

**AMERICAN HERDING BREED ASSOCIATION TRIALS**



**Sponsored by Maple Grove Farm**

1886 Bescher Chapel Rd  
Denton, NC 27239

**October 16-17, 2026**

**Judges: Cheryl Padgett and Rachel Vest**

**FRIDAY October 16, 2026**

RLF Sheep "Kiser's Course"

JHD Sheep

HTAD Call Ducks - Course 5 "Creek Course"

**SATURDAY October 17, 2026**

HTAD Call Ducks - Course 5 "Creek Course"

HRD Sheep "Drover's Course"

HATD Sheep - Course 5 "Boo's Course"

Entry limits vary based on classes entered and stock available

First handlers meeting 7:00am

**ENTRIES:** Pre-entries must be received by Friday, **October 14, 2026**

**FEES:** All Courses - HRD/HTAD/JHD \$45.00/run - RLF  
\$60.00/run

Make checks payable to Kay Delk and mail along with completed entry form to:

Lynda Hardin  
5842 Thacker Dairy Road  
Whitsett NC 27377

There will be a \$40.00 service charge for any returned checks.  
Same day entries will be accepted each day if available. Additional \$10.00/run.

**For more information contact: Kay Delk - [maplegrovesfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:maplegrovesfarm@yahoo.com)**

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| Owner(s) Name and Address:  |     |                |         |                     |           |           |             |             |                                |
| Owner Phone Number          |     |                |         | Owner Email         |           |           |             |             |                                |
| Dog Full Name               |     |                |         | Registry and number |           |           |             |             |                                |
| Dog Sex                     | DOB | Place of Birth | Breed   |                     |           |           | Call Name   |             |                                |
| Breeder                     |     | Sire           |         |                     | Dam       |           |             |             |                                |
| Class                       |     | Level 1        | Level 2 | Level 3             | Friday AM | Friday PM | Saturday AM | Saturday PM | Fee: RLF(\$60)<br>HTAD/HRD/JHD |
| RLF Sheep                   |     |                |         |                     |           |           |             |             |                                |
| HTAD 5 Sheep                |     |                |         |                     |           |           |             |             |                                |
| HRD Sheep                   |     |                |         |                     |           |           |             |             |                                |
| JHD Sheep                   |     |                |         |                     |           |           |             |             |                                |
| HTAD (5 Creek Course) Ducks |     |                |         |                     |           |           |             |             |                                |
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Signature of Owner and/or Agent

Date

**ELIGIBILITY:** All dogs nine months of age or older are eligible to participate in Herding Trials and JHD. Dogs classified as Herding Dogs in AHBA are eligible for HERDING TEST (HCT) and may participate at six months of age or older. No dog may be entered in two classes on the same course with the same kind of stock under the same judge at any Test/Trial. Bitches in season shall run in drawn running order without adjustment.

**IMPORTANT. READ THIS BEFORE SIGNING RELEASE FORM**

In consideration for participation in the Herding Test/Trial held by MAPLE GROVE FARM, VIVIAN KAY DELK, LESTER A KEZIAH or THE DELK FAMILY I (we) agree to assume all responsibility for any claim, loss or damage, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, which may be caused at or near the Herding Test/Trial, either directly or indirectly, by me or the dog or dogs I (we) have entered or brought to this Herding Test/Trial. I

(we) further agree that I (we) will hold MAPLE GROVE FARM, VIVIAN KAY DELK, LESTER A KEZIAH or THE DELK FAMILY, AHBA, its Officers, Directors, Agents and Members; harmless and defend them from any and all liability for any injury, claim, damage or loss, of whatever kind, directly or indirectly, by me (us) or any dog I (we) have entered or brought to this Herding Test/Trial. I (we) agree to indemnify MAPLE GROVE FARM, VIVIAN KAY DELK, LESTER A KEZIAH or THE DELK FAMILY, the AHBA, its Officers, Directors, Agents and Members; for any loss, cost, or expenses, including attorney fees and costs, in which

MAPLE GROVE FARM, VIVIAN KAY DELK, LESTER A KEZIAH or THE DELK FAMILY, the AHBA, its Officers, Directors, Agents and Members; might be subject to as a result of any claim, suit, loss or damage caused in any way by any act or negligence on my (our) part or on the part of any dog of dogs I (we) have entered or brought to the Herding Test/Trial. I(we) acknowledge that while MAPLE GROVE FARM, VIVIAN KAY DELK, LESTER A KEZIAH or THE DELK FAMILY, may provide for this Herding Test/Trial, it does not have and does not exercise control over the conduct of those present.

I (we) certify and represent that the dog or dogs I (we) have entered or brought to this Herding Test/Trial is (are) not a hazard to other dogs, other animals, or to people. I (we) will pay for injuries or replacement value in the event of the death of any livestock by my (our) dog. If injury to any stock is caused by my (our) dog entered or brought to this Herding Test/Trial, I (we) assume full responsibility for any damage. I(we) agree to pay full market value of the injured animal in case of injury or the veterinary bill for the injury, whichever is agreed to by the Livestock Owner. I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owners whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the AHBA in effect at the time of this Herding Test or Trial or both, and further agree to be bound by the agreement printed above. The entry is submitted on the foregoing representation and agreement.

# Kaiser's Course RLF 25 Sheep

## Level 3 - 30-minute time limit

**1st Task:** Enter the arena at the Red gate. Time starts when you or your dog walks into the sorting pen. Sort 25 out of the 35 sheep from the sorting pen until 5 of the 25 have a red pull collar (use available pens to accomplish the task).

**2nd Task:** Take the 25 sheep into the arena. Handlers go to their specific level 3 post where they will start to drive the flock through middle panels to the Y chute (Handler must remain at post).

**3rd Task:** Stockdog will hold the flock in the Y chute where the judge will open the gate. Once the stock has moved through the Y chute (the judge has shut the gate), the handler will proceed to drive the sheep to the Z chute. Once the dog is holding the stock in the Z chute, the handler may leave their post and proceed to the Z chute gate.

**4th Task:** Handler must open the gate and proceed with their stock to the exam pen. At the exam pen, the handler will walk in and remove one red tag off of the collar of any sheep. The handler will hold on to this tag and show the judge at the end of the run (the rest of the course can be driven or fetched). As you leave the exam pen, close all gates.

**5th Task:** Go through the gate at the flagpole and proceed to the free-standing panels. The handler may not move through the panels, but the stock should.

**6th Task:** The handler will take the feed that they were given, and they will place it in the available feed pan and proceed to the light pole where they will do an out run lift and fetch.

**7th Task:** Handler will bring sheep to the water tank and water their sheep. NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE STOCK TANK. WILL RESULT IN AN NQ.

**8th Task:** Handlers will proceed to drive their sheep through the free-standing chute, to the Ewe gate. Handlers will have to hold and watch their stock at the Ewe gate.

**9th Task:** Handler will take stock to the other side of the driveway and allow the sheep to free graze while the gator traffic passes - ALWAYS keeping dog, handler, and stock safe.

**10th Task:** When the judge calls the graze the handler will hold and watch before crossing the driveway and enter the lower gate and go to the middle of that area.

**11th Task:** Do a hold, at which time the handler will remove the other four red tags.

**12th Task:** Enter with stock at the red gate. Take stock to the alleyway and go to gate C. Re-pen the 25 sheep there. ALWAYS CLOSE ALL GATES AS YOU GO. SEVERE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO DO SO. Time stops when you give the judge the five tags at the red gate. *\*5 penalty for not closing gates*

## **Level 2 - 30 minute time limit**

**1st Task:** Enter the arena at the Red gate. Time starts when you or your dog walks into the sorting pen. Sort 25 out of the 35 sheep from the sorting pen - make sure that 3 of the 25 have a red pull collar (use available pens to accomplish the task).

**2nd Task:** Take the 25 sheep into the arena. Handlers go to their specific level 2 post where they will start to drive the flock through middle panels to the Y chute (Handler must remain at post).

**3rd Task:** Stock dog will hold the flock in the Y chute where the judge will open the gate. Once the stock has moved through the Y chute (the judge will shut the gate), the handler may move freely about the arena, taking the sheep to the Z chute and hold there.

**4th Task:** Handler must open the gate to the Z chute and proceed with their stock to the exam pen. At the exam pen, the handler will walk in and remove one red tag from the collar of any sheep. The handler will hold on to this tag and show the judge at the end of the run (the rest of the course can be driven or fetched). As you leave the exam pen, close all gates.

**5th Task:** Go through the gate at the flagpole and proceed to the free-standing panels. The handler may not move through the panels, but the stock should.

**6th Task:** The handler will take the feed that they were given, and they will place it in the available feed pan and proceed to the light pole where they will do an out run lift and fetch.

**7th Task:** Handler will bring sheep to the water tank and water their sheep. NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE STOCK TANK. WILL RESULT IN AN NQ.

**8th Task:** Handlers will proceed to drive their sheep through the free-standing chute, to the Ewe gate. Handlers will have to hold and watch their stock at the Ewe gate.

**9th Task:** Handler will take stock to the other side of the driveway and allow the sheep to free graze while the gator traffic passes - ALWAYS keeping dog, handler, and stock safe.

**10th Task:** When the judge calls the graze the handler will hold and watch before crossing the driveway and enter the lower gate and go to the middle of that area.

**11th Task:** Do a hold, at which time the handler will remove the other 2 red tags.

**12th Task:** Enter with stock at the red gate. Take stock to the alleyway and go to gate C. Re-pen the 25 sheep there. ALWAYS CLOSE ALL GATES AS YOU GO. SEVERE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO DO SO. Time stops when you give the judge the 3 tags at the red gate. ***\*2 point penalty for not returning all tags***

## **Level 1 - 25 minute time limit**

**1st Task:** Enter the arena at the Red gate. Time starts when you or your dog walks into the sorting pen. Sort 25 out of the 35 sheep from the sorting pen (use available pens to accomplish the task). Make sure that there are 25 sheep.

**2nd Task:** Take the 25 sheep into the arena. Handlers will start to drive or fetch their flock through middle panels to the Y chute.

**3rd Task:** Stock dog will hold the flock in the Y chute where the judge will open the gate. Once the stock has moved through the Y chute (the judge has shut the gate), the handler will proceed to drive the sheep to the Z chute. Handlers may walk anywhere needed in order to complete this task.

**4th Task:** Handler must open the gate and proceed with their stock to the exam pen. As you leave the exam pen, close all gates.

**5th Task:** Go through the gate at the flagpole and proceed to the free-standing panels. The handler may not move through the panels, but the stock should.

**6th Task:** The handler will take the feed that they were given, and they will place it in the available feed pan and proceed to their specific level 1 post and do an out run lift and fetch to the light pole.

**7th Task:** Handler will bring sheep to the water tank and water their sheep. NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE STOCK TANK. WILL RESULT IN AN NQ.

**8th Task:** Handlers will proceed to drive their sheep through the free-standing chute, to the Ewe gate. Handlers will have to hold and watch their stock at the Ewe gate.

**9th Task:** Handler will take stock to the other side of the driveway and allow the sheep to free graze while the gator traffic passes - ALWAYS keeping dog, handler, and stock safe.

**10th Task:** When the judge calls the graze the handler will hold and watch before crossing the driveway and enter the lower gate and go to the middle of that area.

**11th Task:** Do a hold and touch 3 sheep. The handler must call out “sheep 1, sheep 2, sheep 3” as they touch the sheep.

**12th Task:** Enter with stock at the red gate. Take stock to the alleyway and go to gate C. Re-pen the 25 sheep there. ALWAYS CLOSE ALL GATES AS YOU GO. SEVERE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO DO SO. Time stops when the handler leaves through the red gate and shuts it.

### **Tie Breaker:**

- 1) Sort
- 2) Outrun
- 3) Hold
- 4) Time

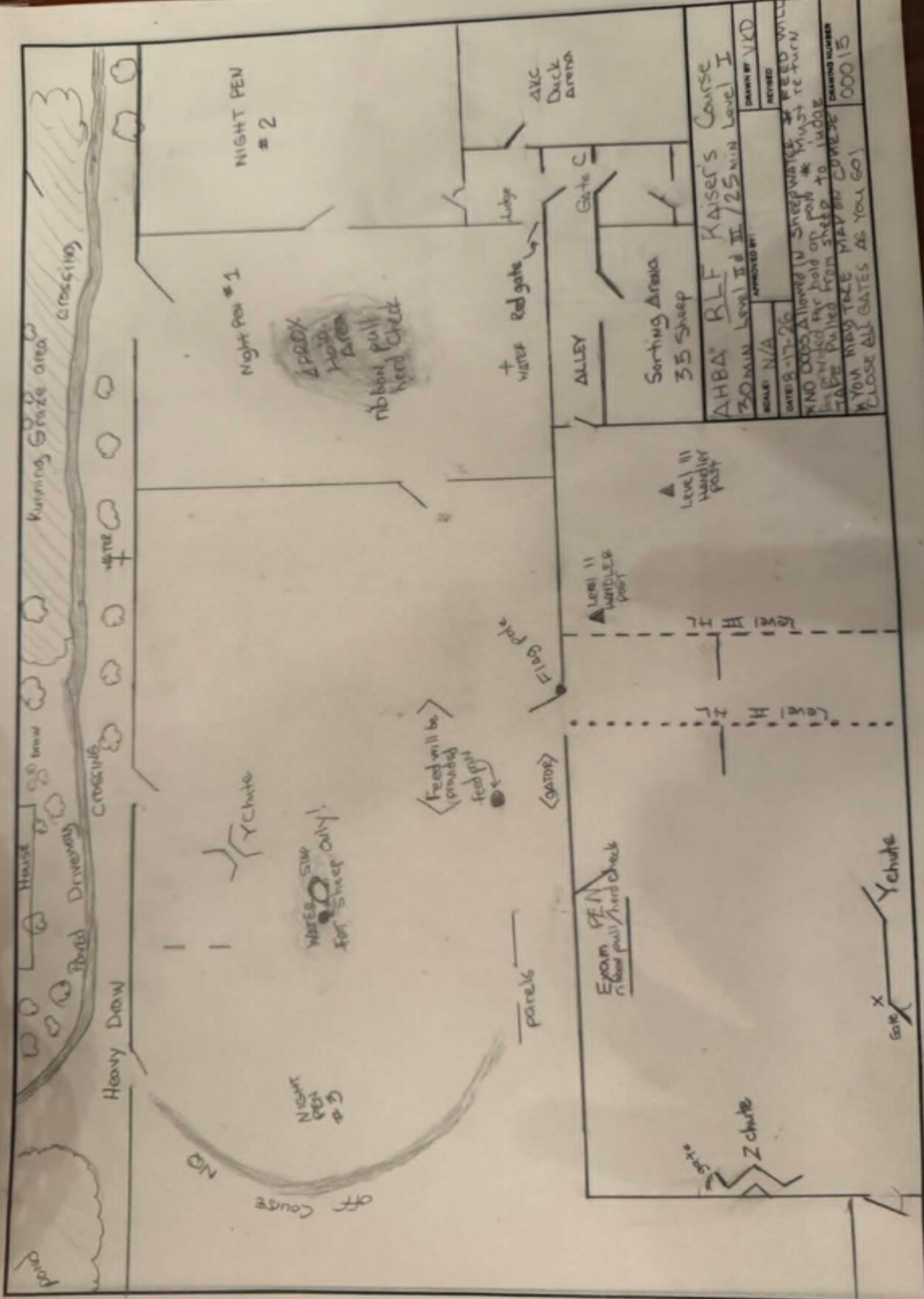
*\*This is typical work for Maple Grove Farm*

*\* Feed bags will be given at handlers meeting*

*\*5 penalty for not closing gates*

*\*2 point penalty for not returning all tags*

*\*12 pt reduction for each sheep that is off of the 25 sorted sheep (ex. only sorting out 23 sheep would be a 24 pt reduction). The stock handler, judge, and exhibitor are responsible for counting the sheep.*



NIGHT PEN #2  
 NIGHT PEN #1  
 ribbon pull hand check  
 + water Red gate  
 ALLEY  
 Gate C  
 Sorting Area  
 35 Sheep  
 ARC Duck arena  
 NIGHT PEN #3  
 Water Stop for Sheep Only  
 Feed will be provided  
 feed point  
 Gate  
 Y chute  
 Z chute  
 Heavy Draw  
 Road Driveway  
 House  
 Crossing  
 Running Space area  
 Crossing  
 Off Course  
 NO

AHBA RLF Kaiser's Cause  
 20 MIN LEVEL II / 25 MIN LEVEL I  
 DRAWN BY VKD  
 REVISOR  
 DATE: 9-17-26  
 NO DOPS Allowed in Sheep water & FEED WILL  
 be provided for hold on pens \* must return  
 TAPE pulled from sheep to LODGE  
 IF YOU NEED TAPE MEYERIN COWS  
 CLOSE ALL GATES AS YOU GO!

SCALE: N/A  
 APPROVED BY:

DRAWING NUMBER  
 00015

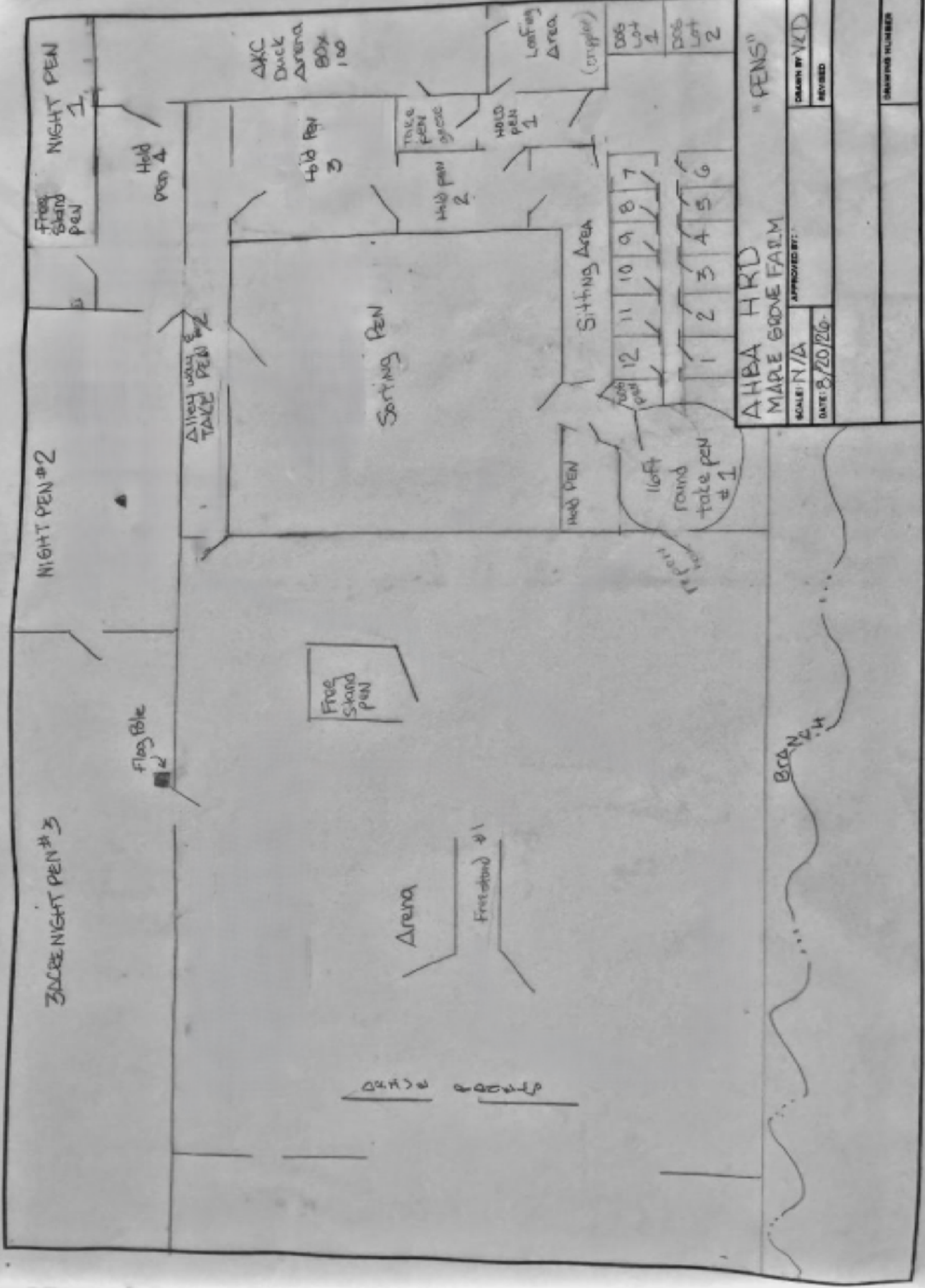
HERDING RANCH COURSE  
Drover's Course

ALL Levels Enter at the RED Gate

Level III

1. Level III ONLY. Enter Hold Pen#3 at Gate C and move 5 head of stock from Hold Pen #3 to Night Pen 1. Re-enter Gate C and go to Hold Pen # 2 and move the 5 head of stock to the square pen where other stock are penned. Then pen those 10 head of stock in the Free-Standing Pen Inside of Night Pen #1
2. Enter Sorting Pen and from the 15 head of stock, sort 10 head - Level III, 5 must have collars Level II, 2 must have collars and Level I sorts any 10, into Alleyway/Take Pen #2. Exit through Hold Pen#4 into Night Pen#2 through Red Gate.
3. Set up for a drive as marked. At the end of the Drive move stock to feeding area and put the provided amount of feed out for the stock to be held.
4. Move to the Handler's Post and do and outrun lift and fetch (per level running course)
5. Return the stock though the Red Gate and enter the Trial Arena - Fetching or driving the stock thru the center drive panels.
6. Drive the stock through the center free standing Y chute.
7. Level II and Level I - Pen the 10 head of stock in the free-standing pen in the arena.
8. All Levels - Pen stock in the take pen #1.
9. Level III ONLY - Handler returns and brings the 5 stock from the free-standing pen, in Night Pen 1, back to holding pen #2
10. Level III ONLY - Handler returns the remaining 5 stock in free standing pen to holding pen #3

TIME for course 20 minutes



**"PENS"**

AHBA HRD  
MAPLE GROVE FARM

SCALE: N/A  
DATE: 8/20/20-

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DRAWN BY: VLD  
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HERDING TRIAL ARENA DOG COURSE# 5  
BOO's COURSE  
Start with 10 sheep

Task #1

Level III and Level II take sheep from Take Pen #1 and start drive on lower side of arena driving 120 feet for Level III and 60 feet for Level II. (LEVEL I DOES NOT DRIVE)

Task #2

( ALL DOGS MAY Drive or fetch the rest of the course )

Take sheep. Thru Middle panels and then thru the middle free standing pen.

Task # 3

Go thru the middle free standing Y chute.

Task # 4

Re Pen.

Task #5

Sort 5 sheep out of 10 take the 5 with pink collars and put them in the Free Standing Pen

Task#6

Do a hold

Task # 7

Turn the 5 sheep with Pink Collars loose in the arena.

Go back and move the other 5 sheep out of the re pen pen into the arena. Move them to a good place for your out run lift and fetch. (Not on the fence line)

Do an Out Run Lift and fetch! And re pen sheep.

## Ducks Creek Course #5

### Golden Gate Bridge

15 ducks

12 minutes all levels

Level III sorts 5 ducks at re-pen

Level II sorts 2 ducks at re-pen

Level I re-pens all the ducks

**TASK #1**...Handler goes to the Handler's Post, and the 15 ducks are pushed out at re-pen gate.

Level III Handler sends dog and gathers the ducks to and counterclockwise around the Handler's Post.

Level II Handler leaves dog at Handler's Post, and Handler goes halfway and sends dog gathers ducks and takes them counterclockwise around the Handler's Post.

Level I Handler leaves dog approx. halfway, and Handler may go within 15 feet of the stock set out, handler sends dog gathers and brings stock to Handler's Post and goes counterclockwise round Handlers Post.

**TASK #2**...all handlers take stock to free standing pen and pen the ducks.

**Task #3**...Level III Handlers Drive to and thru the free-standing panels

Level II Handlers drive one half the distance to the free-standing panels

Level I Handlers fetch or drive to the free-standing panels.

**TASK #4**...all Handlers fetch or drive stock to and thru the tunnel.

**TASK #5**...all Handlers take stock over the Golden Gate Bridge.

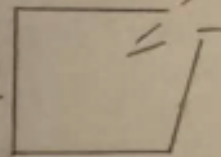
**TASK #6**...all Handlers take stock to the re pen.

Level III Handlers must Sort 5 Ducks, one at a time into the re-pen, then re-pen the remaining ducks.

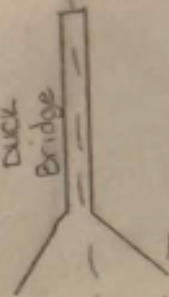
Level II Handlers must sort 2 Ducks, one at a time into the re-pen, then re-pen the remaining ducks.

Level I Handlers re-pen all the ducks NO SORTING.

Free Standing  
pen



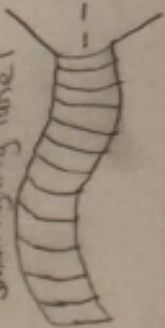
Duck  
Bridge



HANDLER'S CONE



Small agility tunnel



Boat ramp

RE-OPEN

ENTER COURSE  
HERE

← 100 FT →

Ducks Creek Course #5 ΔHBA

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