

Dressage Video Qualification

*For European hobbyhorse
Championships*

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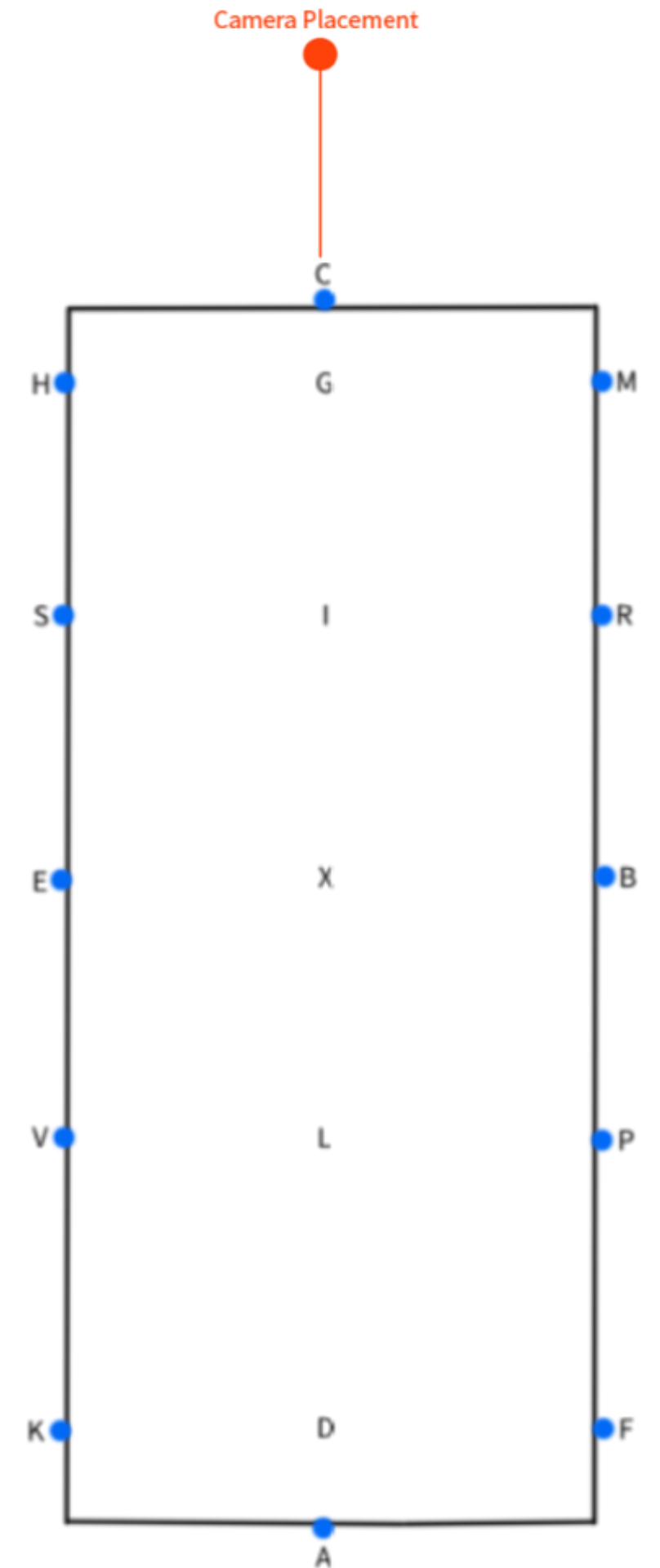
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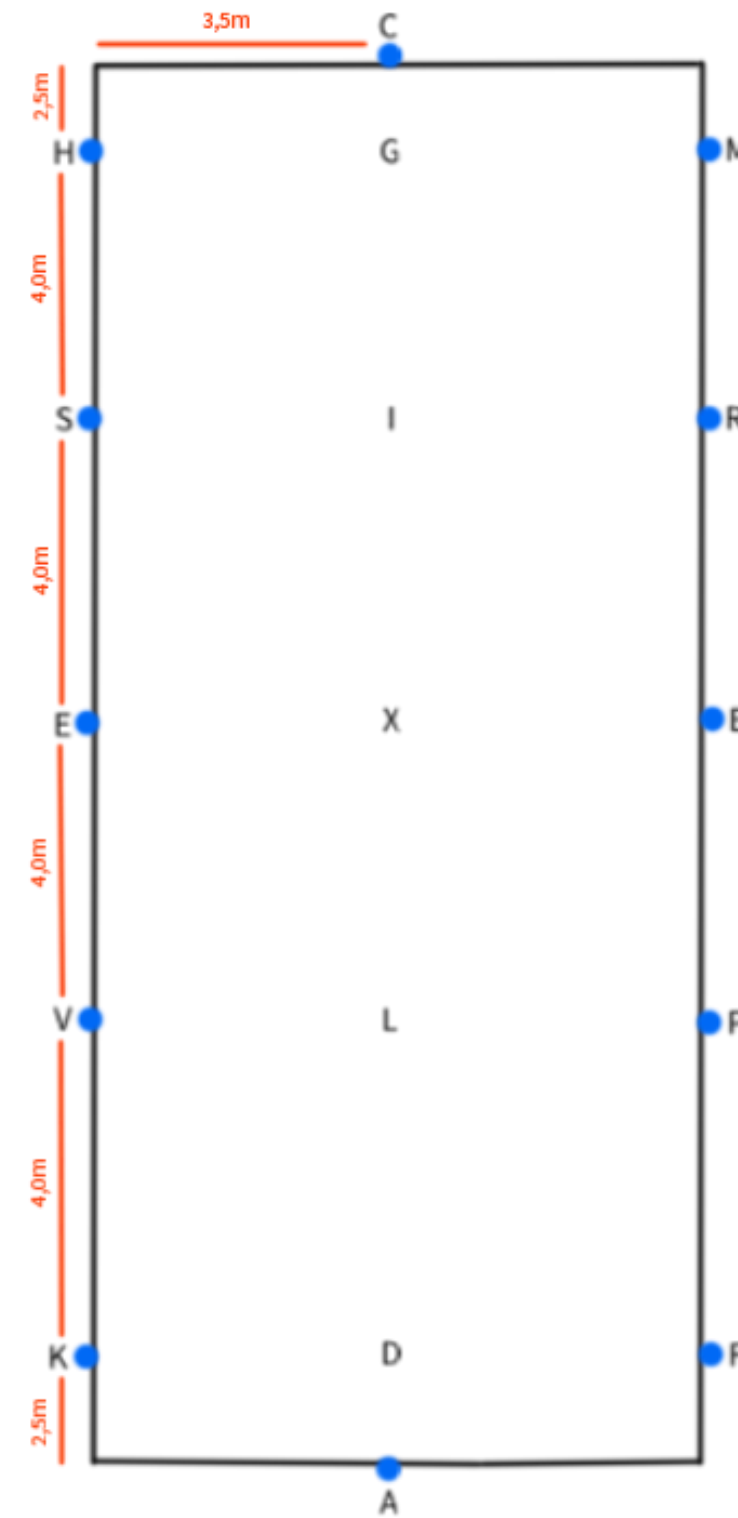
Video Instructions

- Camera must be placed in the middle of the shorter side of the arena, in a vertical line with the letter C.
- The whole arena must be visible in the video.
- Camera must be on a stand, chair, tripod etc. at least 0,5m from the ground. The camera can't be held by hand or moved during the performance.
- Participant must be seen through the whole video, don't leave the frame during the recording.
- Video must be uncut and the original sound must be turned on: no edited sounds or muted audio. The video must have a horizontal ratio.
- Equipment must be clearly presented on video at the beginning of the recording by showing the camera the hobbyhorse's bridle and rider's shoes up close before entering the arena.
- Receiving any advice or commentary during the performance is forbidden. Spectators, coaches, parents etc. must stay silent during the video.
- Background music during the performance is allowed as long as it doesn't block all other possible sounds, please place your speaker far enough from the camera. Headphones are prohibited and will lead to disqualification.

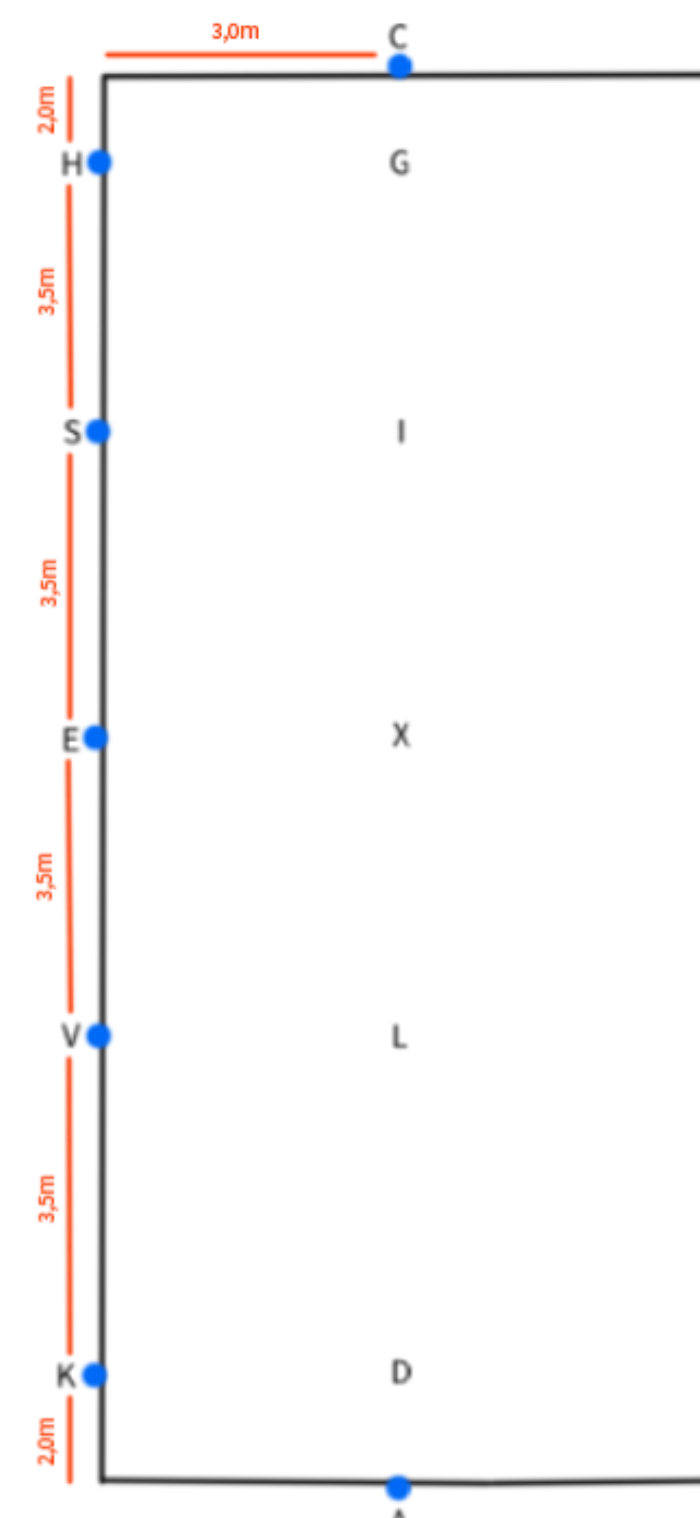


Marking the arena

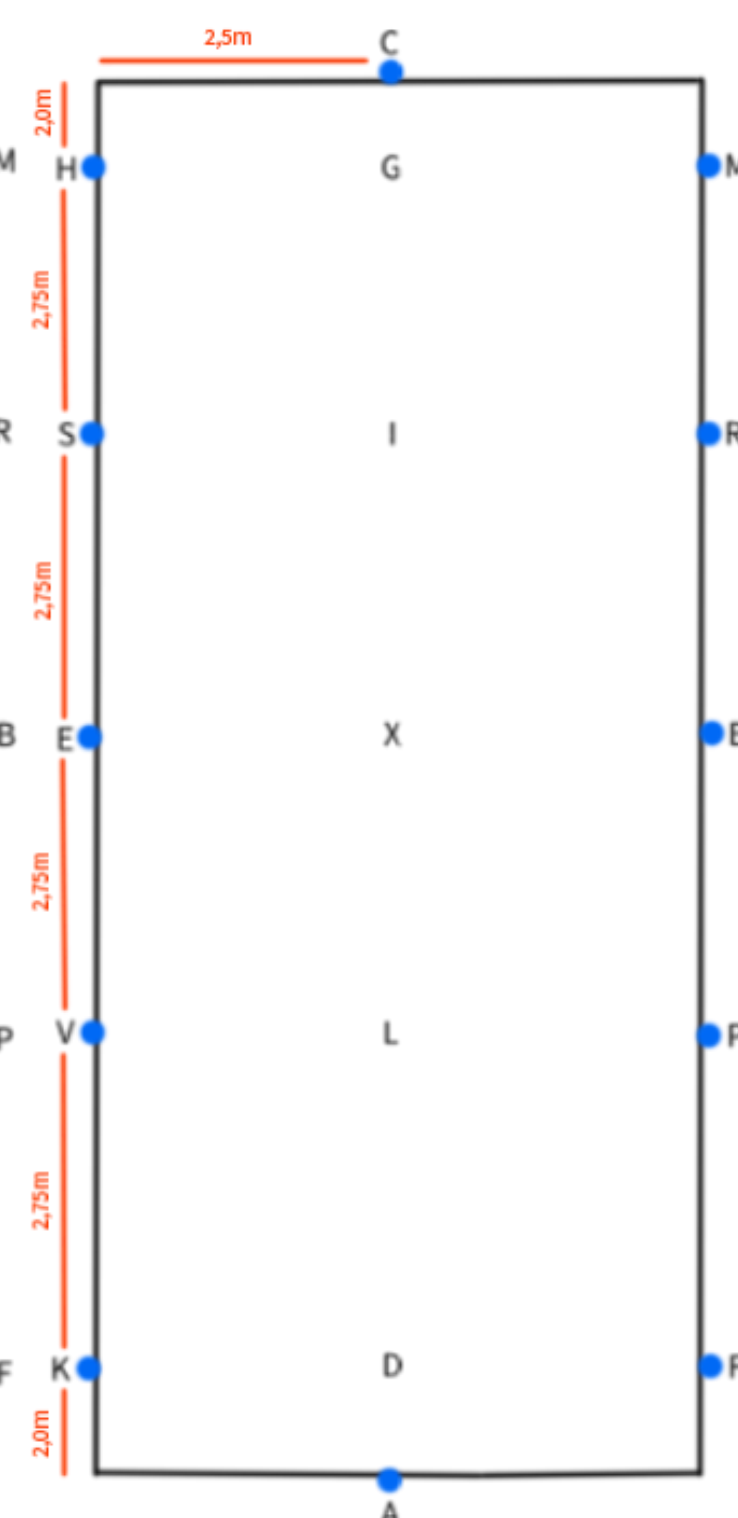
- Both divisions, junior and open, are performed on arena A with the ratio 1:3.
- The participant is allowed to use any of the three arena sizes: 7x21m, 6x18m or 5x15m.
- Borders of the arena must be marked with objects that are above the ground and clearly identified from the environment, for example poles or ropes. Leave a clear gate in the shorter side A.
- All letter points must be marked with items that clearly identifiable from the environment and arena borders, letters on these marks are optional.
- Arena size must be declared while submitting the qualification video.



7x21m Arena
letter marker placements



6x18m Arena
letter marker placements



5x15m Arena
letter marker placements

Programs and judging

- EHC Junior freestyle dressage qualifier 2026: [Click here](#)
- EHC Open freestyle dressage qualifier 2026: [Click here](#)
- Video qualifications are judged by IHF certified dressage judges.
- All participants will receive a grading sheet of their performance after the qualifications end, even if they don't qualify.

Note! The qualification round is a predetermined grand prix program even though the final will be a grand prix freestyle class. This applies to both divisions, but both divisions have different qualifier programs and final grading sheets.

Disqualification

A participant will be disqualified if any of the following apply:

Video and camera

- The entire arena is not visible throughout the performance
- The camera is handheld, follows the participant, or is moved during the video
- The video is cut, edited, paused, or has a vertical ratio
- Original audio is muted or unclear

Other

- Participant receives outside advice or commentary, the video has other verbal audio in the background or the participant is wearing headphones
- Participant doesn't show their equipment before the performance
- Participant is not identifiable for the entire performance
- Someone else performs the program on behalf of the participant

Arena setup

- Arena borders aren't marked correctly
- Arena size hasn't been declared, has the wrong ratio or dimensions or is visibly not the size the participant has announced
- Letter markers are unclear, fully or partially missing or incorrectly placed

In addition, penalties and eliminations listed under the International Competitive Hobbyhorse Dressage Rules apply.

[Link to the International Competitive Hobbyhorse Dressage Rules](#)

Best of luck in the qualifications!



If there are any questions regarding the qualifications, please do contact through info@ehhch.com