

Patterns for Competition - 2024

4-H Level 1 - Pattern



- 1. Walk around corner
- 2. Jog to center of arena
- 3. Stop and perform a 180° hindquarter turn to the Left and a 180° hindquarter turn to the Right (either direction first)
- 4. Jog away from center starting a circle
- 5. Lope right lead around end of arena and back to center
- 6. Perform simple lead change at center of arena
- 7. Lope left lead around corner to end of arena
- 8. Stop and back

Note: True Level 1 riders not assessed to lope yet may continue jogging lope sections of pattern without penalty.

4-H Level 2 - Pattern



- 1. Pivot on the forehand- 360° each direction
- 2. Trot along perimeter to center; stop facing judge
- 3. Trot a medium size circle to the left; at center pick up left lead
- 4. Lope 2 circles to the left large fast then small slow
- 5. Stop at center
- 6. Trot a medium size circle to the right; at center pick up right lead
- 7. Lope 2 circles to the right large fast then small slow
- 8. Just beyond center; stop and back 10 feet

4-H Level 3 – Pattern with Cow work



- 1. Lope along perimeter: go past center marker and do right rollback
- 2. Continue back around end of arena at lope; go past center marker and do rollback to left
- 3. Continue to lope around end of arena and close into circles
- Lope 2 circles to the left; 1st Large & Fast, 2nd Small & Slow
- 5. At center of arena change leads (simple or flying)
- Lope 2 circles to the right; 1st Large & Fast, 2nd Small & Slow
- Lope additional large, fast circle but do not close. Continue loping down fence past center marker
- 8. Stop and back at least 10 feet
- 9. Call for Cow

Cow Work - Box Drive Box Drive (1 min 45 sec)

4-H Level 4 – Pattern with Cow work



- 1. Run up center of arena past end marker and stop
- 2. Complete 2 ¹/₂ spins to the left
- 3. Run down to other end of arena, past end marker and stop
- 4. Complete 2 ¹/₂ spins to the right
- 5. Run past the center marker and stop
- 6. Back at least 10 feet in a straight line
- Complete ¼ turn to the left, hesitate. Beginning on right lead – complete 2 circles to the right, the first small and slow, the second large and fast
- 8. Change to left lead Lope 2 circles to the left, the first small and slow, the second large and fast
- 9. Change to the right lead Lope around end of arena to the other side and stop past center marker
- 10. Hesitate to complete pattern
- 11. Signal to call for cow

Cow Work

- 1. Box cow on end of arena
- 2. Drive cow down fence past halfway point and show 1 fencing turn in each direction
- 3. Rope or Circle
 - Rope with breakaway honda, dally and stop OR Circle cow in each direction

4-H Colts – Ranch Riding Pattern



- 1. Walk
- 2. Trot Serpentine
- Lope left lead around the end of the arena and then diagonally across the arena
- 4. Change leads (simple or flying)
- 5. Lope right lead around end of arena
- 6. Extend lope on straight away and around corner to center of arena
- 7. Extend trot around corner
- 8. Collect trot
- 9. Trot over logs
- 10.Stop 360° turn each direction
 - (L-R or R-L)
- 11. Walk, Stop and Back

VRH Reining – Juniors (Ages 8-10) and Colts 2/3



1. Trot along far side or arena and into center - transition into lope at center

- 2. Lope circle to left
- 3. Change leads (simple or flying)
- 4. Lope circle to right

5. Change leads (simple or flying)6. Continue on the left lead around the end, continue up the middle of arena past end marker. Stop.

7.1 ½ turns to left.

8. Lope down middle of arena past end marker. Stop.

9. 1 ¹/₂ turns to right

10. Lope down middle of arena past center marker. Stop and Back at least 10 feet.

After completion of reining pattern, call for cow.

VRH Reining – Intermediates (Ages 11-13)



- 1. From entry end of arena Lope in past center marker, stop and back at least 10 feet.
- ¼ turn to left. Complete 2 circles to the left. The first circle large and fast, the second circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of arena. (Simple or flying)
- 3. Complete 2 circles to the right. The first circle large and fast, the second circle small and slow. Change leads at the center of arena. (Simple or flying)
- 4. Continue around end of arena at lope. Run down center of arena past end marker and stop.
- 5. Complete 2 ½ spins to the left.
- 6. Rundown center of arena past end marker and stop.
- 7. Complete 2 ½ spins to right. Hesitate to complete pattern.

After completion of reining pattern, call for cow.

VRH Reining - Seniors (Ages 14-18) and Advanced Colt 4/5



- 1. Trot to center of arena facing the judge and come to stop.
- 2. Complete 2 circles to the left; the first small and slow, the second large and fast. Change leads in center of arena.
- 3. Complete 2 circles to the right; the first small and slow, the second large and fast. Change leads in center of arena
- Begin a large circle to the left but do not close this circle. Run down center of arena past middle marker and do a rollback to the left – no hesitation.
- 5. Run to the opposite end of the arena past the middle marker and do a rollback right no hesitation.
- 6. Run past the middle marker, stop and back at least 10 feet.
- 7. Spin three times to the right. Hesitate.
- 8. Spin three times to the left. Hesitate to show completion of reining portion of pattern.

After completion of reining pattern, call for cow.



VRH Ranch Riding (Juniors and Colts 2/3)

- 1. Walk
- 2. Extended Trot
- 3. Walk
- 4. Stop and side pass left
- 5. Trot
- 6. Lope right lead
- 7. Simple lead change and lope left lead
- 8. Trot
- 9. Stop and Back
- 10. ½ turn right



VRH Ranch Riding (Intermediate, Senior, Colts 4/5)

AQHA Ranch Riding Pattern 10

- 1. Walk
- 2. Extended Trot
- 3. Walk
- 4. Stop, side pass left over log
- 5. Trot
- 6. Lope right lead
- 7. Extended Lope right lead
- 8. Collect lope and change leads (simple or flying)
- 9. Lope left lead
- 10. Stop and Back
- 11. ½ turn right
- 12. Trot



Working Cow Horse Classes

Juniors (Ages 8-10) and Colts 2/3 - Boxing - 50 second time limit

- 1. Call for cow by raising hand or similar upon completion of reining pattern
- 2. Box cow Control cow on entry end of arena for duration of time allowed.
- 3. Completion of time and run will be signified by judge's whistle or announcer time limit.

Intermediates (Ages 11-13) and Colts 4/5 - Box/Drive/Box/Drive - 1 min 45 sec time limit (50 second warning)

- 1. Call for cow by raising hand or similar upon completion of reining pattern
- 2. Box cow Control cow on entry end of arena for sufficient time to demonstrate horse's ability to hold cow
- 3. Set up cow and Drive down fence to opposite end of arena
- 4. Box cow on opposite end of arena
- 5. Drive cow back down fence line past center marker. Run is complete when center marker is passed or by judge's whistle

Seniors (Ages 14-18) - VRH Ranch Cow Work - 3 minute time limit (60 second warning)

- 1. Call for cow by raising hand or similar upon completion of reining pattern
- 2. Box the cow on the entry end of arena for sufficient time to demonstrate horse's ability to hold cow
- 3. Set up cow and drive down arena past halfway marker. Turn the cow on the fence at least once in each direction.
- 4. Roping OR Circling
- a. To rope cow pull up after fence work, take rope down and rope the cow. A breakaway honda must be used. Dally and stop to break away. Two loops are allowed.
- b. To circle cow maneuver the cow smoothly at least 360 degrees in each direction. Judge will whistle once to signal completion of circling.