



# **2025 NILE Gold Buckle Ranch Horse Futurity Rules/ Eligibility**

## **Eligibility:**

- Sold Through a NILE Gold Buckle Horse Sale (must know year)
- By a NILE Gold Buckle Nominated Stallion or are a Nominated Stallion (current list on [thenile.org](http://thenile.org))
- Accepted into the 2025 NILE Gold Buckle Horse Sale

## **Classes Offered:**

- 5+ Year Old
  - Ranch Horse Futurity (reining pattern & fence work)
  - Ranch Riding Futurity
  - Ranch Trail Futurity
- 4 Year Old
  - Ranch Horse Futurity (reining pattern & fence work)
  - Ranch Riding Futurity
  - Ranch Trail Futurity
- 3 Year Old
  - Ranch Horse Futurity (reining pattern & box-drive-box)
  - Ranch Riding Futurity
  - Ranch Trail Futurity
- 2 Year Old
  - Ranch Horse Futurity (pattern with obstacles)
  - Ranch Trail Futurity
- Yearling
  - Ranch Horse Futurity (round pen work & halter/conformation)
  - In Hand Trail Futurity
- Weanling
  - Ranch Horse Futurity (Halter/ Conformation)
  - In Hand Trail Futurity

## **Rules:**

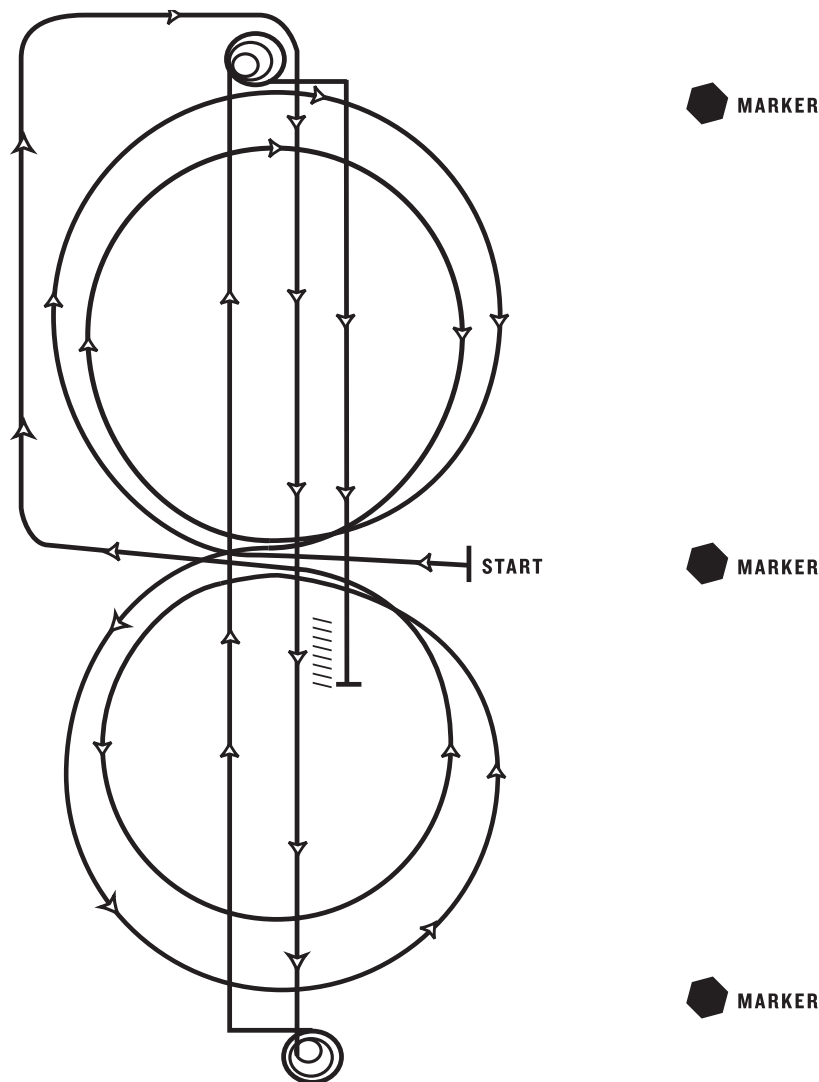
- Riding Classes to follow AQHA Tack Rules
  - 2 Year Olds Allowed to Show in Hackamore
- Judging Stipulations to follow AQHA Guidelines

## **Class Explanations:**

- 5+ and 4 Year Old Ranch Horse Futurity
  - Reining Pattern and Fence Run
  - AQHA VRH Ranch Cow Work Rules- Contestants have the option to rope or circle. If you enter the arena with a rope on your saddle you are required to rope rather than circle. Time ends once horse has made at least 2 fence turns and circled each direction, or roped OR after 3 minutes. Whichever is soonest. (See page 252 of AQHA Rule Book)
- 3 Year Old Ranch Horse Futurity
  - Reining Pattern and Box-Drive-Box Fence Work.
  - AQHA VRH Limited Ranch Cow Work Rules- 1 minute and 45 seconds of working time. Time ends when contestants crosses back over the mid line. (See page 254 of AQHA Rule Book)
- Yearling Futurity:
  - The round pen portion will be judged on movement, training, and manners. Horses must complete at least one circle each direction at the walk, jog, and lope. Lead line must be removed after entering round pen and CANNOT be used as a whip or encouragement during round pen work. Halter may be left on or removed. Lunge whips are optional. Only traditional lunge whips are allowed. The following are NOT allowed: flags, carrot sticks, trainers stick, halter whips, whips, or crops. Horses shall be marked down for excessive play in the round pen. Time starts when gate closes. There will be a 2-minute time limit to complete round pen work with a warning given at one minute remaining.
  - The halter portion will be judged on conformation. Horses to be shown in good working halter: rope, braided, nylon, or leather. As the horse approaches, the judge will step to the right to enable the horse to trot straight to a cone placed 50 feet away. At the cone, the horse will continue trotting, turn to the left and trot toward the left wall or fence of the arena. After trotting, horses will be lined up head to tail for individual inspection by the judge.

## WORKING COW HORSE PATTERN 12

3-5+ Yr Old Ranch Horse Futurity



Trot to center of arena, stop. Start pattern facing toward judge.

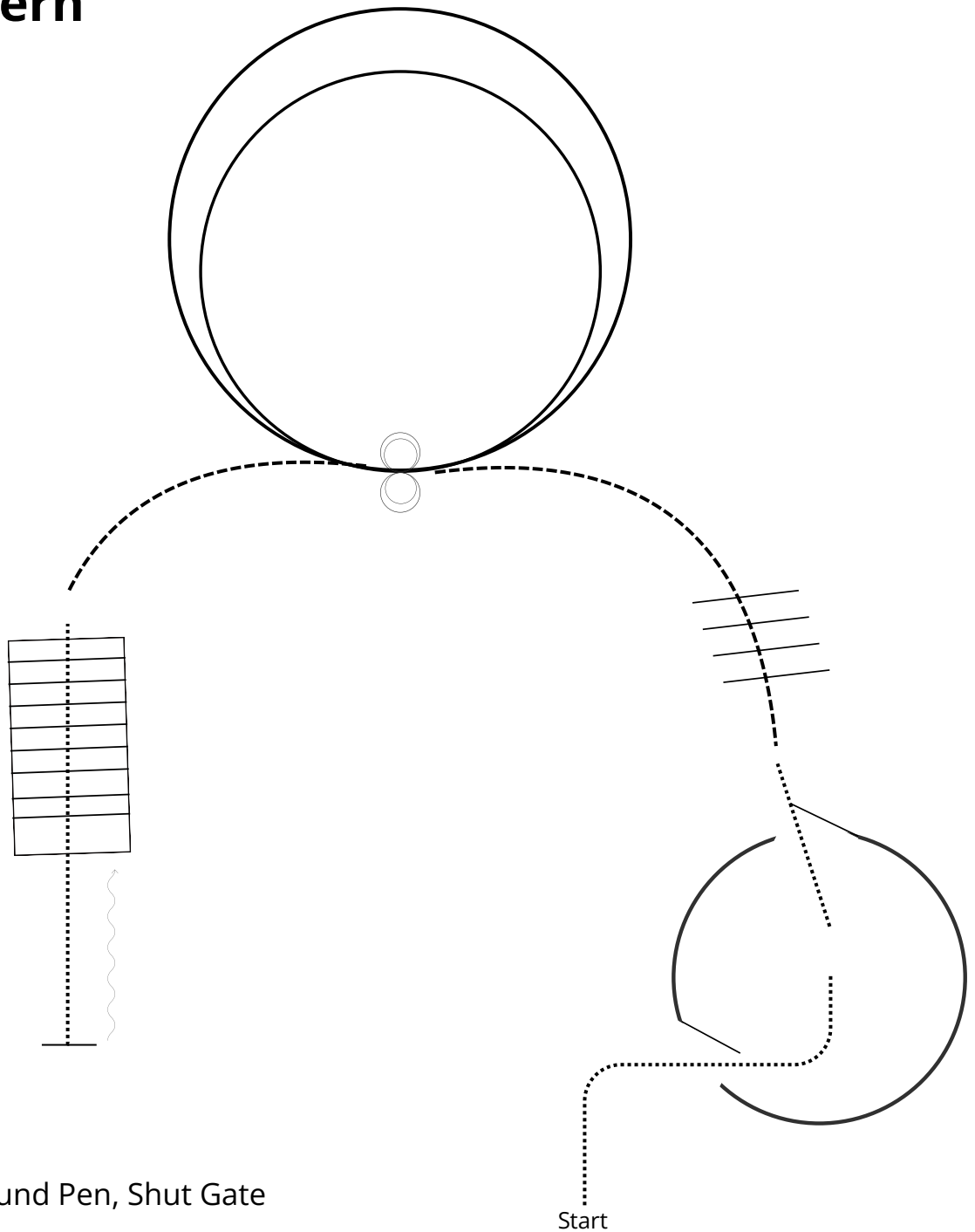
1. Beginning on the right lead complete 2 circles to the right; the first circle large and fast and the second small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
2. Complete 2 circles to the left, the first circle large and fast and the second small and slow. Change leads at the center of the arena.
3. Continue around end of arena without breaking gait or changing leads, run down center of arena past end marker, and execute a square sliding stop.
4. Complete 3 1/2 spins to the left.
5. Run down center of arena past end marker, and execute a square sliding stop.
6. Complete 3 1/2 spins to the right.
7. Run down center of arena past center marker, and execute a square sliding stop. Back up at least 10 feet. Hesitate to complete pattern.

### Pattern 12

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| 1. Right circles | 4. 3 1/2 left spins  |
| 2. Left circles  | 5. Stop              |
| 3. Stop          | 6. 3 1/2 right spins |
|                  | 7. Stop and back up  |

This pattern may be used as a lope-in pattern; refer to SHW505.2.

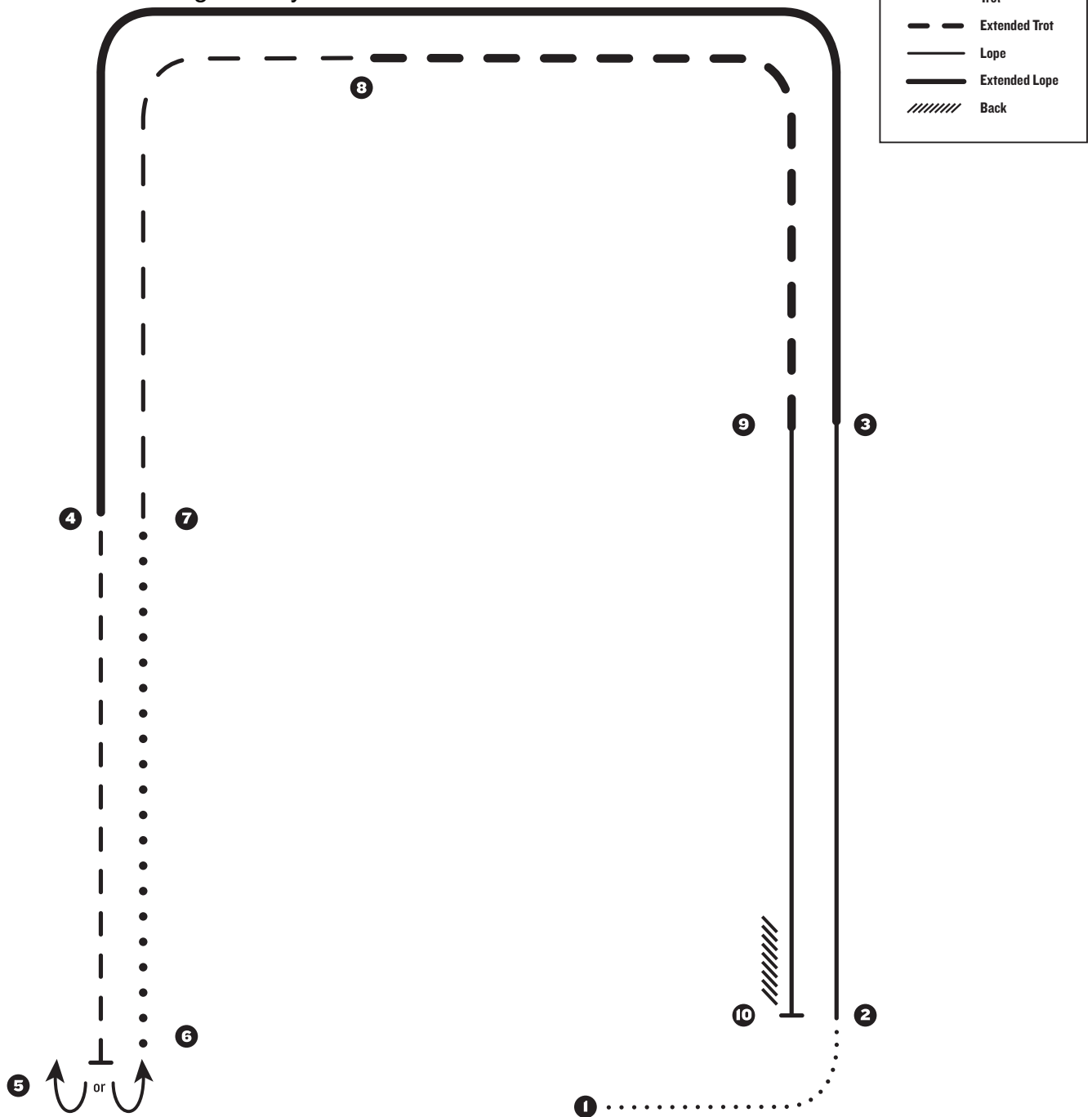
# 2025 NILE Gold Buckle 2 Yr Old Ranch Horse Futurity Pattern



- 1- Lead Horse Into Round Pen, Shut Gate
- 2- Mount Horse
- 3- Right Gate Push Away
- 4- Trot Over Logs to Center of Arena, Stop at Center
- 5- Beginning On Right Lead Lope 2 Circles To The Right, Stop At Center
- 6- Complete 2 ½ Spins to the Right
- 7- Lope Off in Left Lead for 2 Circles to The Left, Stop At Center
- 8- Complete 2 ½ Spins to the Left
- 9- Extended Trot to The Bridge
- 10- Walk Over Bridge
- 11- Stop and Back up At Least 10 Feet

# OPTIONAL VRH AND RHC RANCH RIDING PATTERN 2

3-5 Year Old Ranch Riding Futurity

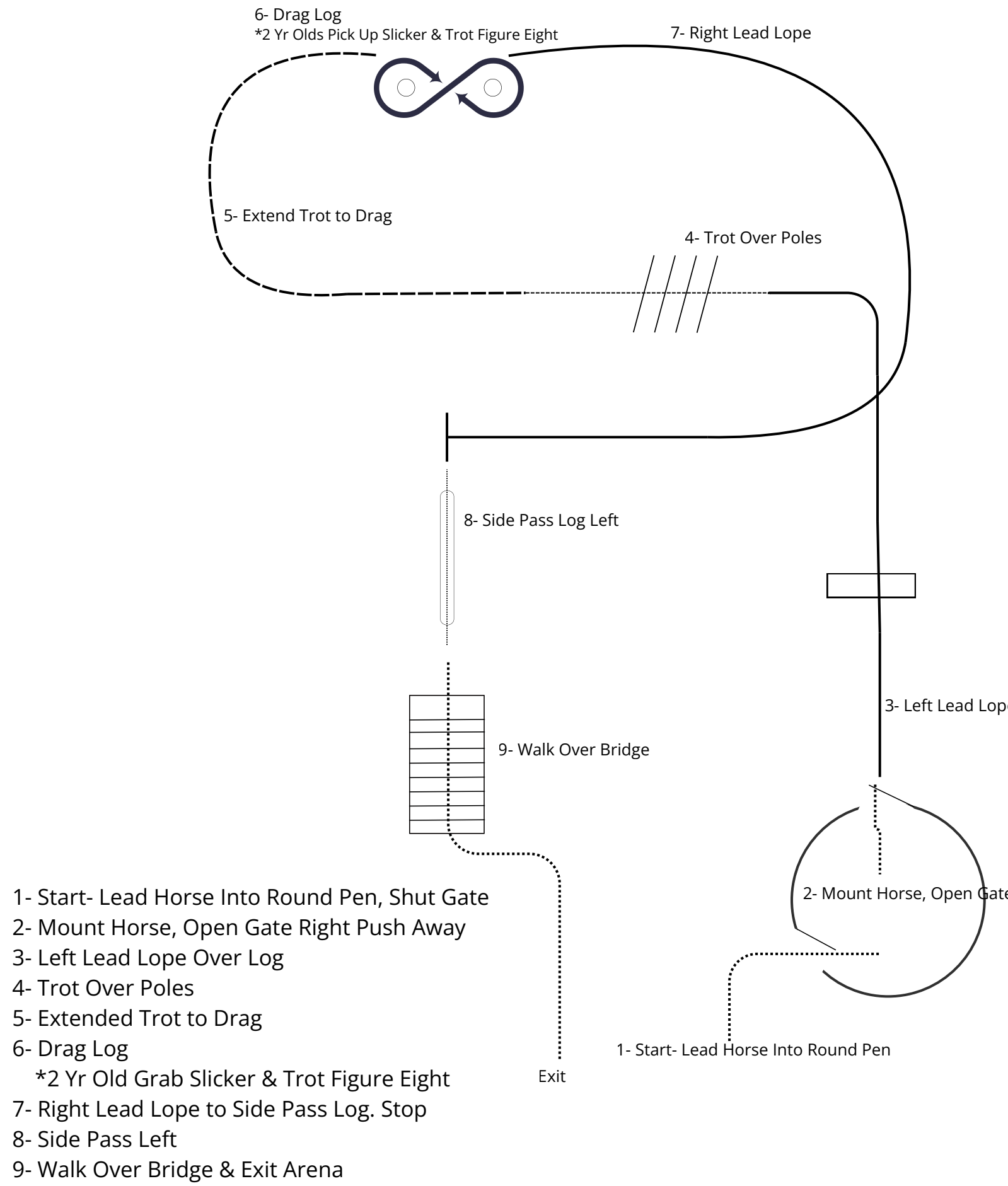


When establishing the course, the following distances are suggested. Patterns may begin in either direction and markers are optional.

1. Walk from 1 to 2 - 30 feet
2. Lope from 2 to 3 - 150 feet
3. Extended Lope from 3 to 4 - 200 feet
4. Trot from 4 to 5 - 120 feet
5. Stop at 5; reverse (either direction)
6. Extended Walk from 6 to 7 - 75 feet
7. Trot from 7 to 8 - 90 feet
8. Extended Trot from 8 to 9 - 240 feet
9. Lope from 9 to 10 - 150 feet
10. Stop and Back at 10 - approximately one horse length

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.

# 2025 NILE Gold Buckle 2-5 Yr Old Trail Futurity



1- Start- Lead Horse Into Round Pen, Shut Gate

2- Mount Horse, Open Gate Right Push Away

3- Left Lead Lope Over Log

4- Trot Over Poles

5- Extended Trot to Drag

6- Drag Log

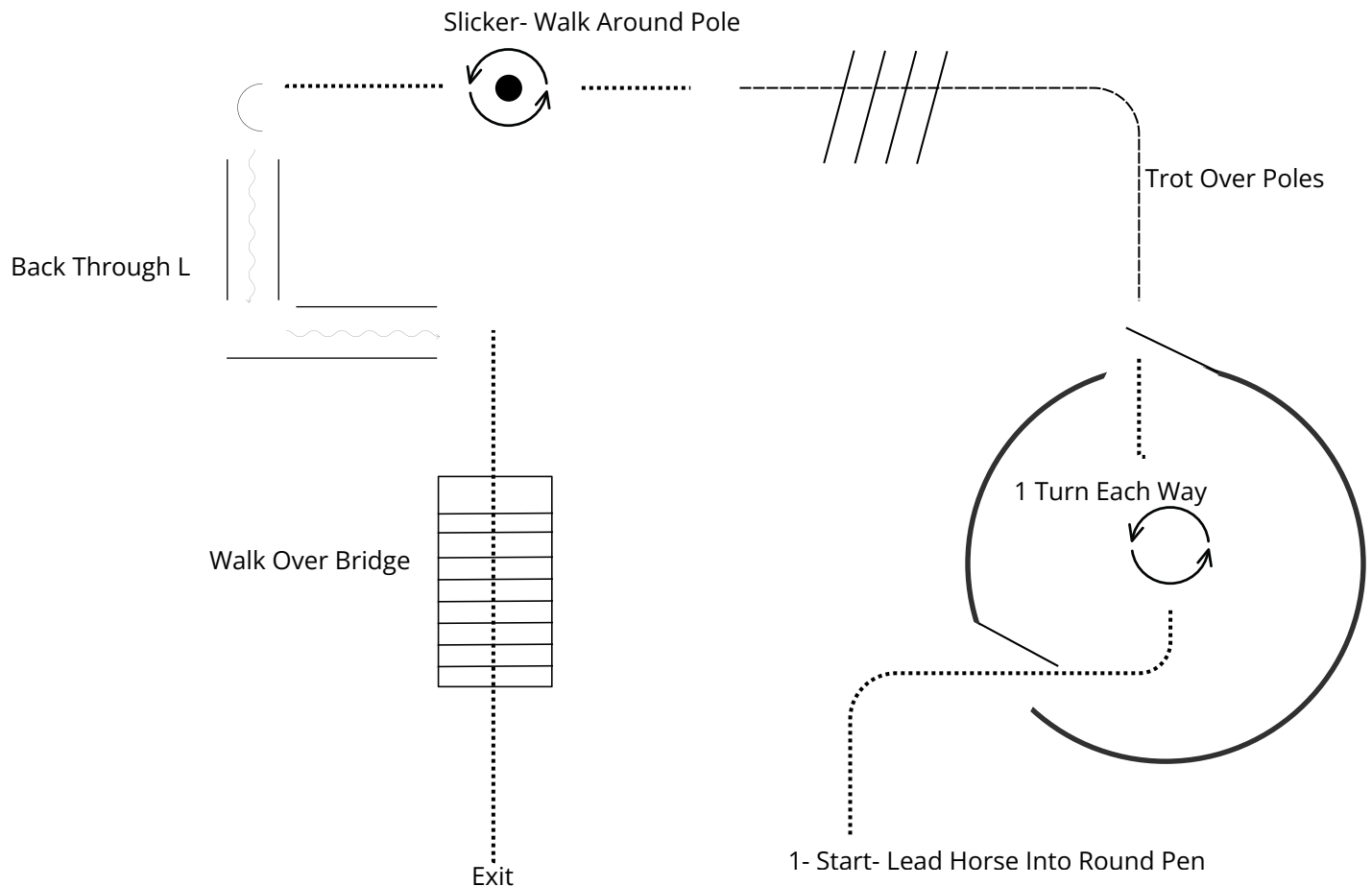
\*2 Yr Old Grab Slicker & Trot Figure Eight

7- Right Lead Lope to Side Pass Log. Stop

8- Side Pass Left

9- Walk Over Bridge & Exit Arena

# 2025 NILE Gold Buckle Yearling & Weanling In Hand Trail



- 1- Lead Horse into Round Pen
- 2- Complete One Full Turn on The Haunches Each Direction
- 3- Open and Close Round Pen Gate
- 4- Trot Over Poles, Walk To Slicker Post
- 5- Throw Slicker on Colt and Walk one Full Circle Around Post
- \*Weanlings Handlers May Choose to Hold Slicker in Their Arms
- 6- Walk to Poles, Make  $\frac{1}{2}$  Turn Right & Back Through Poles
- 7- Make  $\frac{1}{4}$  Turn Left, Walk Over Bridge & Exit Arena