

VERSATILE HORSE

From 2009 Versatile horse becomes an approved class within the WES Rulebook

CATEGORIES

Novice Youth – Horses any age ridden two-handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore or one-handed in a curb bit (see rules 20-22). Riders who have attained 36 or more points in this section are excluded (see rule 31). Headwear – see rule 19. Simple or flying changes (the first lead change made will be deemed to be the elected change for the class). 3 cones provided in the lead change routine

Youth. 5 cones provided in the lead change routine. Horses any age ridden two-handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore or one-handed in a curb bit (see rules 20-22). Headwear – see rule 19. Flying Changes mandatory
In all youth classes where less than three youth riders are entered in either category, classes may be combined into one Youth class.

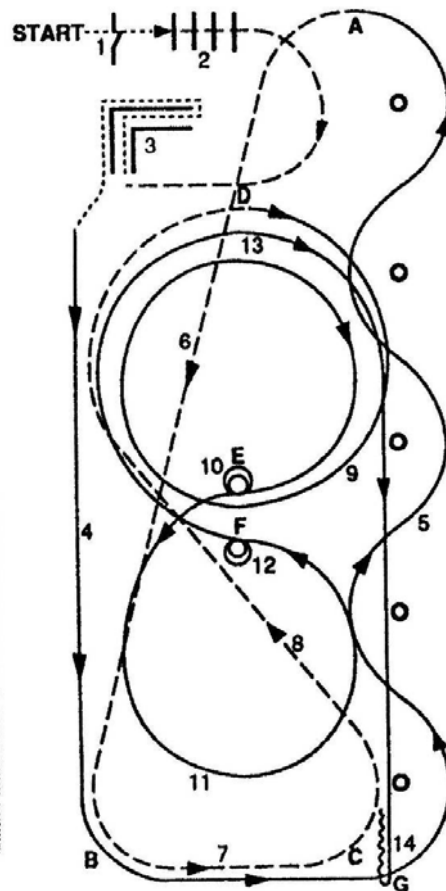
Novice Rider – 3 cones provided in the lead change routine. Horses any age. Ridden two-handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore or one-handed in a curb bit (see rules 20-22). Simple or flying changes (the first lead change made will be deemed to be the elected change for the class). Riders who have attained 36 or more points must progress to Intermediate Amateur, Amateur or Open Categories.

Intermediate Amateur – 5 cones provided in the lead change routine. Horses any age ridden two-handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore or one-handed in a curb bit (see rules 20-22). Competitors must hold a valid WES amateur card. Riders who have attained 24 or more points in this section are excluded (see rule 31). Flying Changes mandatory.

Novice Horse – 3 cones provided in the lead change routine. Simple or flying changes (the first lead change made will be deemed to be the elected change for the class). Horses any age ridden two-handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore or one-handed in a curb bit (see rules 20-22). A horse attaining 36 points in this section must proceed to the Amateur or Open class (see rule 31).

Amateur – 5 cones provided in the lead change routine. Except that competitors must hold a valid WES amateur card all other rules for Amateur Versatile Horse are as defined for the Open category.

Open – 5 cones provided in the lead change routine. Horses any age ridden one-handed with a curb bit. Flying changes mandatory. Junior horses (aged 3 to 5 years inclusive – see rule 14) MAY be ridden two-handed in a snaffle or hackamore (see rules 20 & 21).

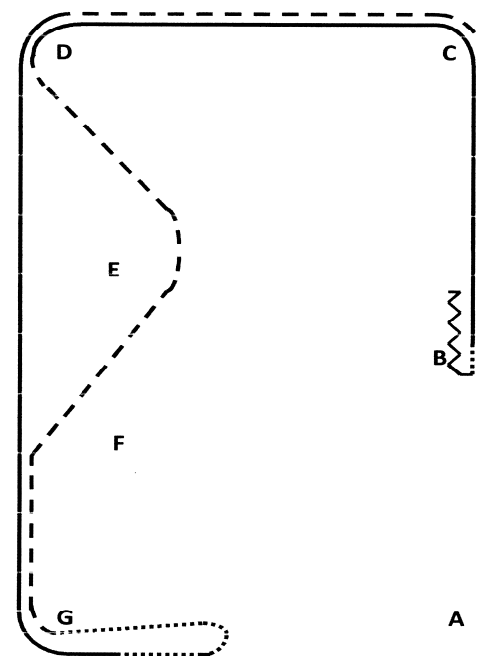


- 1 Open and pass through gate
 - 2 Jog over four logs
 - 3 Back through L, side pass L shape (either way)
 - 4 Lope on left lead
 - 5 Perform a serpentine through the cone changing leads
 - 6 Extend jog from A to B,
 - 7 Jog B to C,
 - 8 Extend Jog C to D
 - 9 Lope ½ large circle right then small slow circle
 - 10 Stop, perform two right spins at E
 - 11 Lope on left lead one small circle
 - 12 Stop perform two left spins at F
 - 13 Lope on right lead with speed ¾ circle and run to end cone and stop
 - 14 Back up a minimum of 10 feet
- Leave the arena

Scoring will be on a basis of 0 to 100 with 70 denoting an average performance.

Scoring will be as follows
Maneuvers
1–3 as Trail
4- 5 as Western Riding
6-8 as Pleasure
9 -14 as Reining

PRELIM PLEASURE PATTERN APRIL 2009



..... WALK - - - JOG ——— LOPE BACK UP

- Walk from A to B
- Jog from B to D
- Lope Left from D to G
- Walk, reverse at walk
- Jog at G
- At F leg yield right to Clear E, on passing E leg Yield left back to rail
- At D lope right lead
- At B walk, stop and back up at least 3 metres
- Leave arena as instructed by the ring steward

WES Rule Amendments 2009 and 2010

The following are amendments to the WES 2008 Rulebook

Rule 31 Paragraph 2

Competitors who have received any form of payment for instructing riders, or for training horses, are excluded from all Amateur and Novice Rider classes.

Is amended as follows:-

Competitors within Novice Rider, Intermediate Amateur and Amateur categories must hold a valid WES Amateur card.

Rule 31 is further amended to increase the points threshold for Novice Horses from 36 to 60

Rule 33 is amended as follows:-

33. Championship Qualifiers. To qualify for the Championship Classes at the WES Championship Show competitors must achieve a score of 65 points or greater (13 in Showmanship & Horsemanship) within the Open category for which they wish to qualify. In the case of the Open Pleasure the Judge will determine which competitors achieve an average performance enabling them to qualify. There will be no restriction upon entries to be considered so a single horse may compete in a category and qualify.

Rule no 35A is deleted. Qualifying classes are now any Open Class at an approved show

Rule 74 Prelim Pleasure Pattern is replaced by the New pattern attached.

Rule 67 is amended to give a revised category for eligibility for Prelim Pleasure as follows:-

Preliminary Pleasure – Horses any age ridden two-handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore or one handed in a curb bit. (see rules 20 & 21) **This class is now open to any horse or rider irrespective of the points they have accrued.** **_NB:** No points are awarded in this class.

Addendum for rulebook

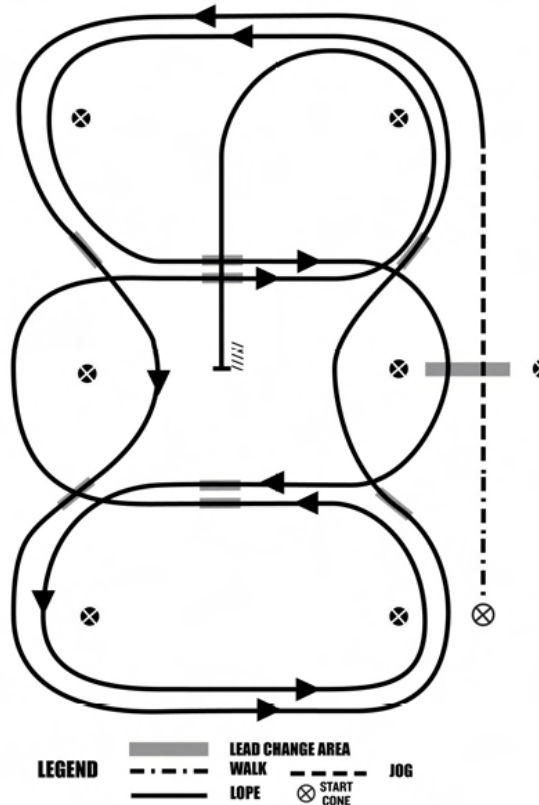
Page 27 under Amateur section reference to Horsemanship should read Pleasure

Page 31 under Amateur section reference to Horsemanship should read Trail

Page 53 under Amateur section reference to Reining should read Western Riding.

WESTERN RIDING

An additional pattern has been added now WES Pattern no 6



1. Walk, transition to jog, jog over log
2. Transition to the lope, on the left lead
3. First line change
4. Second line change
5. Third line change
6. Fourth line change
7. First crossing change
8. Lope over log
9. Second crossing change
10. Third crossing change
11. Fourth crossing change
12. Lope, Stop & back

Pattern suitable for small arenas

Amendments to Western Riding Section within 2008 Rulebook

Novice Horse – Pattern 1 to 4 & 6. Simple or flying changes (the first lead change made will be deemed to be the elected change for the class). Horses any age ridden two-handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore or one-handed in a curb bit (see rules 20-22). A horse attaining 60 points in this section must proceed to the Amateur or Open class (see rule 31).

107. The judge will select from patterns 1,2,3,4&6 for any class except for the novice rider class where pattern five will be used.

108. On the pattern:

D. A cone shall be placed along the wall or rail of the arena to designate where the exhibitor should initiate the walk. On pattern 1, the cone should be placed a minimum of 15ft before the first pylon. On patterns 2,3,4&6 the cone should be placed even with the first cone. The next exhibitor should not go to start cone until the contestant on pattern has cleared the working area by the start cone for the final time.

110. A contestant shall be penalised each time the following occurs:

Five points:

4. Failure to start lope within 30 feet of designated area in pattern 5 (Novice Rider)

Disqualification (zero score):

10. Failure to start lope within 30 feet of designated area in patterns 2,3,4&6

Amendments to Trail

Under the mandatory obstacles the rule has been amended as follows:-

Jog-over and lope-overs may be elevated to a height not exceeding 8" (200mm) and the spacing can be doubled or tripled.