



## AHS / ARS Inspection Jump Chute Guide for Set Up and Preparation

### Design / Set Up:

Ideally the jump chute should be set in an indoor arena for safety but outdoor arenas with at minimum 5' height fencing can also be used. The chute should be set along the long side of the arena with guiding rails set at approximately 3'6" height on the side of the chute facing the center of the ring for its entire length. The guiding rails should extend beyond the first fence to assist in guiding the horse on the approach to the first fence and after the third fence to guide the horse on the landing after the third fence. Closed chutes are preferred where horses are caught after the third fence. The minimum length from third fence to end of a closed chute should be 42' but longer is absolutely acceptable. If this length is not available the chute can be left open at the end but the guide rails are always necessary.

The chute is set with three fences. The first fence is set as a cross rail with the center of the X at about 18"- 24" high. The second fence is set 20' from the first fence as a small square oxer at 2'- 2'3" high. The third fence is set 24' from the second fence as an square oxer at 2'- 2'3" high. This set up is designed to trot in - canter out the first fence and continue cantering the second and third fences. All fences should have poles set as ground lines and the oxers (jumps 2 and 3) should have additional poles placed on the front set of standards between the top rail and the ground rail to act as a visual fill for the horse.

The third jump will be raised and widened as the horse progresses through the chute relative to the confidence and scope of the horse being presented. The second jump can also be raised for horses showing strong jumping talent to better set them up for the growing height of the third fence. The fill poles can be adjusted as well if needed for horses presenting over jump heights significantly higher than the originally set height to create a uniform presentation.

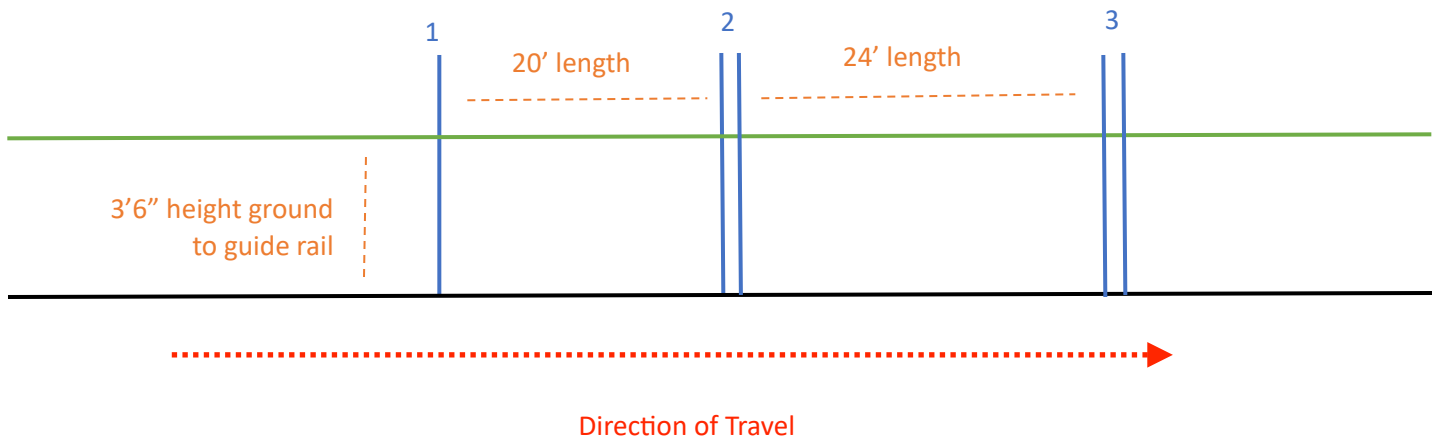
### Preparation At Home:

Confidence and understanding are the best ways to prepare your horse for the jump chute at inspection. It is recommend to introduce the chute as poles on the ground and horses can be lead through the first few times to instill confidence. The horse generally is then trotted in hand to approach then released to continue through the chute. Especially these first few times horses may require encouragement to continue going forward. It is essential to have enough hands on the ground to guide the horse on approach as well as to assist as whip handlers outside the guide rails to ensure forward momentum is maintained through the chute. As the horse develops understanding of the task, it is recommended to raise the jumps individually and slowly.

### At Inspection:

At inspection horses are trotted in hand to the chute and released at the start of the guide rails to progress through. It is recommended to have whip handlers stationed outside the guide rails to assist in encouraging the horse to continue with the forward momentum to best show their talent over the fences. Owners may decline to have fences raised at any point. Our judges want to set up the horses as best as possible to show their talent however, horse wellbeing is always the primary focus.

Outline of Jump Chute Set Up Side View:



Approach View of Jump Showing Ground Line and Fill:

