

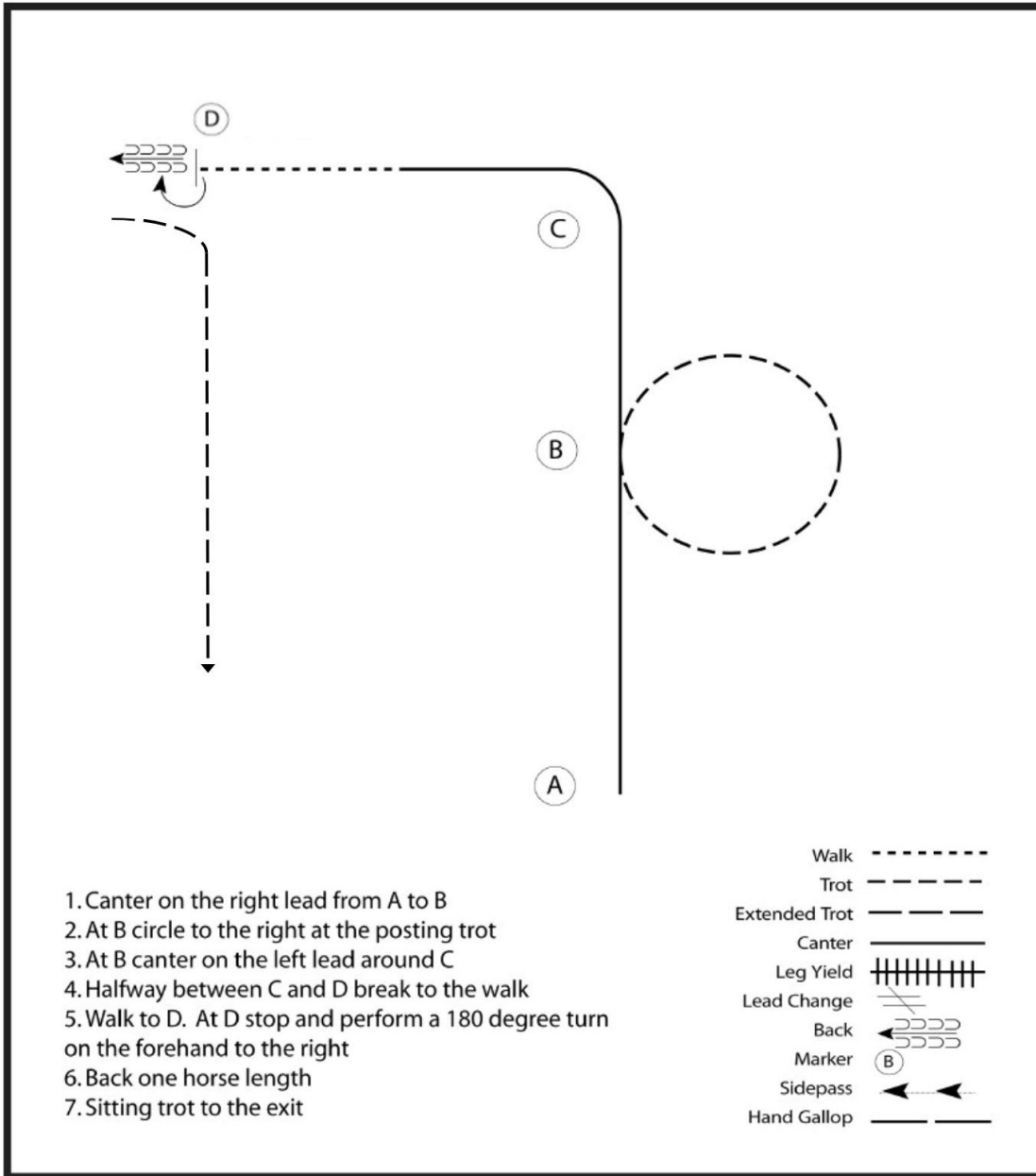
## Horsemanship

- Competitors are required to provide their own horse. We do not encourage competitors to share horses but will allow it in certain circumstance. Please check with pageant directors.
- If you are not present when your name is called, you will be disqualified
- All contestants must wear a plain white western style button down shirt, denim jeans, hat, boots and belt. Hair should be pulled back into a low ponytail.
- Contestants are required to perform the pattern listed for their particular age group. They will be judged on their balance within the saddle, overall appearance of rider, equine and tack, and the ability to control their horse throughout the pattern. Chaps are not allowed. Spurs are allowed but any overuse or abuse will disqualify the contestant.
- Immediately following their horsemanship pattern, **Miss Contestants** will be required to perform a **queen run and flag run**. Dropping the flag will result in a score of zero.
- **Jr. Miss and Little Miss** contestants will perform a **queen run** after their horsemanship pattern.
- All contestants will answer 3 general horsemanship questions after their patterns are complete.
- Cones will be set for the Little Miss pattern. No other age group will have cones set. There will be a short open arena prior to the start of the competition if you wish to warm up.
- Ensure your hat stays on your head during your run, losing your hat will be an automatic deduction of 8 points.

# Miss Pattern (Ages 17 to 26)



Hunt Seat Equitation  
Youth (18 & Under) | Amateur  
Show Date: 03-08-2024



## Jr Miss Pattern (Ages 13 to 16)

Be ready at A.

1. Jog from A to B.
2. Lope a circle to the left on the left lead.
3. At B return to a jog.
4. Jog to C.
5. Stop at C.
6. Back one horse length at B.
7. Complete a 90 degree turn to the right on the hindquarters.

Follow the instructions of your ring steward.

Walk	-----
Jog	-----
Extended Jog	-----
Lope	-----
Leg Yield	
Lead Change	↘
Back	← 3 3 3
Marker	(B)
Sidepass	←←

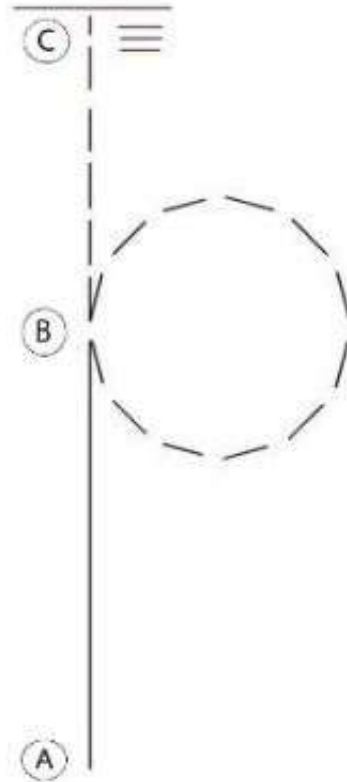
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## Little Pattern (Ages 8-12)

### Level 2 Pattern



Be ready at A.

1. Walk from A to B.
2. At B jog a circle to the right , close at B.
3. Continue to jog to C.
4. Stop at C.
5. Back 3 steps.
6. Retire to the rail at a walk.

## Interview

The interview portion consists of a 5 minute closed interview between the contestant and judges. A pageant director will be in the room to keep time. Contestants should be knowledgeable on general Odessa Rodeo history and information, basic MRCA/URA rodeo rules and guidelines, and the 2023 Odessa Rodeo sponsors.

Judges will have a copy of the contestant's biography and contestants should be prepared to answer questions about themselves including her equine background, school or rodeo accolades, extracurricular activities, personal goals, etc. This is an opportunity for the judges to get to know the contestant and their personalities as a future spokesperson for the Odessa Rodeo.

Attire for the interview portion should be Western Casual- meaning jeans or skirt, long sleeved button down shirt, boots, belt and hat. A vest or suit jacket would be appropriate as well. Dress as you would for a job interview. All outfits can be of any color but must be clean, tasteful, and well fitting.

Contestants will be scored based on personality, appearance, knowledge of topics asked by the judges and their comfortability when answering. Is their communication clear, polite and showing their personality?

## Speech

Miss Contestants will be required to give a 2-3 minute speech (not less than 2 minutes and no more than 3 minutes)

Jr. Miss Contestants will be required to give a 1-2 minute speech (not less than 1 minute and no more than 2 minutes)

Miss and Jr. Miss Contestants will base their speeches on **one** of the following quotes:

**"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. -Nelson Mandela**

**"Well done is better than well said." – Benjamin Franklin**

Little Miss Contestants will be required to give a 1 minute introduction of themselves to the crowd (name, age, equine experience, personal accolades, interests/hobbies, etc) **OR** may give a speech on the following topic:

**"If I had a super power.."**

Contestants will be scored on their communication of their speech topic, overall appearance (cleanliness, appropriate makeup, clothing well-presented/not wrinkled) their overall presence to the crowd and personality. There will be a one point deduction for every ten seconds over or under on time. Contestants may carry and refer to note cards but there will be higher score tallied for those that do not utilize note cards.