



## **MISS RODEO MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION PAGEANT OFFICIAL RULE BOOK 2022**

### **MISS RODEO MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION Mission Statement:**

Miss Rodeo Minnesota Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing scholarship awards to the young women of Minnesota to maximize their educational potential and the opportunity to represent the western way of life, promote the sport of professional rodeo, and the State of Minnesota by utilizing their public relations skills and public speaking ability.

### **Who is the Scholarship Pageant winner?**

Contestants are judged in four main areas - Appearance, Horsemanship, Personality and Knowledge and/or Presentation. Judges observe the contestants as they demonstrate their horsemanship skills, including patterns, rail work, presenting a flag and making a queen's run; their speaking skills with the presentation of an extemporaneous speech and the answering of impromptu questions; the knowledge with personality and horsemanship interviews; and their inner and outer beauty at all times.

In addition to showcasing the above talents and knowledge, Miss Rodeo Minnesota contestants should possess the following:

- Desire to be a leader in her community and promote the state's great Western Heritage and Western way of life.
- Love of horses and everything they represent.
- Desire to act as the official representative of Rodeo to the general public, including the following traits:
  - Unexcelled sportsmanship
  - High moral and ethical character
  - Careful and humane treatment of animals
  - Understanding of the sport of Rodeo
- Interest in furthering her chosen career through higher education and special training.

## Pageant Eligibility

The Miss Rodeo Minnesota Association (MRMNA) offers titles in four separate age groups.

**Miss Rodeo Minnesota: 18 yrs. – 26 yrs.;** must have obtained the age of 18 as of January 1 of the competition year and will not have obtained the age of 27 by December 31 of the year of her reign.

**Miss Teen Rodeo Minnesota: 14 yrs. – 17 yrs.;** must have obtained the age of 14 and not yet obtained the age of 18 as of January 1 of the competition year.

**Miss Junior Rodeo Minnesota: 10 yrs. – 13 yrs.;** must have obtained the age of 10 and not yet obtained the age of 14 as of January 1 of the competition year.

**Miss Rodeo Minnesota Sweetheart: 5 yrs. – 9 yrs.;** must have obtained the age of 5 and not yet obtained the age of 10 as of January 1 of the competition year. The Sweetheart category is not designed to be competitive but to highlight our youngest rodeo enthusiasts. Sweetheart contestants will be permitted to compete for the Sweetheart or Miss Junior Rodeo Minnesota titles in the subsequent year.

All titleholders' reigns will be from January 1 to December 31. Sweethearts are not considered a titleholder.

## General Rules

### Eligibility and Application Process

- 1) Must be a legal resident of the state of Minnesota.
- 2) Each contestant must provide a copy of her birth certificate, valid driver's license (if over 16) and proof of health insurance.
- 3) All contestants must pay the required entry fee or have it sponsored and must send a cashier's check or money order. No personal checks will be accepted.
- 4) All contestants must submit all required documents, pictures and application by the due date on the application. There will be a \$100 late fee for any application items received within 5 days after due date. No application items will be accepted after 5 days from due date.
- 5) Contestants must have executed all consents and/or waivers of liability presented as conditions required prior to competition.
- 6) No contestant may have been married, pregnant, have a child, nor become engaged, married or pregnant during the year of her reign.
- 7) No contestant, with the exception of Miss Rodeo Minnesota Sweethearts, may hold state or national pageant titles while competing in the Miss Rodeo Minnesota Pageant. Sweetheart contestants will be permitted to compete for the Sweetheart or Miss Junior Rodeo Minnesota titles in the subsequent year.
- 8) Contestants must not have competed in a prior Miss Rodeo America Pageant.
- 9) Entry Fees
  - a. Miss -- \$350. **\$300 if attended MRMN Clinic.**
  - b. Teen -- \$275. **\$225 if attended MRMN Clinic.**
  - c. Junior -- \$225. **\$175 if attended MRMN Clinic.**
  - d. Sweetheart -- \$150. **\$100 if attended MRMN clinic.**
- 10) If a contestant has an outstanding balance due with the MRMNA, all balances must be paid prior to submission of an application.
- 11) The Miss Rodeo Minnesota Association has the right to refuse any application for any valid and proven reason.
- 12) All Miss Contestants must have obtained a high school diploma (or equivalent), or provide proof of enrollment.

## **Competition Rules**

- 1) Contestants will be responsible for writing their own biography for the pageant program.
- 2) Miss contestant rooms will be assigned alphabetically by last name.
- 3) Judges will be selected by the MRMNA Board.
- 4) The pageant will be judged by no more than four, nor less than two judges.
- 5) An independent accountant will be utilized to tally scores. MRMNA members will not have access to completed score sheets. A Head Judge will be selected at Judges' Orientation and that judge will gather the completed score sheets from all judges after each event, place them in a sealed envelope and give the sealed envelope to the Judges' Chaperone. The Judges' Chaperone will be responsible for delivering the sealed envelope to the accountant.
- 6) In the event of any Division ties, the contestant with the highest overall horsemanship score becomes the winner. If there is a tie for the winner of horsemanship, then the highest score on the first go-round will be the winner. If a tie-breaker is still needed, the highest score in the second go-round of horsemanship will be used and then if a tie breaker is still needed the highest score on the written test will be used.
- 7) Tie Breakers for each category, with the exception of written test, will be determined by the 1<sup>st</sup> judge's score. If still tied then the 2<sup>nd</sup> judge's score will be used until tie is broken. A tie in written test score will be determined by a judged essay question.
- 8) If there is a tie for Miss Congeniality, the titleholder in that age division will vote.
- 9) A grievance committee will be established including the MRMNA Board, and one parent representative from the Miss, Teen and Junior divisions to be chosen by contestants' parents at orientation. If a grievance is filed, one parent representative will serve on the grievance committee. The parent representative will be from a different division than the contestant filing the grievance.
- 10) All grievances must be submitted in writing to the grievance committee within 10 days of coronation. A special hearing may be scheduled with the MRMNA board to hear the grievance.
- 11) Contestants and individuals related to a contestant may not contact judges before, during, or after the pageant in order to influence or harass.
- 12) Score sheets will not be returned, but comment sheets will be given to contestants following the pageant. Comment sheets will be completed at the judges' discretion.

13) Contestant numbers will be assigned by last name. In the following events, contestants will compete in numerical order:

- a. Fashion Show (Fashion Forward & Sponsored Outfit)
- b. Introductions and Impromptu Questions.
- c. Impromptu questions at the Speech competition.

In the following events, contestants will compete in draw order:

- a. Horsemanship (pattern and Rail work)
- b. Interviews
- c. Speech

Contestants will not be notified of their draw position prior to events. Position draws will take place prior to the start of the pageant and be completed by the MRMNA board.

14) No one other than the appointed Miss Chaperone will be allowed in the Miss contestant's rooms at any time. Failure to abide by this rule will result in disqualification. This is to ensure the privacy of all contestants.

15) Miss contestants must give up their cell phones and all electronic communication devices and the hotel landline can only be used for emergencies. Chaperones will get a read-out of outgoing calls from rooms each morning.

16) Teen and Junior Contestants must give their cell phones to their chaperones or a parent during pageant.

17) Contestants must wear western attire, including boots, hat and belt to all functions (unless otherwise directed by pageant officials).

18) Miss, Teen and Junior Contestants must wear WRANGLER jeans only.

19) Contestants may not wear banners or crowns during the contest.

20) Contestant's Choice is defined as a Wrangler pant product with a long sleeved shirt, jacket or vest optional. A Fashion Forward outfit is defined as trendy western attire - dress, skirt or Wrangler pant product. Wrangler does not apply to sweethearts.

21) An adult (parent or family member) must be available to accompany Sweetheart contestants at all times.

22) Should circumstances occur that a contestant is conducting herself in an improper manner, a meeting of the MRMNA Board will be held and proper measures will be taken, up to and including, forfeiture of prizes, dismissal and/or disqualification of the contestant.

23) If there is only one contestant in an age division, she must compete in all categories to win the title and receive 75% of the points possible in each category.

24) Miss, Teen, and Junior Contestants must submit a signed statement that they have read and understand the contract, financial contract, handbook and rulebook.

25) If a contestant chooses to not compete after submitting her application, no refund of her entry fee will be given.

### **Titleholder Rules**

1) The Miss Titleholder must be willing to enter into a contract with the MRMNA and be willing and able to compete in the subsequent year's Miss Rodeo America Pageant.

2) The Miss, Teen and Junior Titleholders and parents/guardian must sign a contract with the Miss Rodeo Minnesota Association.

3) Titleholders of the Miss Rodeo Minnesota Pageant may not compete in other pageants during the year of their reigns (with the exception of Miss Rodeo Minnesota competing in the subsequent year's Miss Rodeo America Pageant and Sweethearts may compete the following year as a Sweetheart or Junior contestant).

4) Miss, Teen and Junior Titleholders must be willing and able to participate in rodeo appearances and other special events as requested by the MRMNA.

5) Contestants must understand that if they win a title the funding for all expenses including travel and wardrobe will be their responsibility. Titleholders must hold one fundraising event. Any additional fund raisers must be approved by the board.

6) Miss and Teen contestants must be enrolled in an accredited educational or vocational program to receive scholarship monies, or have a current student loan for it to apply towards. Scholarships are distributed to institutions not the individual.

7) Titleholders are prohibited from competing in any rodeo at which they are making an appearance as Miss Rodeo Minnesota, Miss Teen Rodeo Minnesota or Miss Junior Rodeo Minnesota.

8) It is required that during your reign, Miss Rodeo Minnesota will complete 5 volunteer/ community service events. Teen will complete 4 and Junior will complete 3. Miss Rodeo Minnesota titleholders should be visible in their communities and throughout the state not only promoting the sport of rodeo, but giving back in some capacity. The MRMNA board can assist in scheduling these appearances.

9) Should a titleholder be relieved of her title or resign during her reign, she will be ineligible to compete for any future Miss Rodeo Minnesota competitions or gain membership with the Miss Rodeo Minnesota Association. The MRMNA reserves the right to void the membership of family members or relatives subsequent to the dismissal of title and reserves the right to refuse future membership.

The MRMNA reserves the right to alter any rule and has the sole authority over any rule discrepancy. If any rules are altered, contestants will be notified that changes have been made prior to the start of the competition.

## Pageant Divisions

There will be four pageant divisions for Miss, Teen and Junior: Appearance, Personality, Horsemanship, and Knowledge and/or Presentation. Judged events include interviews, speeches, impromptu questions, fashion shows, a written test, and horsemanship.

### OFFICIAL SCORING – Miss, Teen and Junior

Judged Events	Appearance	Personality	Horsemanship	Knowledge and/or Presentation	Total per Judge	Total per Contestant
Horsemanship 1 Includes Set Pattern	40	25	145	0	210	420
Horsemanship 2 Railwork	0	20	110	0	130	260
Interview – Horsemanship & Rodeo	60	45	45	0	150	300
Extemporaneous Speech	65	50	0	55	170	340
Impromptu Questions at Speeches	0	40	0	40	80	160
Written Test	0	0	0	80	80	160
Interview - Personality	65	60	0	65	190	380
Fashion Show - Fashion Forward	70	30	0	30	130	260
Fashion Show - Sponsored	0	30	0	30	60	120
Totals	300	300	300	300	1200	2400

Miss Rodeo Minnesota  
Horsemanship Score Sheet

Control of Horse: Circles, Size, Speed Variation (Up to 45 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: Hands, Feet, Seat (Up to 25 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
Maneuvers: Lead Changes, Stop, Back (Up to 50 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mount/ Dismount (Up to 5 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
Question (Up to 10 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
Queen Run (Up to 5 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
Flag Run (Up to 5 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

Horsemanship Total: (Up to 145 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

Personality (Up to 25 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

Appearance (Up to 40 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Miss Rodeo Minnesota  
Horsemanship Scoresheet  
(Rail work)

Control of Horse: (Up to 60 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ability to control gaits and speed; as well as maneuvers)

Position: (Up to 30 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hands, Feet, Seat)

Knowledge & Awareness (Up to 20 pts) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Basic horsemanship knowledge... appropriate rein length, aware of other horses and safety etc.)

Horsemanship Total (Up to 110 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

Personality (Up to 20 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

## **1. INTERVIEW**

The purpose of interview is to allow the judges to observe the personality, intelligence, common sense, conversational ability and maturity of each contestant. The questions posed by the judges are not limited to any subject but may include: rodeo knowledge, current events, general horse health care, contestants' goals and aspirations, contestants' life experiences, etc.

The interview session(s) are closed to the public and all other contestants.

- 1) The interview may not be recorded on any type of device. This will lead to Disqualification.
- 2) The only people to be present in the interview room are: one contestant and the judge's.
- 3) The interviews will be timed and will not exceed 10 minutes per contestant.

## **2. SPEECH**

Speeches allow the judges to evaluate contestants' public speaking ability, poise, confidence, correct use of grammar, creativity and personality.

- 1) Miss and Teen contestants will receive a list of topics from the MRMNA. The contestants will pick one topic and be given 10 minutes to prepare a minute and a half speech. Judging is based on content, delivery and the time allotted for the presentation as well as on knowledge, poise, professionalism and delivery.
- 2) Miss and Teen contestant's speeches should be one and one-half minutes.
- 3) Junior contestant's will give a speech on one of the following topics:
  - A) Herself and her family.
  - B) Rodeo
  - C) Her horse
- 4) Junior contestant's speeches should be between one and two minutes.
- 5) If a contestant goes over her time limit, points will be deducted at the judges' discretion.
- 6) The judges' chaperone will time all speeches and give the judges speech times.

7) Sweetheart contestants will participate in an on stage interview in lieu of a speech.

8) Miss, Teen and Junior contestants are expected to bring a basket with items from their community to be auctioned off during the pageant. You will receive more details about this in your contestant packet.

### **3. MODELING/FASHION SHOWS**

The modeling competition allows the judges to evaluate a contestant's sense of style, posture, poise, projection of self-confidence, grooming and knowledge of current rodeo royalty fashion trends.

- 1) You will model a sponsored outfit and a fashion forward outfit and need to bring items such as tank tops, leggings, jewelry, etc. to accessorize these outfits. No props allowed. All accessories will be approved by the MRMNA Board or the designated chairperson for Fashion Show.

### **4. PHOTO**

Each contestant must submit a 5x7 color photograph of herself. The photo will be judged in the photogenic category, but no points will be awarded.

- 1) The photograph should be a vertical head and shoulders (bust) shot.
- 2) The contestant must be dressed in tasteful western attire, including a cowboy hat, no crown.
- 3) Copyrighted pictures must have a copyright release.
- 4) The photo must not be framed or mounted.
- 5) Photos should be submitted with the application and emailed to the designated person on your application. Photos will be accepted up to 5 days late with a late fee of \$100. After that the application will not be accepted.
- 6) Please refer to [www.missrodeominnesota.com](http://www.missrodeominnesota.com) and go to the History page for examples of acceptable headshots.

## **5. IMPROMPTU SITUATIONS**

The purpose of the impromptu question/situation is to test a contestant's ability to think quickly and respond gracefully and intelligently under pressure. An example of an impromptu question/situation could be drawing questions at a luncheon.

- 1) The same question may be asked of each contestant or contestants may randomly draw questions.
- 2) If all contestants are answering the same question, then the contestants who have not answered yet may not watch or listen to the contestants before them.
- 3) If the contestants are drawing random questions they may or may not all be present. This is to be determined by the MRMNA.

## **6. WRITTEN TEST**

A written test will be given to the Miss, Teen and Junior contestants only. The purpose of this test is to determine a contestant's knowledge of current events; tack; horses – including care, feeding, diseases and anatomy; horsemanship and rodeo terminology; animal rights issues; and PRCA rules, sponsors, standings, and contestants.

- 1) Absolutely no talking will be allowed during testing. Disregard for this rule will result in immediate disqualification.
- 2) The contestant will be provided a pen/pencil and should bring nothing with them to the test room.
- 3) If a contestant is caught with printed or written material or any other means of cheating, she will be disqualified.
- 4) The contestants of each Division will all take the same test.
- 5) Contestants may request reasonable testing accommodations if needed.  
Requests should be sent to the National Director 30 days prior to the pageant.  
These requests will be kept confidential.

## 7. HORSEMANSHIP

Horsemanship competition allows the contestants to showcase their riding ability; control of mount; precise execution of patterns; balance of rider; position of hands, feet, and seat; mounting and dismounting. A presentation ride and flag run will also be considered by the judges.

- 1) Miss & Teen contestants will ride horses provided by the stock contractor. Junior Contestants will provide their own horse.
- 2) No unbroken or unsafe horses will be allowed. The MRMNA shall determine whether or not a horse is dismissed for behavior.
- 2) Contestants may not use spurs.
- 3) Tie Downs are optional for Junior Contestants.
- 4) Contestants must ride western and with a saddle.
- 5) If you choose to wear a helmet it must be the western hat helmet. This is only a option for Teen and Junior contestants.
- 6) For Miss, Teen and Junior contestants there will be two rounds of horsemanship competition (this may include a pattern, small group rail work, a flag presentation or any other horsemanship related task).
- 7) Miss & Teen Contestants will perform one of the three patterns outlined in this rule book. Junior Contestants will perform the pattern specified in this rule book. First round, the contestants will ride the set pattern. Judges will determine which will be used prior to the horsemanship competition. The second round, will consist of small group rail work. During the second round the Contestants will be given instructions from the announcer during the rail work portion. The Judges reserve the right to make alterations and/or additions to these instructions.
- 8) Sweetheart Contestants will NOT compete in horsemanship.
- 9) No chaps are allowed.
- 10) It is the responsibility of the contestants to make sure their hats stay securely on their heads. Failure to do so will result in severe point penalties.
- 11) The judges may elect to require the contestants to perform any other horsemanship related task they deem relevant.

12) Execution of a flag run will be required for Miss & Teen Contestants. Junior contestants may or may not be asked to carry a flag. Please bring a flag boot.

13) Should an unfair situation occur, at no fault of the contestant, a re-ride will be granted. Re-rides are at the sole discretion of the pageant judges.

14) Every element of the horsemanship portion of the competition will be scored regardless of execution of set pattern.

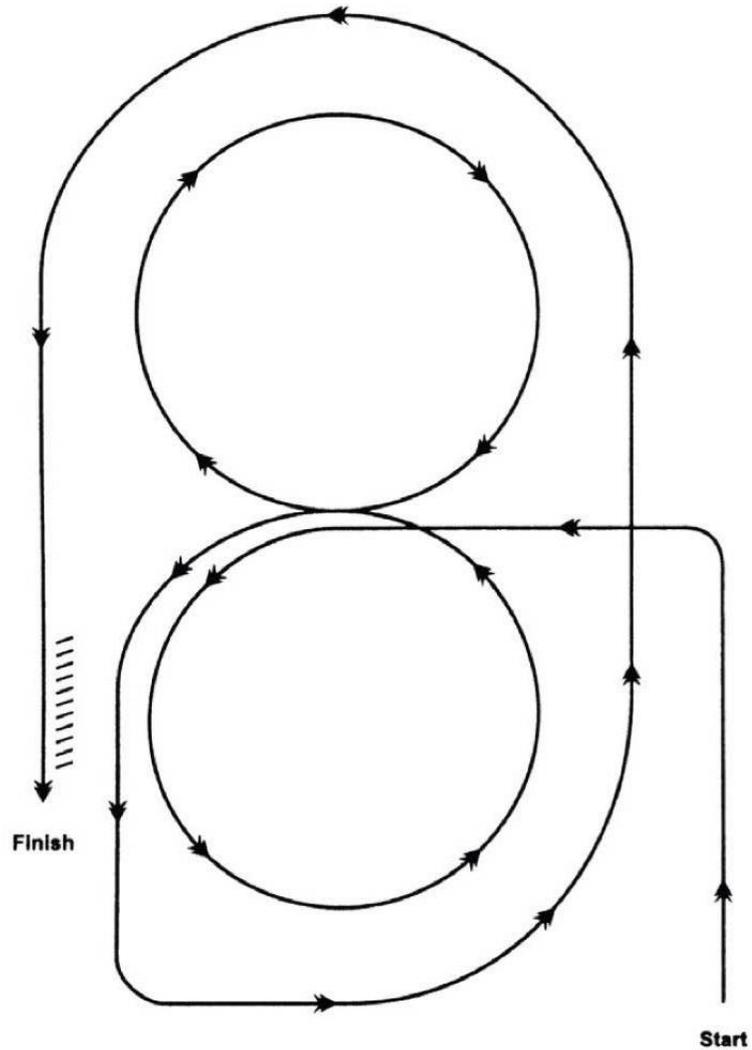
15) The judges have the right to ask the contestants questions during the horsemanship competition.

16) One parent or other adult representative may remain in the warm-up area with Junior contestants. No parent or adult representative is allowed to accompany Miss and Teen contestants.

17) Miss and Teen Contestants **may** be used to run flags at the rodeo.

18) The MRMNA Board has the right to release you from horsemanship related activities if they deem it necessary for safety reasons.

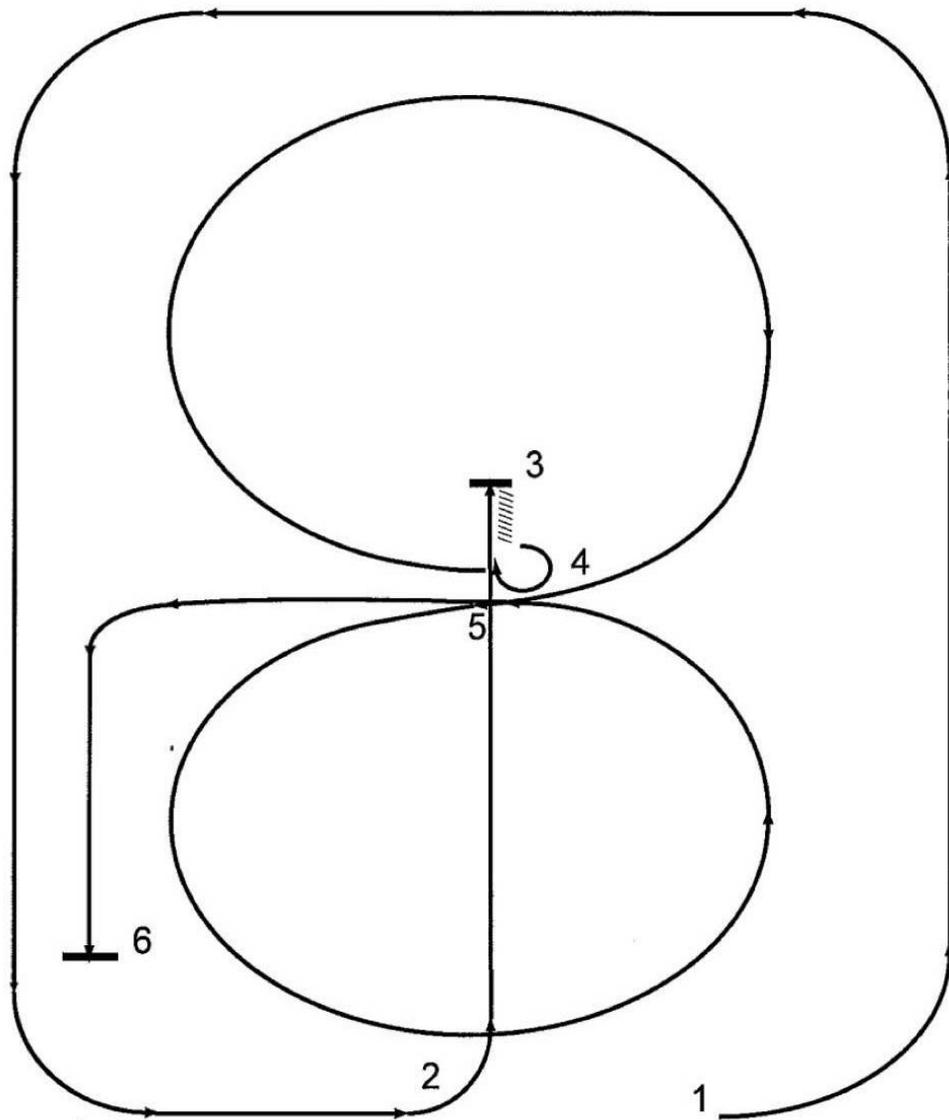
## Pattern 1



### Horsemanship Pattern 1:

1. Do extended jog along side of arena, then to center
2. Begin lope at center of arena and lope left circle on left lead
3. Change leads at center of arena and lope right circle on right lead
4. Change leads and continue loping around end of arena
5. Once on the straight, increase speed and continue around end of arena
6. Stop and back

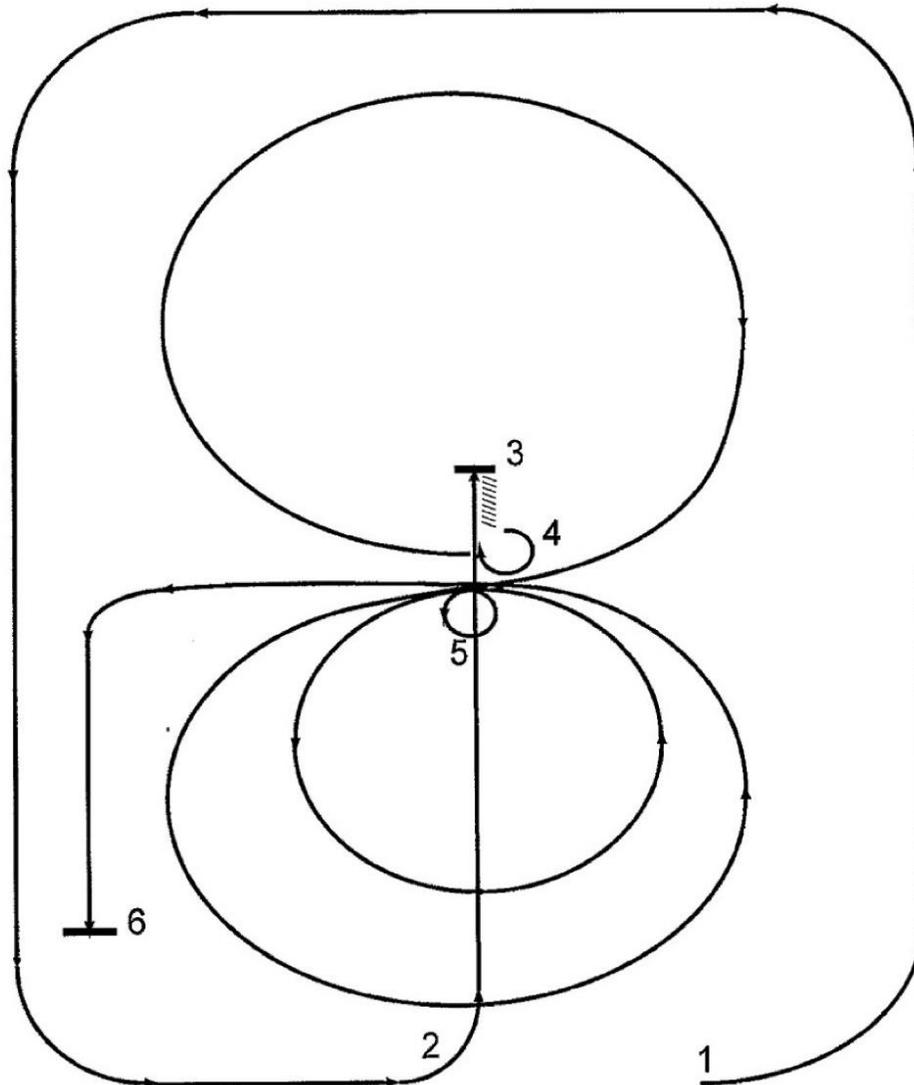
## Pattern 2



### Horsemanship Pattern 2:

1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
4. Execute a 3/4 turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right, with moderate speed.
5. Change leads and lope a circle, to the left, with moderate speed. After completing the circle, continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena.
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.

## Pattern 3



### Horsemanship Pattern 3:

1. Circle the arena, on the left lead, at an extended lope.
2. Guide left and lope down the center of the arena with moderate speed.
3. Pass the center of the arena, stop and back to the center.
4. Execute a 3/4 turn to the right and lope a circle, to the right, with moderate speed.
5. Stop in the center, execute a 360 degree turn, to the left. Lope a small slow circle, to the left, followed by a larger, faster circle to the left. At the center of the arena, rate back to the slower speed and continue loping on the left lead toward the end of the arena.
6. Stop and pause to show completion of pattern.

## Junior Pattern

Ride pattern as follows:

1. Begin work at a lope at A.
2. First circle slow and small. (Begin to the left.)
3. Second circle faster and larger (to the left).
4. Third circle slow and small (to the right).
5. Fourth circle faster and larger (to the right).
6. Stop at point B.
7. Back.
8. Walk a few steps forward.
9. Pivot no more than 90 degrees.
10. Pivot opposite direction no more than 180 degrees.
11. Walk to judge.
12. The judges and/or committee reserve the right to make alterations and or additions to this pattern.

\* Simple or flying lead changes are acceptable.

\*\* Junior pattern is four circles – not figure eights.

