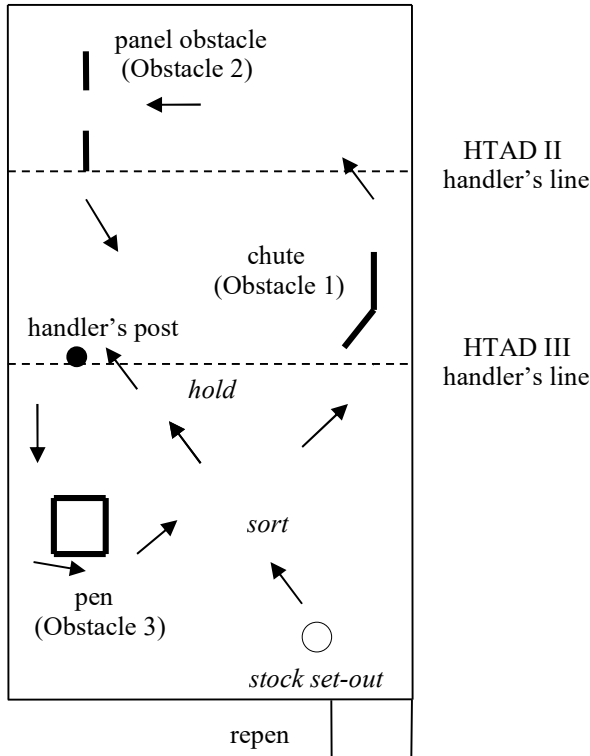


HTAD COURSE #2



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W + E The designations North, East, etc. are for purposes of description only.
S The course may be mirrored.

The stock set-out indicated on the diagram relates to courses that begin with a gather. The location of the take pen and/or repen may vary from the location for the repen shown on the diagram, so long as it is at the same end of the arena as shown. The handler's post is located a minimum of 100 ft. from the set-out and 20 ft. from the West fence. The freestanding pen is located halfway between the handler's post and the South fence, 20 ft. from the West fence. (A trailer or a free-standing chute may be substituted for the pen.) The opening of the Y chute is located approximately halfway down the length of the arena on the East fence, or a minimum of 100 ft. from the area just in front of the gate of the freestanding pen. The Y chute should be no less than 12 feet long and no more than 4 feet wide with an opening of 12 feet. (A bridge may be substituted for the Y chute.) The panel obstacle is located 20 ft. from the West fence and 30 ft. from the North fence, set parallel to the West fence and with a 12 ft. opening. The freestanding pen should be 8-10 ft. on each side for sheep, 10-16 ft. on each side for cattle. The hold area is located approximately in the center of the arena. The area for sorts other than a gate sort is located approximately halfway between the hold area and the repen gate. For poultry, all dimensions are 1/2 that for hooved stock.

1. Gather or Take pen

Gather: The stock are let out into the arena and allowed to settle, or may be set out in a specific location; the method used is to be consistent for all runs. In HTAD III, the handler remains at the post while the dog is sent from there to gather the stock. In HTAD II, the handler may leave the dog at the handler's post and move to a point approximately halfway between the post and the stock, then send the dog to gather the stock. In HTAD I, the handler may leave the dog at a point approximately halfway between the post and the stock and move to approximately 15 ft. from the stock, then send the dog to gather the stock. At all three levels the stock are brought to and around the handler's post, on the side between the post and the Y chute. The gather ends when the stock have gone just past the handler's post.

Take pen: HTAD III handlers must remain outside the pen while the dog brings out the stock. HTAD II handlers may enter the pen with the dog but should not move the stock themselves. HTAD I handlers may enter the pen and assist the dog in moving the stock. An exception is made for cattle, where the handler may go in and assist if necessary at any level. If the stock come out on their own volition without the handler or dog entering, there is no penalty. Once the gate to the take pen is opened, it may not be closed until the stock have exited. The stock are then taken to the point on the course where the handler's post would be located for the gather. Scoring for the take pen ends when the stock have reached the point at which the handler's post would be located. The course then proceeds as indicated in the description.

2. Drive

The stock are taken South between the West fence and Obstacle 3, then around the obstacle to the side that is closest to Obstacle 1. Handlers at all levels may accompany the stock to this point. The stock are then driven to Obstacle 1. HTAD III handlers must remain next to the side of Obstacle 3 that is closest to Obstacle 1 while the stock are driven to Obstacle 1. HTAD II handlers may accompany the stock and dog to a point halfway to Obstacle 1, then must remain there for the rest of the drive. HTAD I handlers may accompany the stock up to the entrance of Obstacle 1. The drive ends when the stock reach a point 10 ft. in front of Obstacle 1.

3. Obstacle 1

The stock are taken through the Y chute. HTAD III and II handlers remain at the designated locations until the stock have cleared the Y chute. HTAD I handlers remain at the entrance of the Y chute until the stock have cleared it. Obstacle 1 ends when the stock have cleared the Y chute.

4. Obstacle 2

Upon the stock exiting the Y chute, the stock are taken through the freestanding panels. HTAD III handlers must remain behind a handler's line that runs the width of the arena even with the handler's post until the stock have cleared the panels. HTAD II handlers must stay on the post side of the handler's line (which runs across the width of the arena, even with the outside edge of the panel that is nearest the center of the arena) until the stock have cleared the panels. HTAD I handlers may accompany the stock up to Obstacle 2, but should not precede the stock through the obstacle. Once the stock have gone through the panels, handlers are free to move. The stock are then turned to the left and taken to the pen; Obstacle 2 ends when the stock have cleared the panels.

5. Obstacle 3

The stock are penned in the freestanding pen. Scoring for the pen ends when the pen gate is closed.

6. Hold

The animals are taken to the hold area. The stock is settled and briefly held in place. There is no required position for handler or dog. The judge signals the end of the hold/settle. HTAD I and II handlers then take the stock to the repen. HTAD III handlers proceed with the sort.

7. Sort

The sort is done by HTAD III handlers only. The stock is moved to the designated area, which depends on the type of sort being done. The sort may be one of the following: (a) Gate sort. (b) Ribbon-removal/shed. The sort ends when the gate is closed on the sorted animals, or when the ribbon has been removed/ animals have been shed.

8. Repen

The stock are taken to the repen and held a short distance off the gate while it is opened, and then are repenned. When a gate sort has been used, the animals that had been left out in the arena are repenned. The run ends when the repen gate is closed after the last animal has exited the arena.