

## **FAMILY FJORD RIDING TEST**

The purpose of these tests is to establish benchmarks in training and to assess the ability of the horse to be a calm, willing and obedient partner in accomplishing basic activities that would be useful on a trail ride, driving outing or a draft situation away from home. Horses should thus be encouraged to perform in a relaxed, confident manner. Assessment will be facilitated through tests requiring basic levels of performance, the successful completion of which will require both a good basic foundation of training and a good working relationship between horse and handler. This is a foundation that can serve a horse and its partners well, whether in a family/casual use situation or at higher levels of performance. The skills needed for these activities are basic horsemanship skills that transfer to other performance activities.

These tests are intended to evaluate the performance and abilities of the horse alone, so while evaluators are encouraged to provide feedback on the effect of the handler on the horse, the evaluators will make every attempt to separate this effect from the horse's scores. Since the best possible performance can help provide the most accurate assessment of the horse, coaching of the handler by another person during a test is permitted, though points will be lost if the coach must handle or restrain the horse in any way. The evaluators may even ask the exhibitor to repeat a task and provide some coaching to see if the effect on performance can be altered.

### **Prerequisite Test(s):**

Family Fjord Foundation Test

### **Equipment Notes: (see diagram for necessary equipment and set-up specifications)**

1. Have a broom available for ground crew to sweep off debris tracked onto plywood/tarp.
2. A trailer may be present near the finish line, but will not be used in this test.
3. Cones should be spaced to 12' from edge to edge and approximately 25' from arena rail.
4. Tests conducted with a curb bit must be ridden with one hand. For a complete discussion of acceptable and appropriate tack and attire, including permitted bits, please see Section I, pp. 20-22 of this document.
5. Riders may carry a whip.

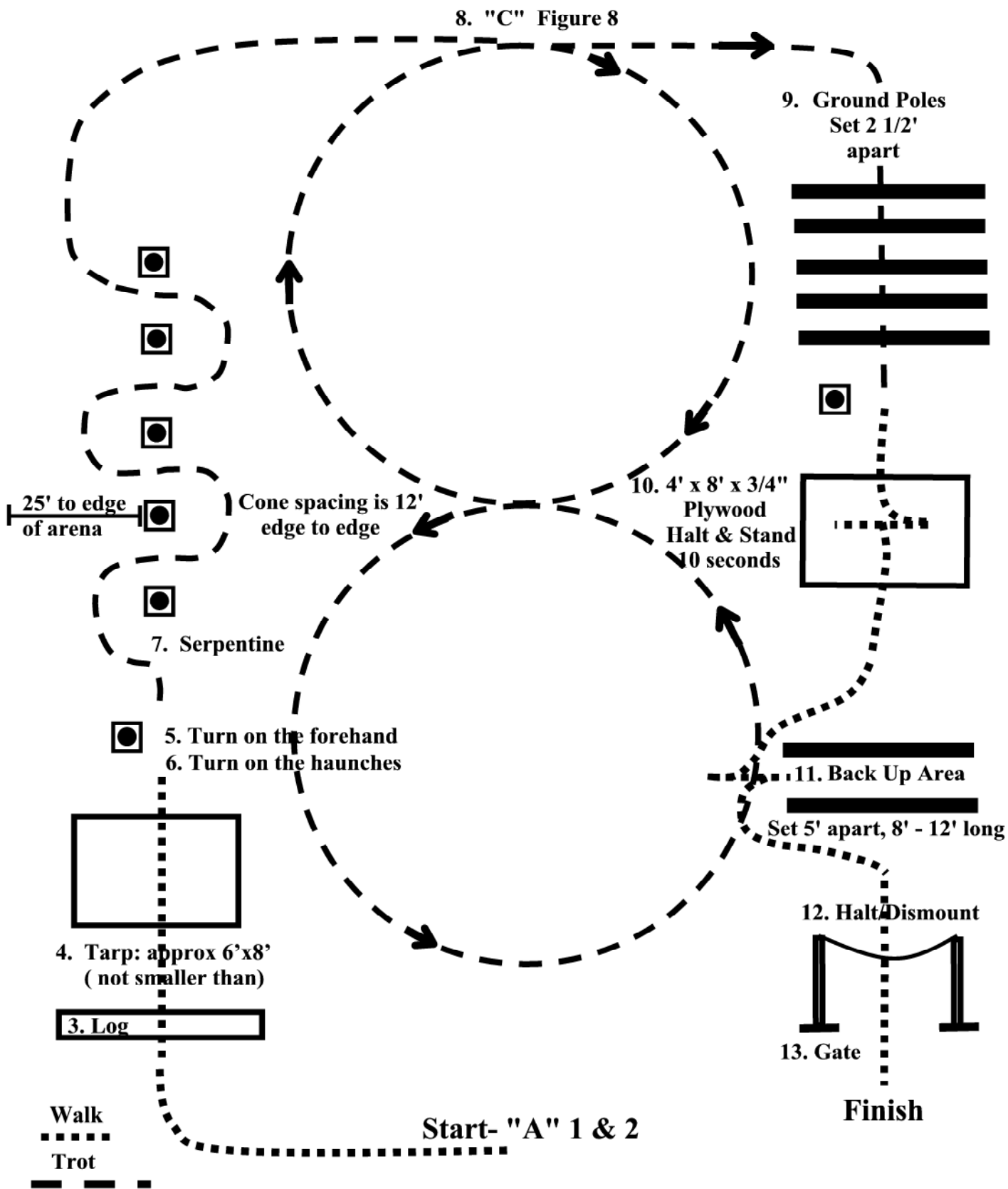
### **Test:**

1. Lead horse into arena saddled and bridled.
2. At "A," mount your horse and stand for 30 seconds. Salute evaluators.
3. Proceed to and walk over log.
4. Continue over tarp.
5. At cone, stop and execute a 180° turn on the haunches.
6. Stop, then execute a 180° turn on the forehand.
7. Proceed at a trot and perform a serpentine (not a weave) through the cones, crossing perpendicularly between the cones and staying within a corridor extending 15 to 25 feet on either side of the centerline. Continue to "C."
8. Proceed to trot the figure 8 at "C." At a relaxed trot, perform a 20 meter ½ circle to the right, followed by a full 20 meter circle to the left and completed with another 20 meter ½ circle to the right. Continue at a trot.
9. Trot over ground poles, transitioning to a walk at the cone.
10. Proceed at a walk to the plywood approaching from the long side and position your horse centered on the plywood with the long side of the plywood parallel to the side of your horse. Halt

and stand 10 seconds.

11. Proceed to the backup area and enter walking forward from the inside of the arena. Continue until the nose of the horse has reached the opposite end of the parallel poles. Back out between the poles and proceed to the gate.
12. Halt, dismount. Horse should stand quietly during dismount. Hesitate 5-10 seconds.
13. Open rope gate by lifting the rope, lead horse through the gate and close gate without dropping the rope. Halt, acknowledge the evaluators. Congratulations, you are finished.

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# NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSE REGISTRY

## *Family Fjord*

### *Riding Test*

	Score	Comments
Behavior: Mounting (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Behavior: Standing (1-5 Points)		
Walk over Log & Tarp (1-5 Points)		
Turn on Haunches (1-5 Points)		
Turn on Forehand (1-5 Points)		
Serpentine (1-5 Points)		
Obedience & Consistency on Figure 8 - Circle & Semi-Circles (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Trot over Ground Poles (1-5 Points)		
Transition to Walk (1-5 Points)		
Turn & Stand on Plywood (1-5 Points)		
Back Up Between Poles (1-5 Points)		
Behavior: Dismount (1-5 Points)		
Lead horse through rope gate (1-5 Points)		
Body Position: Relaxation, Suppleness, Ability to Flex & Bend (1-5 Points)	X2=	
Submission, Attentiveness, Confidence, Obedience, Stability, Willingness to Cooperate with Handler (1-5)	X3=	

**TOTAL POINTS EARNED:**

**RIBBON COLOR:**

**OVERALL COMMENTS:**

*Signature of Evaluator #1*

*Signature of Evaluator #2*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Show No.:

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

NFHR Reg No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip No.: \_\_\_\_\_