



USA WORKING EQUITATION

Approving Course Designs (See Rulebook 6.4)



Goal: Make sure the course meets all technical requirements.

Not the Goal: Comment on the quality of the course design.

What's Required:

- Minimum number of obstacles is included for each level:
 - L1, L2, L3 10 minimum
 - L4, L5 13 minimum
 - L6, L7 15 minimum
- Obstacles are appropriate for the level (refer to Rulebook Table 6-1)
- An obstacle may be duplicated and used in a second position on the course
- Successive obstacles are 30 ft apart for the line of travel
- Obstacles are 30 ft from the line of travel to the entrance/exit
- Entrance/exit markers are within the perimeter of the arena
- Obstacles are numbered
- Course markers are indicated for the Bridge, Jug, and Sidepass Rail
- Course markers are recommended for the Single Slalom and Double Slalom

What else to look for:

- Grouped obstacles are clearly marked
- Obstacles are equitably positioned for LH or RH riders
- An individual obstacle that is used twice:
 - Has at least one obstacle in between
 - Has enough time for a reset (if needed) before the second pass
- The map is clearly marked to indicate which obstacles are applicable to each level
- Any special course executions are clearly explained (e.g., first direction for the Pen)
- The course legend identifies each performance level and obstacles match the course exactly

Safety Considerations:

The course map may not be drawn to scale, so distances from perimeter fencing or other obstacles may be misleading. However, it's important to consider the position of obstacles being performed at speed. Ask a question if there is some doubt about safety, e.g.,

- Bridge set to require a 90-degree turn before or after
- Entrance/exit markers close to an arena corner or wall