



USA WORKING EQUITATION

Approving Course Designs (See Rulebook section 6.4)



Goal: Make sure the course meets all technical requirements.

What's not the Goal: Comment on the quality of the course design.

What's Required:

- Minimum number of obstacles is included for each level:
 - L1, L2, L3 10 minimum
 - L4, L5 11 minimum
 - L6, L7 12 minimum
- Obstacles are appropriate for the level (refer to Rulebook table 6-1)
- Obstacles are 30' apart for the line of travel between successive obstacles
- Obstacles are 30' from the line of travel to the entrance/exit
- Entrance/exit markers are within the perimeter of the arena
- Obstacles are numbered
- Course markers are included where appropriate, and have red on the right

What else to look for:

- Grouped obstacles are clearly marked
- Obstacles are equitably positioned for LH or RH riders
- Obstacles that are used twice:
 - Have at least one obstacle in between
 - There's enough time for a reset (if needed) before the second pass
- The map is clearly marked to indicate which obstacles are applicable to each level
- Any special course executions are clearly explained (e.g., first direction for the Pen)
- The course legend identifies each performance level and obstacles match the course exactly

Safety Considerations:

The course map is likely not drawn to scale so distances from perimeter fencing or other obstacles may be misleading. However, it's important to consider the position of obstacles being performed at speed. Ask a question if there is some doubt about safety, e.g.,

- Bridge set to require a 90-degree turn before or after
- Entrance/exit markers close to an arena corner or wall