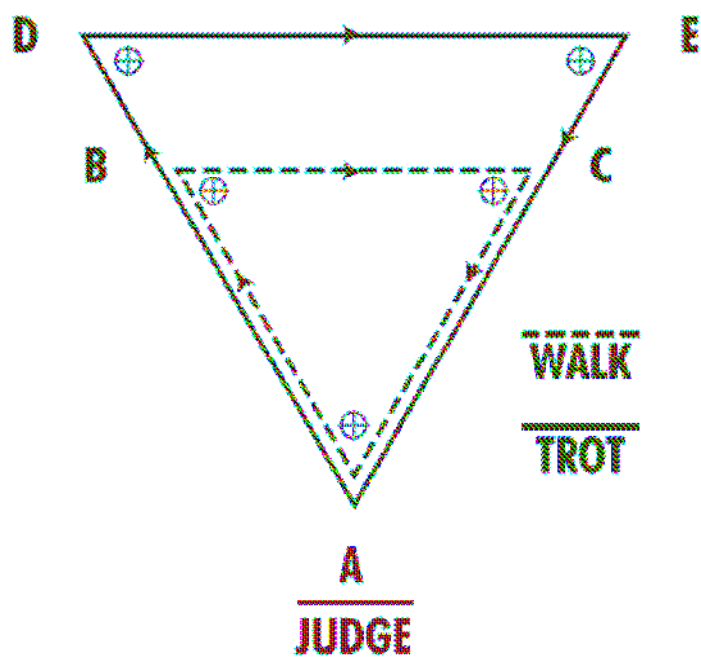


# Performance Halter In Hand Pattern



### 3. Class Conduct:

- a. Horses will be judged individually on the triangle, following a posted order.
- b. The horses will approach the judging area (A) and set up for inspection in the "open" position (i.e. with all four legs of the horse visible by the judge standing on either side of the horse). The judge shall inspect each horse from the front, rear and both sides. Transmissible weakness and/or conditions shall be counted strongly against animals .
- c. At the judge's request, the horse will then walk the small triangle ABCA. The horse will continue on at a trot following the large ADEA.
- d. At the completion of the judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. As one horse leaves, the next one will enter the judging area promptly.
- e. When all horses in the class have completed the triangle, they may be lined up for judges to place, or "ringing" (walking in a large group circle around the judges) may be used.
- f. An exhibitor may show more than one horse in a class on the triangle. In this case, a helper may assist in bringing the horses back for ringing or final inspection.

70 to 90 feet (21.34 to 27.43 m) between corner markers

4. Scoring System: 60% movement, 30% conformation, 10% temperament.

5. If a horse knocks over a cone or marker, they are to be scored accordingly. This does not constitute immediate disqualification but at the judge's discretion can be penalized in the temperament or movement score.

6. If a horse or exhibitor falls, they are to be scored accordingly. This does not constitute immediate disqualification but at the judge's discretion can be penalized in the temperament or movement score.

7. If a horse is off pattern either by completing the large triangle ADEA before the small triangle ABCA, by not displaying the correct gait while completing the corresponding triangle or by not submitting to inspection prior to completing the pattern, the entry shall be disqualified.

a. An appropriate penalty shall be assessed at the judge's discretion for break of gait during completion of the pattern, but this shall not constitute off pattern or immediate disqualification.

### 714. GENERAL PERFORMANCE RULES

A. Horses entered in all events must be serviceably sound and in good condition. Small blemishes on account of accident, for example, wire cuts and brands, are not to be counted against the horse.

B. No horse is to be penalized for the manner in which he carries his tail nor for normal response with his tail to cues from his exhibitor or when changing leads. A judge may at his discretion, penalize a horse for excessive or exaggerated switching or wringing of the tail or for a seemingly dead tail that merely dangles between the legs and does not show normal response. Tails may be lengthened by hair to hair attachment only, with no attachments of any kind to the tail bone.

C. Judging begins when the entrant enters the arena and ends when all judging is complete. After a judge has placed a class and signed the judge's cards, a class will not be re-judged and the judge's record shall not be changed. If clerical corrections, initiated by show official(s) are made to a judge's card, they must be approved and initialed by the judge. Once a judge's placings have been announced, no clerical corrections shall be made.

D. In all classes where backing is required, the judge may, at his discretion, require the backing of only the finalists in the class.