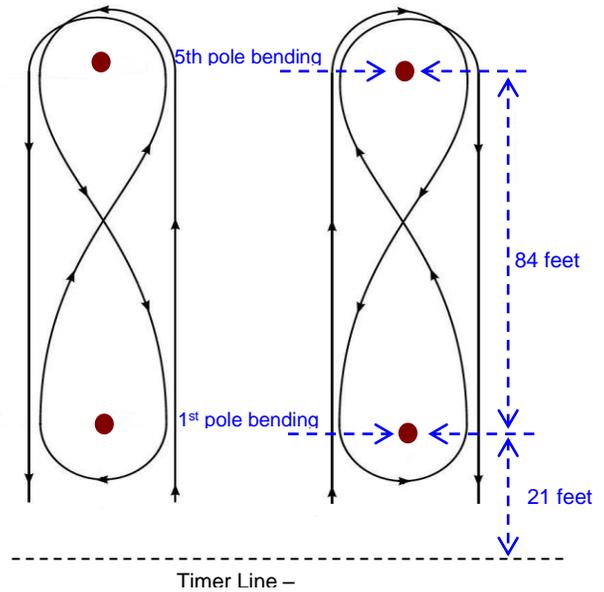


STAKE RACE

Event Description – AAYHA will use the following rules for the Stake Race.

1. AAYHA unique rules for the stake race will require participants will accomplish a figure-eight pattern around two poles fast as possible according to the Stake Race pattern in the following manner:
 - a. Run straight down the right or left side of the poles to the 2nd pole, making either a left or a right-handed turn around the pole
 - b. Run on a diagonal to the 1st pole and make a turn in the opposite direction
 - c. Run on a diagonal back to the 2nd pole and repeat the 1st turn
 - d. Run straight back down either the left or the right side of the poles (down the opposite side from where you started) and cross the finish (timer) line.
2. Penalties – Knocking over a pole or failure to follow the pattern shall cause a disqualification.



General Speed Rules

1. In speed events, running through the gate and/or starting before the gate is closed is permitted and will not constitute a disqualification. However the participant must run back to a closed gate.
2. In Speed events, the intentional throwing of equipment will result in a five (5) second penalty.
3. The judge, at his/her discretion, may disqualify a contestant for excessive use of a bat, crop, whip or rope in front of the cinch.
4. Shirts must be tucked in when show participants enter the arena. For a shirt to be considered “not tucked in”, the shirt *tail* must be on the outside of the exhibitor’s pants at the time of entry into the arena. A rider whose shirt becomes “un-tucked” during the course of the ride after entry into the arena will not incur a penalty.
5. In speed events, unless otherwise specified, time will begin when the horse’s nose FIRST crosses the timer line and stops when the horse’s nose crosses the timer line a SECOND time. If any part of the horse crosses the timer line BEFORE completing the course, rider will receive a no time for any speed event.
6. Failure to follow pattern will cause a disqualification. When a participant is disqualified, they are counted in the total number of participants of that event for award point determination, however, a disqualification results in NO points for that contestant.