EXCEPTIONAL HORSE SHOW

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Judge:Ron Morris

Showmanship at

Halter • Stock Seat Equitaton • Trail • Barrels • Poles

Ribbons to ALL Placings in ALL Divisions

1ST PLACE BUCKLES IN ALL CLASSES

A • B • C • D

CLOSING DATE:SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

POST ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ON SITE OR ONLINE AFTER CLOSING DATE.

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NM State Fair 2026 General Horse Show Rules

Horse Department Manager: Mariah Wilson
505-803-3228 NMHorseshows@gmail.com
Show Secretary: Lisa Benavidez JBella67@outlook.com
Stall Manager/Horse Hospitality: Tammy Eldred 505-274-4774
Show Location: 300 San Pedro, Albuquerque, NM 87108 Gate 6

Entries: Pre-entry closing date is September 1, 2026. All entries will be online at NMStateFair.Horsespot.net. There are no post entry fees for online entries. Payment by check or credit card will not be required until check-in. Pre-entries are encouraged for expedited gate admissions and preferred stabling assignments. Cattle, Dressage, and Western Dressage will require entries by Closing date of August 25, 2026. All Entries pay Office fee per Exhibitor/Horse as designated by each show's specified rules and entry requirements. Pre-ordered shavings by closing date will be at your stalls on arrival. PRE-ENTRIES online are ENCOURAGED! No need to print entry form. Any signature pages can be completed at check-in or with online signature. All entry requirements can be done with the new online platform! Coggins and health certificates can also be uploaded on HorseSpot.

Payment: Checks payable to EXPO NM or valid credit card required upon arrival to receive back number. You may send entry by email without payment to the secretary or go completely through the online entry platform with HorseSpot. You do not need to use a credit card to confirm your online entry! To obtain back number, each horse will need to submit health certificate (dated within 30 days), leave an open check or credit card form, and liability waiver for all participants. Adult signature is required for minors. Bad checks and declined credit cards incur $50/occurrence fee.

Check-In: All entries will be assigned stall or designated parking for trailer-in when they enter Gate 6. There is a Horse Hut office attendant that will greet you and guide you to your stall area. When your horses are settled, the south office in the indoor horse complex will check you in. Please refer to the NMLB website for further requirements by State. On Site/post entries are accepted for all shows EXCEPT Cattle, Dressage, and Western Dressage.

Check-Out: Health papers (if not uploaded) will be returned upon departure and proper payment form verified at the end of the show. Checks must be signed and open to participate or complete credit card authorization form on file. You will be emailed a full statement with results within 5 days of your event with completed charges. CLOSED CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Your check will be filled out only after results and full event financial review has been completed, within 5 days.

Office: Will be open 1 hour before the start of the competition daily and stay open at least 1 hour after final class. Check-in for groups of 6 or more are advised to contact the secretary for a time slot. Please call Lisa Benavidez 505-916-6634.

Scratched/Added classes: Entries will only be charged for classes they participate in and may add or scratch during the show through the HorseSpot.net platform with no penalty. Exception: Dressage, Western Dressage and Cattle classes.

Feed & Bedding: Shavings and feed may be pre-ordered on entry form/online entry for $12/bag. Orders for shavings can be added to your pre-entry or purchased through the show office or HorseSpot. No outside shavings are allowed without veterinary certification of medical need.

Arenas: Indoor arena 117' x 250'. Outdoor arenas 125; x 264'. Footing is sandy loam in all arenas.

Stall Assignments: Pre-entered horses may request stall areas. We cannot guarantee those stalls will be available. Groups of horses or trainers contact Tammy Eldred for group stabling 505-274-4774. Stalls may be accessed after 5pm the night before the event and must be vacated at the end of the day of show entered (considered 1 stall). Only one animal per stall. Tack rooms must be added to a horse's entry to reserve at the rate of $25/night or day and not included with $30 base office fee. The stall chart will be available at the Gate 6 entry Horse Hut. All horses must pay for a stall or Trailer-In fee. Day tripper parking in East outdoor Roping pen on limited basis and not guaranteed. No parking in front of stalls is allowed unless actively loading or unloading. NO UNHOOKED trailers in front of stalls. ***NEW MEXICO STATE FAIRGROUNDS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ITEMS LEFT UNATTENDED.***

Parking: Designated unloading zones have a 45-minute limit. There is no parking in barn aisles or leaving trailers unhooked for any reason. Vehicle parking for exhibitors will be available, on a limited basis, in the Gate 6 area with parking pass. Each Horse entered will include 1 parking pass and 2 admission tickets. Any additional parking passes and/or admissions passes will need to be purchased at the horse show office during check-in. Support vehicles during set up will need to purchase additional passes for show days. The entry for horse trailers and exhibitors is Gate 6 at the northwest corner of the grounds. This is south of Lomas on the east side on San Pedro (across from McDonald's). Gate 6 is open from 6am to 9pm daily. After hours arrivals/departures use Gate 3, which is further south on San Pedro at the Copper stop light. Only right-hand turns are possible during the State Fair (traveling north on San Pedro. The only exception is Saturday September 12th during the parade on Central.

Trailer Parking: There is no on-site (unhooked) trailer parking. The armory located at 600 Wyoming Blvd., Albuquerque, NM 87123 is a secure site for trailers to be unhooked while you show. Parking in the lot at gate 6 is for passenger vehicles only. You may obtain parking passes for the off-site parking at the horse show office. Maps are available at show office. Limited parking is available for day trip haul-in for shows in the far East Roping arena for fully-hitched exhibitors only.

Prize List Corrections/Changes: The NM state Fair reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret these Competition Requirements, to fairly and impartially settle, determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to these Competition Requirements as its judgments may determine. The NM State Fair reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if determined necessary. See each division for any specific or special Competition Requirements.

Dogs: No dogs are allowed in competition arenas or warm-up areas.

Motorized Vehicles: No golf carts or private motorized vehicles are allowed.

Protective Headgear: Any Exhibitor may wear protective headgear in any division or class without penalty from the judge. USEF strongly encourages all Exhibitors to wear protective headgear. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor, parent, guardian, or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see that the headgear worn complies with safety standards and is properly fitted and in good condition.

Prize Money & Awards: Payouts will be issued to the exhibitor of the class within 30 days. W-9 and full account payment required for all entries. Buckles/Awards will be awarded onsite at the conclusion of each show. **Winners must pick up all awards, or they will be forfeited and awarded to the next eligible winner. We will not ship awards.** Ribbons will be awarded through 6th place. HorseSpot will be tracking results and rankings as the shows take place!

Photographers: Lauren Aston Photography will be covering arenas for competition photos. Online galleries are available to view and purchase your winning moments.

Sponsorships: Expanded Awards in this division are all thanks to local support and sponsorships. Sponsor forms are available on the NM State Fair website. Arena Banner sponsorships are also available to show your support for this great event and get your business in front of a major public audience! Contact NMHorseshows@gmail.com for additional forms.

Gate Calls: The two-minute gate will be enforced. The gate will close two minutes after the first horse enters the ring or in cases with large classes taking more than two minutes, after the entry of the final horse in a continuous string of horses. If tack changes are necessary, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the gate person and request a three-minute gate hold. Note: Due to unforeseeable problems with the mechanical devices, the paddock and barn calls over the PA system are considered COURTESY. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be sure that his/her horse is at the gate at the prescribed time.

Refusal of Entry/Protest: All decisions made by the Judge and/or Show Management are final and cannot be protested. Show Management reserves the right to ask any exhibitor to leave the show grounds for any reason including but not limited to unsportsmanlike like conduct, intoxication, and animal cruelty.

Enter Online/Signature Pages/Upload Horse Papers/Health Certs

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Check your results, rankings, entry info, updates, add/scratch classes, and more!

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Eligibility to Compete: Exhibitors MUST have a physical and or cognitive disability in order to participate in any of the above classes.

Membership: This a "play day" event with no national points or organization recognitions. No membership is required. The Arabian Horse Association of New Mexico, (AHANM) will count the points earned in this show to go towards year-end high point awards for AHANM members. Visit www.NMArabs.org for optional membership and year-end additional eligibility.

Prizes: Buckles awarded for 1st Place winner of all classes. Additional sponsored prizes may be available and posted at the show. Every exhibitor will get a ribbon for all the places 1st-6th in every class. Participation ribbons for all placings past 6th.

Entry Fees: Each EXHIBITOR pays a one-time office base fee of $40. This office fee covers parking and admission for 1 vehicle and 2 admission passes for Wednesday, September 16th. Each class is $10 in addition to the office base fee.

Safety/Conduct: This show will follow the general practices for safety and rules for similar Special Olympic events. All Exhibitors must wear helmets, boots and long-sleeve shirt with jeans. Supported Exhibitors may have as many handlers as needed for safety.

Horses: Horse changes are permitted throughout the competition. Divisional changes are not. You may only choose one division.

Handlers: Are attached or present with participant for SAFETY ONLY. Points will be deducted from participant if handler is assisting participant or horse verbally or physically. The only exception to this rule is if you need to assist for SAFTEY. If a handler must step in for safety reasons points will not be deducted from participant.

Equipment: Breakaway stirrups encouraged. May use any reins that participant is comfortable with. (For example, Roping reins, split reins etc) for any event. Halter may be worn under bridle with lead rope secured to saddle or held by handler. No lead ropes attached to shanks of curb bits.

Speed Event Penalties:
If you break into the next gait, you will receive a 5 second penalty for every 3 steps. You are given 3 strides to correct without a penalty. For example, if you are signed up for a walk class you must walk and not break into a trot. If you are in a trot class you must trot and not break into a lope. If gait is broken continuously throughout pattern, you will be disqualified. 3 gait penalties will incur a "No Time."

LEVEL RULES: Each Exhibitor must declare a single division on entry form. Each Exhibitor competes in eligible classes only one level. Please choose the most appropriate division for exhibitor's safety. Exhibitors must be entered in classes that correspond to their abilities. Handlers may choose to be attached or unattached at time of event. You may ONLY ENTER one Halter, one Stock Seat, one Trail, one Barrel and one Pole class.

LEVELS: YOU MUST CHOOSE ONLY <u>ONE</u> LEVEL FOR RIDER THROUGHOUT COMPETITION.

D - Walk Only. Horse handler uses attached lead rope to control horse. Handler gives instruction and physical assistance to Exhibitor as needed. Exhibitor may also have side walkers.

C - Walk Only. Can be attached or unattached. If horse handler is attached to lead rope it is for safety only. Exhibitor independently maneuvers horse without verbal or physical assistance from handler. May have handler and side walkers. Exhibitor is 100% in charge of horse, not handler. Handlers may assist for safety reasons only and rider will not be penalized.

B – Trot. Can be attached or unattached. If horse handler is attached to lead rope it is for safety only. Exhibitor independently maneuvers horse without verbal or physical assistance from handler. May have handler and side walkers. Exhibitor is 100% in charge of horse, not handler. Handlers may assist for safety reasons only and rider will not be penalized.

A – Lope - No handler or assistants in the arena with Exhibitor. Exhibitor is completely independent.

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State Fair Show Schedule
Exceptional Horse Show
Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Indoor Horse Arena 9:00am

525. Showmanship at Halter D
526. Showmanship at Halter C
527. Showmanship at Halter B
528. Showmanship at Halter A

15 Minute Break

529. Stock Seat Equitation D
530. Stock Seat Equitation C
531. Stock Seat Equitation B
532. Stock Seat Equitation A

Lunch Break

Indoor Horse Arena Not Before 12pm

533. Trail D
534. Trail C
535. Trail B
536. Trail A
*537. In-Hand Trail

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Outdoor East Arena 10am-1pm

Open Card Format (Any order)

538. Barrel Racing D
539. Barrel Racing C
540. Barrel Racing B
541. Barrel Racing A

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Outdoor East Arena 1:30-4pm

Open Card Format (Any Order)

542. Pole Bending D
543. Pole Bending C
544. Pole Bending B
545. Pole Bending A

***Class # 537, In-Hand trail is a completely different class by itself. ONLY FOR THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO COMPETE IN TRAIL CLASSES 533-536**

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2026 NM State Fair
Exceptional Show Entry Form

Enter Online! NMStateFair.Horsespot.net

Exhibitor:

Name_____

Address_____

_____

Phone(_____)_____ Email _____

Level: _____ *Must be the same Level for all classes. Circle Class Number.

Classes	D	C	B	A
SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER	**525**	**526**	**527**	**528**
STOCK SEAT EQUITATION	**529**	**530**	**531**	**532**
TRAIL	**533**	**534**	**535**	**536**
IN HAND TRAIL CAN NOT HAVE ENTERED TRAIL CLASS	***537**			
BARREL RACING	**538**	**539**	**540**	**541**
POLE BENDING	**542**	**543**	**544**	**545**

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All Entries upon Check-In Need:

- ○ Online or Entry Form with Level
- ○ Liability Signed (Adult required)

Total Class Fees ($10/class) $ _____

Office Fees Per Exhibitor $ 40

Other Optional Fees

Added Sponsorship $_____

Shavings $12/bag $_____

TOTAL FEES DUE $_____

ENTRIES CLOSE – September 1, 2026

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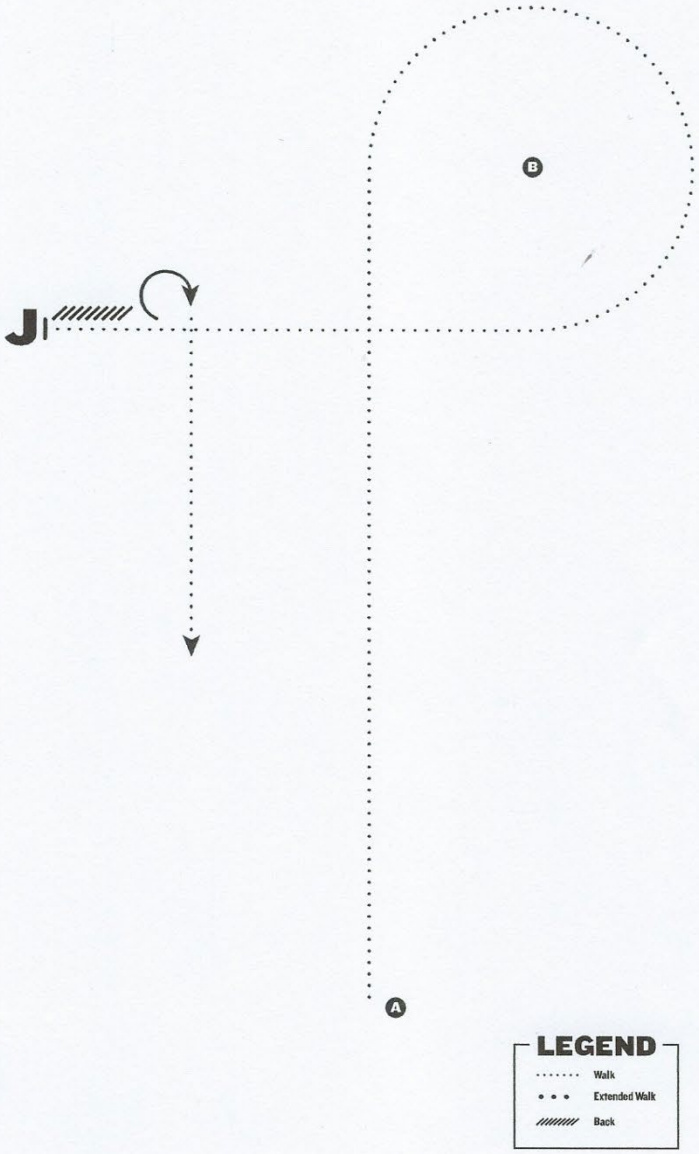
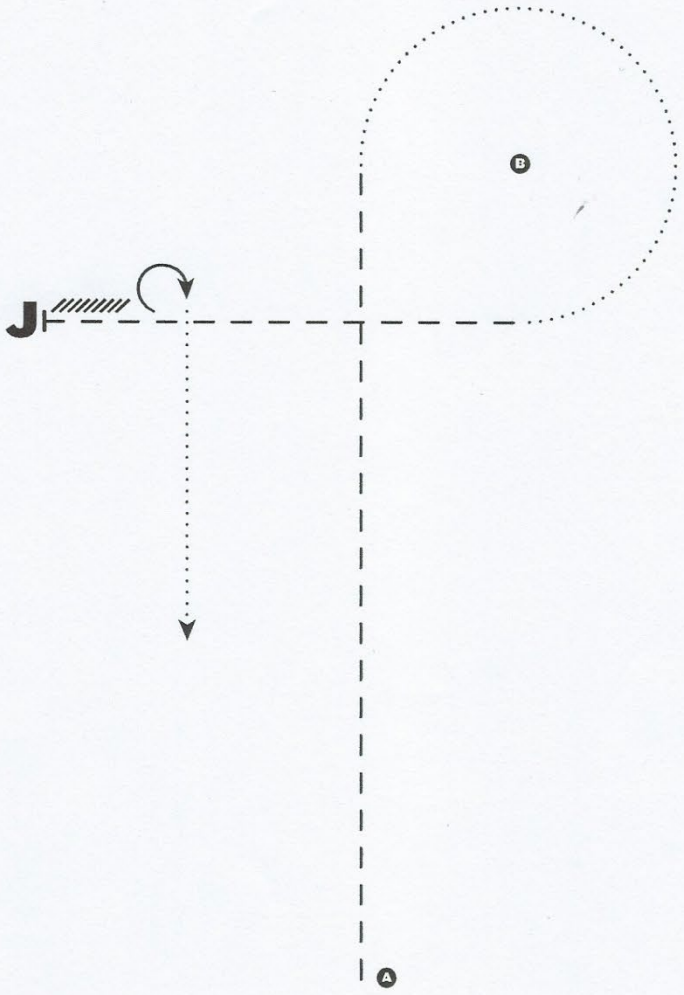
2026 Showmanship Pattern
C & D Level



1. Be ready at A, walk from A to B
2. At B, continue walking three quarters of a circle around B
3. Continue walking to judge
4. At judge, stop, set up
5. Inspection
6. When dismissed, back approximately one horse length
7. Perform a 270° turn and walk away, pattern is complete

Note: Cones should be set in a manner that is the most appropriate for the class, arena and maneuvers.

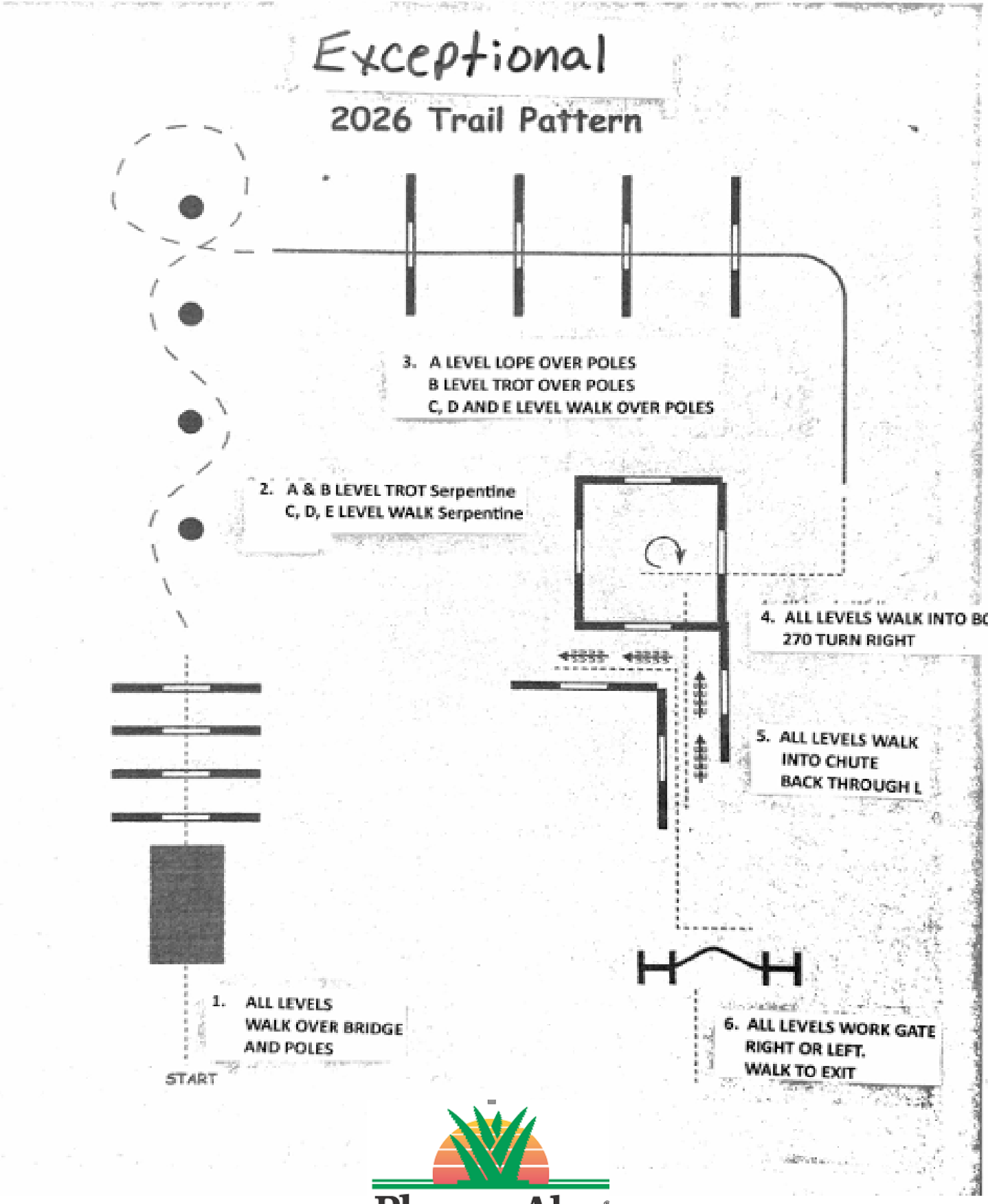
2026 Showmanship Pattern
A & B Level



1. Be ready at A, trot from A to B
2. At B, walk and continue walking three quarters of a circle around B
3. When even with B, trot to judge
4. At judge, stop, set up
5. Inspection
6. When dismissed, back approximately one horse length
7. Perform a 270° turn and walk away, pattern is complete

Note: Cones should be set in a manner that is the most appropriate for the class, arena and maneuvers.

2026 Exceptional Trail Pattern Levels A,B,C,D and In hand Trail



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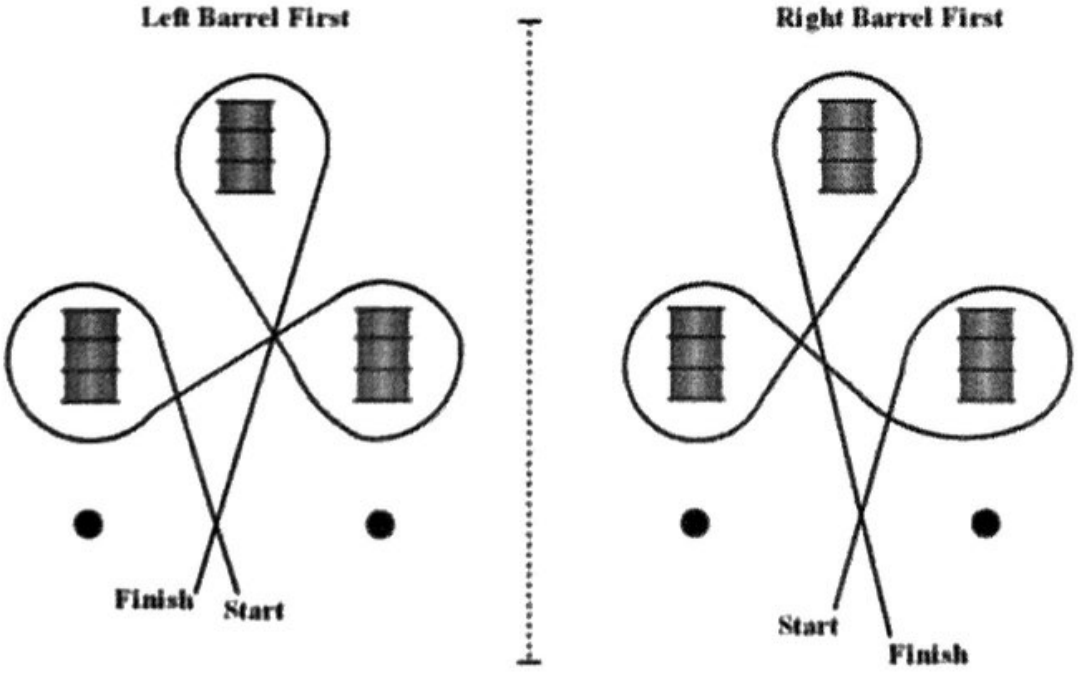
Barrel Racing

Classes 538, 539, 540, 541

Barrel Racing

An exciting race against the clock in which exhibitors follow a course consisting of three barrels in a triangular "cloverleaf" pattern. Riders choose to circle either the right or left barrel first, race to the opposite barrel and complete the course after circling the third barrel and racing down the center of the three barrels to stop the timer. Knocking over a barrel carries a five-second penalty.



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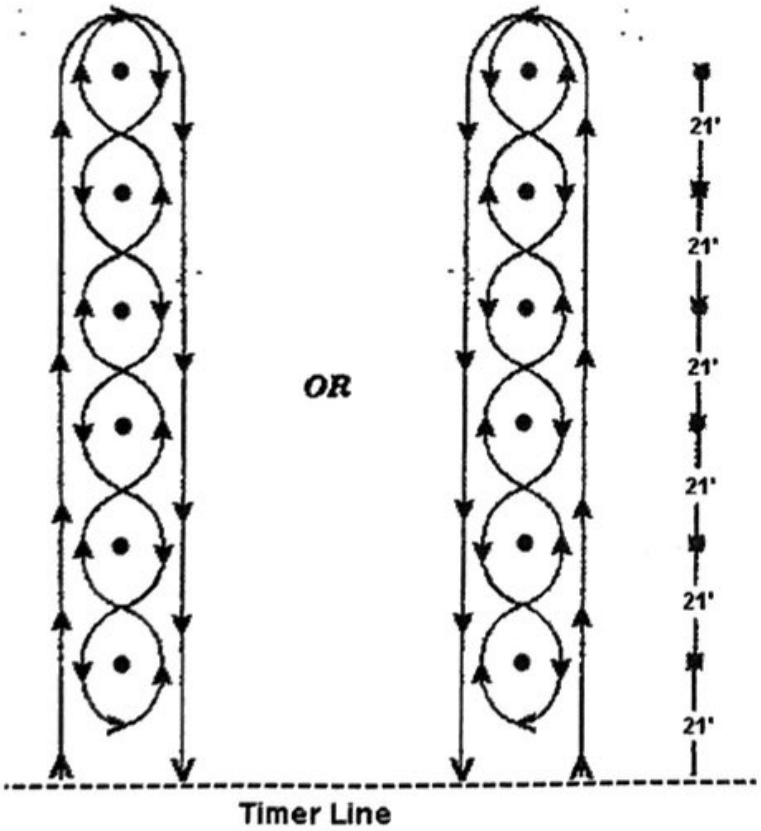
Pole Bending

Classes 542, 543, 544, 545

Pole Bending

A timed event in which the speed and agility of the horse are tested as horse and rider twice weave through a course of six poles spaced 21 feet apart, twice circling end poles before turning and racing to the finish line. The pattern must be followed exactly. A five-second penalty is added for each pole knocked down.



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For and in consideration of New Mexico State Fair, dba Expo NM ("**Expo"**) allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a Exhibitor, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in both sanctioned/non-sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities of the Equine Events ("**Events"**); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors,, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement ("**Agreement"**):

A. **RULES AND REGULATIONS**: I hereby agree to be bound and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of Expo as published in the Premium Book and on the website at www.statefair.exponm.com, as amended from time to time.

B. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK**: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers **("Risks")**.

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CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Under the laws of most States, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

C. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK**: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any Event.

D. **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY**: In conjunction with my participation in any Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: New Mexico State Fair, Expo NM, Recognized Affiliate Associations, Members, Event participants (including athletes/Exhibitors, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where an Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties **(Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers")**, with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature **("Liability")** which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. **COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

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rainer or Custodian of horse @ show **** Mandatory Must be Adult**	rint lame	*Adult ignature
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xhibitor 3 **** Mandatory Must be Adult**	rint lame	*Adult ignature
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