Patterns for Montana 4-H Horse Shows

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The patterns in this book are to be used solely and exclusively for Montana 4-H horse shows and for clinics sponsored by Montana 4-H. Patterns for uses other than Montana 4-H are available by subscription through HorseShowPatterns.com.

Tips for pattern users:

- These patterns are presented as ideas and options to consider for county and state 4-H horse shows in Montana. Use of these patterns is not required.

- Always check the pattern against the project assessment checklist found in horse project books to make sure it meets your expectations. The State 4-H Horse committee’s goal was to develop patterns that meet and do not exceed assessment requirements for individual levels.

- Some of the 90 degree, 180 degree, 360 degree, etc. turns are not designated as hindquarter or forehand turns, so show management can designate what kind of turn they would like to be executed in the pattern or use the patterns as is and leave the decision up to the contestant or judge to choose.

- Unless otherwise indicated, lead changes are simple lead changes. Horsemanship Level 6, Colt to Maturity 5-Year-Olds, and Green Horse Level 4 can do flying lead changes.

- English Horsemanship riders Level 3 and up should ride the trot on the correct diagonal.

- In Hunter Hack patterns, only senior level exhibitors should hand gallop.

- There are pattern options for Colt to Maturity 2-Year-Olds and Green Horse Level 1, but show management may opt to just do rail work for this level.

- There are not specific patterns for English Colt to Maturity and Green Horse, but the existing Western patterns may be adapted to become English patterns with a change in terminology (change jog to trot, stop to halt, lope to canter, etc.).

- Ranch Horse patterns can be found in the Ranch Horse curriculum.

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Hunter Hack

Show Date:

Start

Finish

48 feet

1. Fences are set approximately 48 feet apart.
2. After 2nd fence, hand gallop to marker. Stop and back approximately one horse length.
3. Drop your reins to signify completion.

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2. After 2nd fence, hand gallop to marker and stop and back approximately one horse length.
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Hunter Hack

Show Date:

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Hunter Hack

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1. Fences are set approximately 48 feet apart.
2. After 2nd fence, hand gallop to marker and stop. Back approximately one horse length.
3. Drop your reins to signify completion.
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Hunter Hack

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Hunter Hack Junior

Show Date:

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1. Fences are set approximately 48 feet apart.
2. After 2nd fence, trot or canter. Halt at marker and back 4 steps.
3. Drop your reins to signify completion.
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Hunter Hack

Show Date: HH/C%2048%20feet

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1. Fences are set approximately 48 feet apart.
2. After 2nd fence, canter to marker. Halt and back approximately one horse length.
3. Drop your reins to signify completion.