

Open Run Pole Bending Rules

Procedure:

Six poles shall be placed 21 feet apart in a straight line, with the first pole being 21 feet from the timing line. The entry shall cross the timing line, move in an approximately straight line to pole six (farthest pole), make a 180 degree turn around pole 6, pass between pole 6 and pole 5, bend through the poles to pole 1, circle pole 1, bend through poles to pole 6, make a 180 degree turn around pole 6 and cross the timing line, by moving along the poles on the side opposite that on which it first approached pole 6. The entry may start either to the right or left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. (See Diagram.) In the event of a tie, the entry declared the winner in the runoff must re-run the pattern within 2 seconds of their original time or the runoff must be held again.

Penalties:

1. Failure to follow the course (off-course) - disqualification
2. Excessive use of spurs, crop, reins or romal - disqualification
3. Obstacle knocked down - five second penalty

