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