

Dear Exhibitors,

We have attempted to make our trail course patterns interesting, fun, rideable, and a great opportunity to display your horses training and obedience.

We have a wide range of sizes, ages, and skill levels in riders, handlers, and horses. We have attempted to suit ALL without the necessity to reset the course.

You may find one particular obstacle interesting...the "Y". This is an arrangement of poles that exhibitors are asked to ride or lead **over, thru, and back thru**. Because of the varying distance between poles, you may be able to make minor adjustments in your line of travel to accommodate your horse's stride.

The instructions may appear confusing at times. To help with reading and riding the patterns and doing well in your trail classes, we offer some hints below.

Read all of the directions very carefully and imagine going through the course while looking at the pattern on paper.

The lines indicate the gait to be used, for example:

Walk is a short dash (almost a dot)

Trot/Jog is a dashed line - - - - -


Extended Trot/Jog is a longer dashed line - - - - -


Canter/Lope is a solid line _____

Hint... It may be helpful to mark the line of travel with a colored highlighter – use a different color for each gait.

Transitions may be indicated with an "#" or "X" but often not.

Be sure to look at all the directional arrows.

This is the symbol for side pass 

This is the symbol for back 

This symbol ▲ may not always be a cone. It could be a tree, bucket, etc.

Know your pivot degrees. 360° is a full turn, 270° is a 3/4 turn, 180° is a half turn, etc. Look at the pivot arrow for the direction you need to turn.

Please read the written instructions carefully. If, after reviewing the pattern, you have any questions, don't hesitate to email us at yucaipahorseshow@gmail.com before the show, or you can always ask us at the show.

The trail class is not a race so take your time. If needed, stop and settle your horse a moment before moving to the next obstacle.

If you have difficulty with an obstacle, you may attempt it three times before it is considered a refusal at which time your Judge may instruct you to move on to the next obstacle.

Ranch trail riders – when you do the rope drag, for safety DO NOT dally the rope around the horn. The item will be light – just hold the rope with your hand.

Paid warm-up time will be available prior to judging. ***If you would like a trail warm up, please enter class # 49 “Trail Warm Up”.*** This gives you the opportunity to practice on the trail obstacles for at least 7 minutes.

There are no set times for trail warm up, and availability will be at the discretion of the Trail Ring Steward to keep the trail classes running smoothly. You may be asked to wait. Multiple riders/handlers and horses may work the obstacles at the same time during warm up and they may work them in any order. Of course we ask that you be considerate of others.

The Trail Course will be open from approximately 10am to 3pm. We use an Open Trail Class System – you will not be called for your trail class, and there is no specific order of go. You need to report to the Trail Course for judging as time allows between your rail classes.

For more information on Trail Warm-up and our Open Trail Class System, please read the FAQ and Class Description Documents on our website www.YucaipaEquestrianCenter.com (Horse Show page).

Thank you! Good luck and have fun!!! YEAC