Judging Assignment Cheat Sheet

60 days ahead you should receive:

- ☐ Class assignments.
- ☐ Grounds and Ring descriptions (footing, gating, etc.)
- ☐ Number, type, dimensions of ramps/steps and boards.
- ☐ Blind locations and distances in relation to the ring.
- ☐ Measurement/number of bales per course

10 days ahead you should receive:

- ☐ Number of pre-entries received for each Class
- ☐ MRV for each class (so far)
- ☐ Current Load Balancing/RBJ/Relief judging plans if any.

Course Requirements by Level

Class	Ring Size*	# Bales	Bale Ht**	T Lgth/Turns	R	L	E	SCT	Notes
Instinct	15 x 20 to 20 x 20	10 -12	1-3 places 2-high	see rulebook illustration	1	1	1	1:00	May use Novice course, SB butted against tunnel
Novice	20 x 20 to 20 x 24	20-30	1-3 places 2-high	see rulebook illustration	1	1	1	2:00	1 tube any type elevated, SB 3-4' from tunnel
Open	20 x 20 to 24 x 24	25-40	2-3 places 2-high	8'-10' 1 turn	2	2	1	2:30	1 Rat tube must be elevated
Senior	24 x 24 to 24 x 32	35-55	Min 1 place 3-high	12'-18' 1-2 turns	4	3	1	3:30	Tunnels may have multiple portals
Master	24 x 24 to 24 x 32	Min 50	Min 2 places 3-high	14'-22' 2-3 turns	1-5	3-7	0	4:30	Tunnels may have multiple portals, be elevated, DC allowed
Crazy 8s	24 x 24 to 24 x 32	Min 35	Min 1 Place 2-high	12'-28' 1-3 turns	8	4	0	2:00	1 Rat tube must be elevated

* *See rules for sq ft allowances for ring sizes. Line Drive is not listed because it does not require an actual course.*

** *To qualify as a legal area at a specific height, two bales must touch in such a way that a tube can be hidden at that height.*

Course Mapping

Required

- ☐ **Title:** Your name, Club Name, Date, Class Name & Trial #
- ☐ Key/Legend with all required elements (see rules)
- ☐ Numbered grid
- ☐ Entry gate location
- ☐ Whether the outer perimeter is fencing, wall, or combo
- ☐ Any obstructions in the ring
- ☐ Any dead areas (Instinct-Open)
- ☐ Anchor bales for freestanding areas of 5 or more bales
- ☐ Leaner bales marked with an arrow showing direction
- ☐ Tunnel Length (in key or on tunnel base layer)
- ☐ Location of board ends for tunnel
- ☐ **Bales:** Number on base level, total number, number being added or subtracted for nested courses
- ☐ Start box
- ☐ Base layer for course builders
- ☐ Maps premarked for S/M/CZ8s (encouraged for all levels)

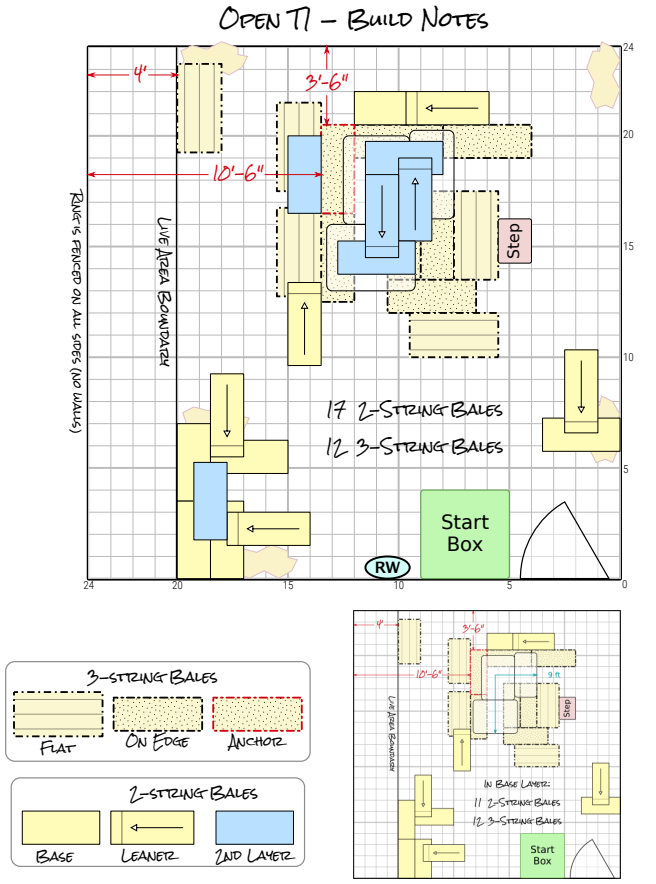
Suggested

- ☐ Rat Wrangler locations
- ☐ Judge Path

Not allowed

- ☐ Scribing box

Sample Course



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