



# Missouri Ranch Horse Association Key Race

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- 1) The Key Race will be a timed event.
- 2) The pattern will be laid out with four (4) pole-bending wands set up to make the passageway.
- 3) The passageway will be five (5) feet wide and ten (10) feet long and 60 feet from the start-finish line.
- 4) Farther poles must be at least 20 feet from the back of the arena.
- 5) Either or both hands may be used on the reins.
- 6) Two stopwatches, one held by the flagman and the back-up held by the ring steward, must be used if an electronic eye is unavailable.
- 7) Exhibitors must run completely through the passageway, execute as quick a turn or rollback as possible, and run back through the passage way across the start-finish line.
- 8) Exhibitors may not upright a pole with their hands.
- 9) Knocking down a pole will result in a five (5) second penalty.
- 10) Key race pattern may be run in either direction.
- 11) Horses may be disqualified if unable or to willingly enter the arena to run the pattern.

