

Judges will be looking for a complete pattern that demonstrates adjustability and balance of stride.

This sample is numbered for clarity. The pattern can be executed from the initial salute in either direction.

- 1. From the in-gate, approach the judges stand at the trot. Halt and salute approximately at the X facing the judges, and wait for a start signal to begin the figure-eight pattern.
- 2. To begin the figure-eight pattern, depart to canter in either direction from the walk and begin to form the first circle. *Circles should be large, at least 100 feet in diameter (shown approximately to scale above).*
- 3. Lengthen the stride at the canter along the outer half of the circle
- 4. Collect the canter stride
- 5. Change direction across the center of the arena either through a simple or flying change, continue at the canter to form the other half of the figure-eight on the opposite lead as the first.
- 6. Lengthen the stride along the outer half of the circle
- 7. Collect the canter stride
- 8. Downward transition to trot
- 9. Trot partway up the middle of the figure-eight then halt and back three to four steps straight back, with the horse's side positioned perpendicular to the judges stand (not head-on)