 16**

- 1.** Run past the center marker and do a sliding stop. Back up to the center of the arena or at least 10 feet (3 meters). Hesitate.
- 2.** Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate.
- 3.** Complete four and one-quarter spins to the right so that the horse is facing the right wall or fence. Hesitate.
- 4.** Beginning on the right lead, 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.** Complete three circles to the left: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Change leads at the center for the arena.
- 6.** Begin a large circle to the right 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 20 feet (6 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 and past the center marker and do a right rollback at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence-no hesitation.
- 8.** 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 sliding stop at least 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence. Hesitate to demonstrate completion of pattern.

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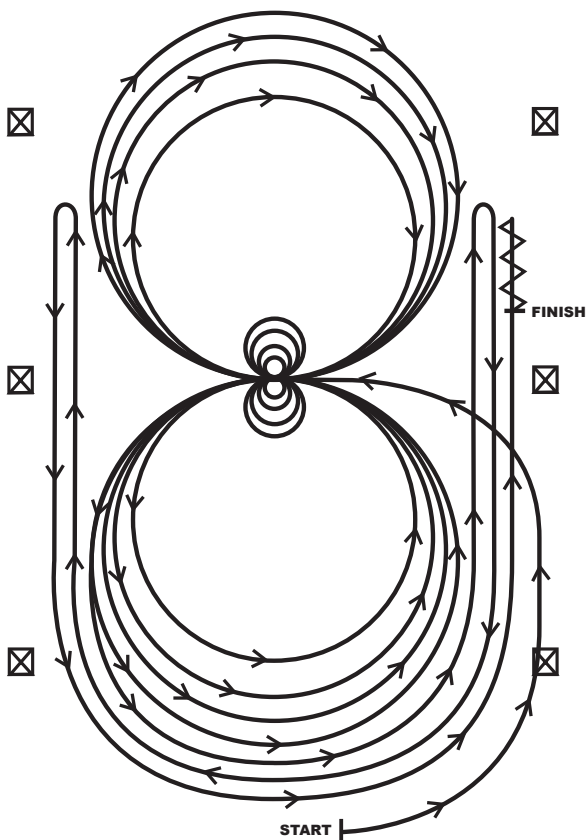


## Pattern 17

Begin on the left lead. Continue to the center of the arena to begin the pattern facing toward the left wall or fence, without stopping or breaking gait.

1. Continue on the left lead, complete two circles to the left: the first circle large and fast; the second circle small and slow. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
2. Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate.
3. Beginning on the right lead, complete two circles to the right: the first being large and fast; the second circle small and slow. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
4. Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
5. Beginning on the left lead, run a large fast circle to the left, change leads at the center of the arena, run a large fast circle to the right, and change leads at the center of the arena (figure 8).
6. Continue around previous 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 20 feet (6meters) from the wall or fence-no hesitation.
7. Continue 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 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence-no hesitation.
8. 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 20 feet (6 meters) from the wall or fence. Back up at least 10 feet (3 meters). Hesitate to demonstrate completion of pattern.

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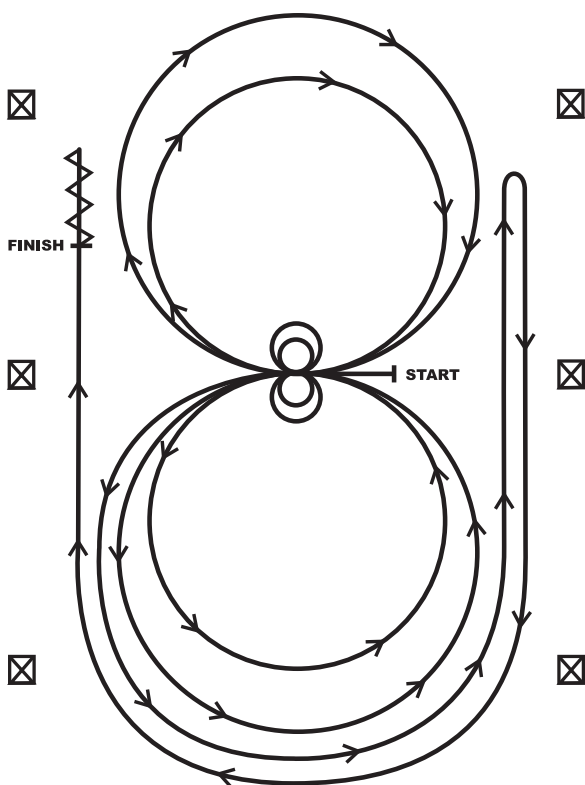


## Pattern 18

Begin on the left lead. Continue to the center of the arena to begin the pattern facing toward the left wall or fence, without stopping or breaking gait.

1. Continue on the left lead, complete three circles to the left: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
2. Complete four spins to the left. Hesitate.
3. Beginning on the right lead, complete three circles to the right: the first two circles large and fast; the third circle small and slow. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
4. Complete four spins to the right. Hesitate.
5. Beginning on the left lead, run a large fast circle to the left, change leads at the center of the arena, run a large fast circle to the right, and change leads at the center of the arena. (Figure 8)
6. Continue around previous 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.
7. Continue 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.
8. 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 completion of the pattern.

## Pattern A



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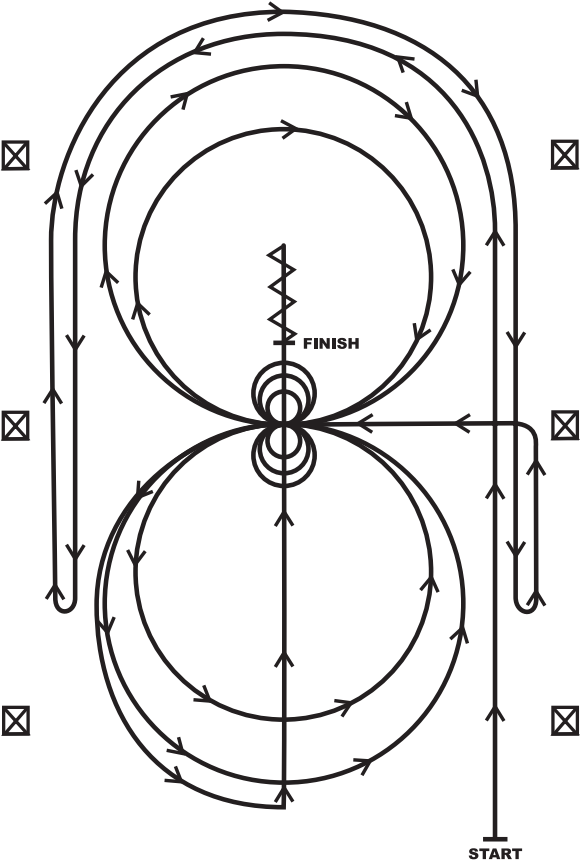
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Horses may walk or jog to the center of the arena. (To assist with the show schedule, show management may require that horses be jogged to center. Show management is responsible for posting this requirement.) Horses must walk or stop prior to starting the pattern. Beginning at the center of the arena facing the left wall or fence.

1. Beginning on the left lead, complete two circles to the left. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
2. Complete two spins to the left. Hesitate.
3. Beginning on the right lead complete two circles to the right. Stop at the center of the arena. Hesitate.
4. Complete two spins to the right. Hesitate.
5. Beginning on the left lead, go around the end of the arena, run down the right side of the arena past center marker, stop and roll back right.
6. Continue around the end of the arena to run down the left side of the arena past the center marker. Stop. Back up. Hesitate to demonstrate completion of the pattern.

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**Pattern B**



## Pattern B

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1. Beginning, lope straight up the right side of the arena, circle the top of the arena run straight down the opposite or left side of the arena past the center mark and do a right rollback—no hesitation.
2. Continue straight up the left side of the arena circle back around the top of the arena run straight down the right side of the arena past the center marker and do a left rollback—no hesitation.
3. Continue up the right side of the arena to the center marker, at the center marker the horse should be on the left lead and complete two circles to the left, one large fast and one small slow. Stop at center. Hesitate.
4. Complete three spins to the left. Hesitate.
5. Complete two circles to the right, one large fast and one small slow. Stop at center. Hesitate.
6. Complete three spins to the right. Hesitate.
7. Begin a large circle to the left, do not close the circle. Continue up the center of the arena past the center marker and do a sliding stop. Back up at least ten feet. Hesitate to demonstrate completion of the pattern.

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