

## 20 PATTERNS

**20.1** The NRCHA Board of Directors suggests the use of the patterns in the following section at NRCHA approved events. The following patterns are to be worked as stated, not as drawn. The drawn pattern is just to give the general idea of what the pattern will look like in the arena.

**20.2** Markers are mandatory for all patterns. Markers will be placed on the wall or fence of both sides of the arena to the approval of the judges with the following as a guideline:

20.2.1 At the center of the arena.

20.2.2 The 1 point penalty marker for cow work shall be placed at each corner of the arena.

20.2.3 The 2 point penalty marker for cow work shall be placed a minimum of 16 feet to a maximum of 24 feet past the 1 point penalty marker.

20.2.4 For herd work, the start line marker shall be approximately 60 - 70 feet from the back fence marker to the time line.

The judges shall be located approximately 120 feet from the back of the arena. The placement of the back fence marker shall be at the judge's discretion.

20.2.5 End markers for rein work shall be placed a minimum of 50 feet from end of the arena.

**20.3** Where designated in the pattern for stops to be beyond a marker, the horse should begin the stop after he/she passes the specified marker.

**20.4** Run in Patterns are drawn so that the bottom of the page represents the end of the arena entered by contestants and must be run as such. In the event that an arena has only one gate and it is in the exact middle of the side, that side shall represent the right side of the page the pattern is drawn on. Walk in patterns are to be started either facing towards or away from the Judge.

**20.5** All horses will be judged immediately upon entering the arena and judging will cease after the last maneuver. Any fault incurred prior to the commencement of a pattern will be scored accordingly.

**20.6** All judges decisions are final unless subject to the Self-Adjusted Monitor System.