

How to set up IEO dressage arena:

1. Center arena within area you plan to set up in. Be sure there is enough room for the horse and rider to pass all the way around the arena. Also, be sure there is enough room for the judge's tent/booth/car/trailer (whichever is being used) with about 20 feet between letter C and judge.
2. Take the first (smaller) meter tape and measure out 20 meters. This is the first short side in front of the Judge. Start the tape to the right of the judge (when facing the judge's stand).
3. Set the first metal plate/stake at the starting end with the front inside corner as the starting place.
4. Take the first long meter tape and measure out 60 meters down the right side. This will be from where you started the first tape. (Inside front corner of the metal plate.) Both starting ends should be together in the right corner. That will be the corner down by the judge.
5. Now we are going to square up the first corner.
 - a. Take the 2nd short tape. (there is feet on the back of all the meter tapes) Start the tape at 60' on the first short tape (the one you used to measure the first short side with)
 - b. Go diagonally to the other long side tape to 80' on the long tape.
 - c. Now adjust the short and/or long sides until the diagonal tape measures 100'. See the diagram.
6. Set the 2nd metal plate/stake at the 20 meter mark on the short side (inside front corner)
7. Set the 3rd metal plate/stake at the 60 meter mark on the long side (inside front corner of the plate)
8. Once the corner is square, take the tape you used to go across the diagonal, and go to the 30 meter mark on the long side. Measure straight across 20 meters. This is the center of the arena.
9. Now take the 2nd long meter tape and start at the other corner (to the left of the judge) and measure 60 meters. Be sure the 30 meter mark touches the tape coming across the arena. (be sure to start at the front inside corner of the plate)
10. Put the 4th and 5th metal plate/stakes at the 30 meter mark on both sides with the front edge flush with the tapes.
11. Take the tape you used to measure across the center and now move it up to the other short end on the A side of the arena. It should touch both long tapes at 20 meters.
12. Set the last metal plate/stake at the last corner with the proper part of the tapes touching the front inside corner. Cones will go on top of these stakes.
13. Be sure to leave all the tapes down until the cones and letters are set.
14. Set the cones at every 4 meters on the short sides.
15. Set the cones at every 5 meters on the long sides.
16. Start the chain at the A end, leaving the opening between the center 2 cones. Insert the chain into the top notch of the cones. Work your way around the arena.

17. See the diagram for proper placement of the letters. They should be the height of the letter's distance from the chain. Except A. It should be far enough from the entrance to allow the horses to enter.
18. Starting at A, it needs to be centered at 10 meters on the short side.
19. Then going to the right, F is set 6 meters from the corner, then go 12m to P, 12m to B (which should also be at 30 meters), go 12m to R, go 12m to M. M should be 6 meters from the corner
20. C is in the center of the short side in front of the judge (at 10m)
21. Starting down the next long side 6m from the corner is H, then 12m to S, 12m to E (which should also be at 30m), then 12m to V, 12m to K, then 6m to the corner.
22. Pick up the tape measures, and you are done.
23. The next morning set up the judge. The judge must be directly behind C in line with A, so he/she can see straight down center line.