

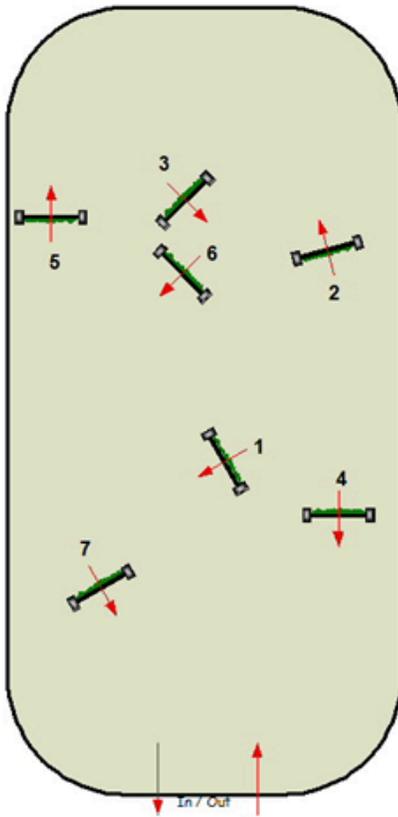
Course Design Recommendations for IEA Show Managers Best Practices

- Show managers should account for size and shape of arena when deciding how to set the lines. A twelve foot (12') stride may be too long in smaller arenas, especially for fences lower than 2'6"
- It is not recommended to set lines fewer than 4 strides.
- A plank or gate should NOT be used as the top element of a jump. When used it must be hung in a shallow or flat cup and a rail must be placed above it.
- Flower boxes can be used as ground lines per rule H4401.4
- In smaller arenas where there may be stick standards built into the wall or stick standards are placed up against the wall to allow for more arena space, the arena wall is considered the jump wing or standard per rule H4401.3
- Jump rails should be at least 8' long . Skinny fences are allowed but should be a minimum of 5'6" wide across the jumpable portion.
- All obstacles must have ground lines no shorter than 3' in length, i.e., flower boxes. Round rails are not suggested as ground lines.
- No false ground lines
- All verticals may be jumped in both directions provided ground lines are correct.
- The top element of all obstacles should be securely placed in deep cups so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown.

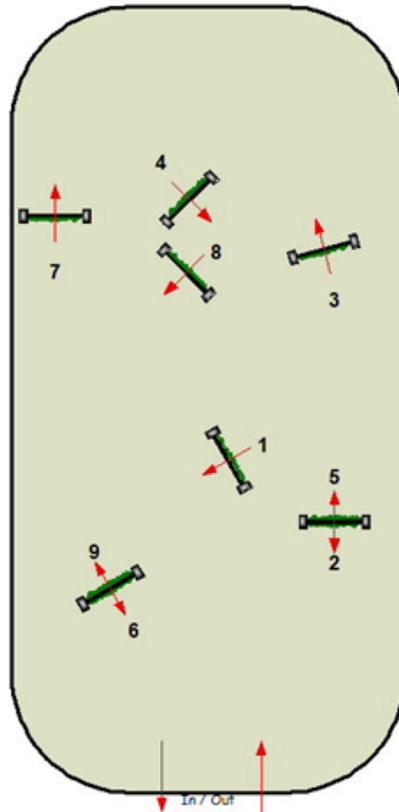
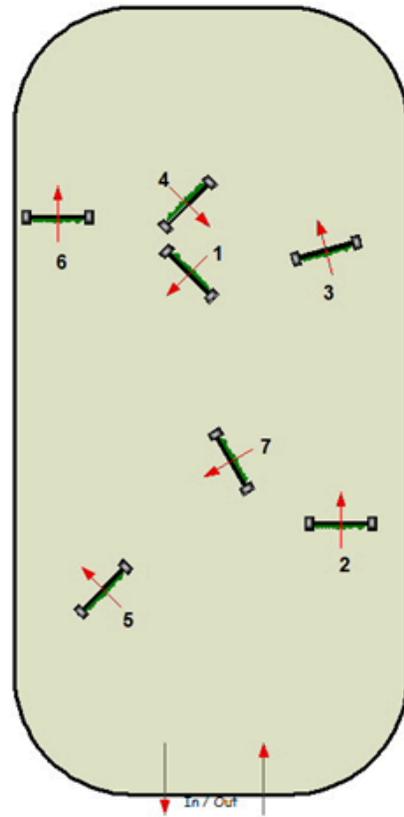
Course Design Best Practices

- Open and Intermediate courses should include at least 2 of the following: bending line, rollback, long approach to a single fence, end jump.
- It is helpful in lower level classes if the first fence rides towards the gate and is not part of a related distance to the second fence, when possible.
- Bending lines should be at least 5 strides. When setting bending lines and turns, consider using both leads equally.
- Roll backs: when possible should have both inside and outside turn options.
- Trot fences: Open trot jumps should be set at 2'. Trot fences may be lowered slightly in Intermediate and do not need to be lowered in Novice. Oxers are not allowed as trot fences.
- The first jump of the open course should be a vertical. The first jump of the open warm up should not be an oxer.
- Space permitting, a wing standard is preferred to guide the rider to the center of the jump. However, a stick standard (schooling standard) is allowed.
- When designing multiple courses it is helpful to keep in mind horses who are doing multiple levels. If a schooling course can be created to decrease the amount of wear on horses in multiple divisions it is advised.
- Shows with a larger number of participants should plan their courses accordingly. A course that ends on the far end of the arena (away from the gate) will add time to the show day.

**1. Open Over Fences
Fences 1-7**



**2. Intermediate Over Fences
Fences 1-7**



**Warm Up Course
for all
Open and Intermediate
Horses**