



## **At International Competitions: The following procedures will be performed in all Fino Classes:**

Exhibitors shall enter the ring to the right on the rail and circle the arena in a counterclockwise manner until instructed to reverse or halt. Horses must work both directions, reverse, halt and proceed in gait. The reverses must be performed towards the center of the ring.

After completing the rail work, horses must traverse the sounding board in both directions then line up. Breaking gait on reverses, stops or starts shall be penalized. Only inanimate objects may be used as "posts" for the figure eight as long as they do not present a danger to horse or rider.

The distance between the posts shall be 3 meters (9.9 feet). A solid, continuous surface allowing no more than one-half inch of space between the boards, ground level, hard surface sounding board forty-eight (48) feet or longer shall be used in this class to clearly exhibit the rhythmic consistency of the horse's cadence and impact when available.

The Performance of the horse on the sounding board shall not be given preference over the horse's work on the rail. During competition while being judged, exhibitors are not allowed to turn on the sounding board.

After line up inspection is complete—all horses moving forward in competition will be required to perform individually 3 figure eights (2 in one direction, make a straight line then one additional eight in opposite direction); halt in the center between posts; back 4 to 6 steps; and traverse the sounding board in both directions.

Should additional work offs be requested, it must be requested in the following order:  
1. Reverse of directions on the rail four times. 2. Traverse the sounding board in both directions. 3. A parallel comparison up and back. 4. Circle the entry 3 times in one direction then change direction to perform 3 additional circles in the opposite direction.

These tests cannot be combined and must be performed independently and in sequential order starting with No. 1 with two or more horses.

After the first test is completed, if the judges are not ready to pin, they can request the next test in the order and so on.

