

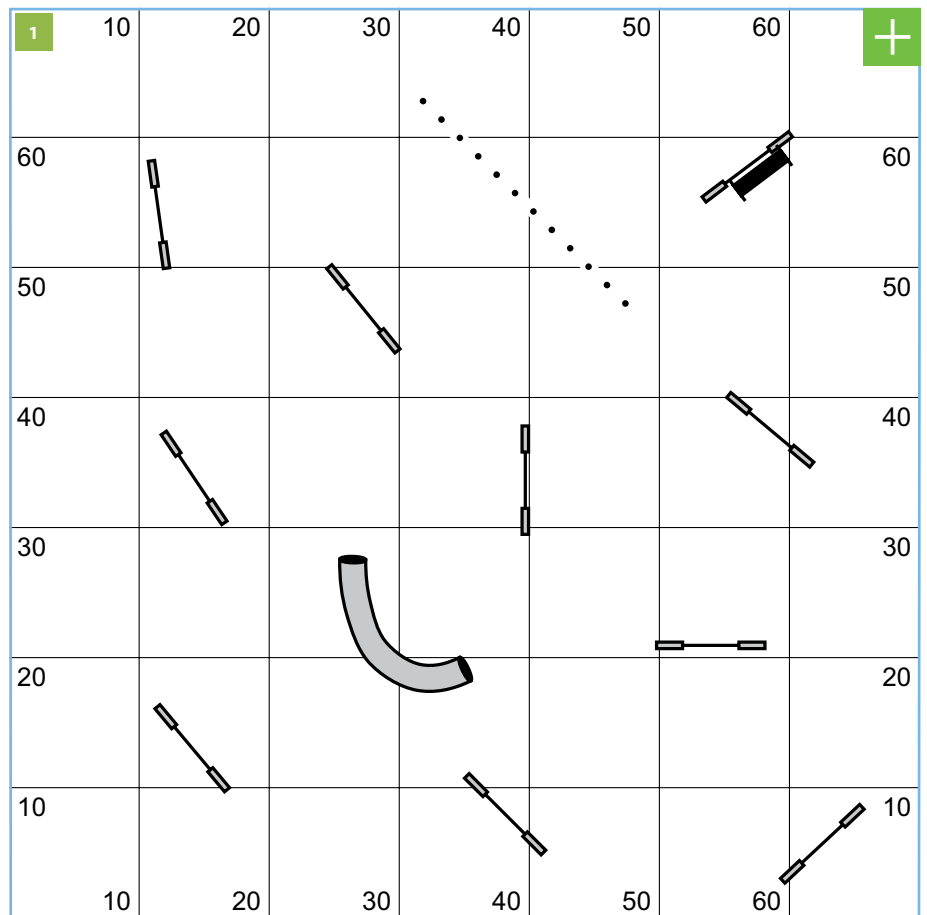
International Style

I created the setup shown in Figure 1 for a recent seminar in New York. It fit well in a 70 ft. x 70 ft. space and still allowed for generous distances between the jumps. If you have more space, you might even open it up a bit more.

The drills in Figures 2-9 prominently feature the weave entry and exits. Many international courses have the dog entering on one side of the weaves and needing to exit on the opposite side. Of course, that means the handler also has to negotiate from one side of the weaves to the other using various pushes or side changes to show the path to the dog.

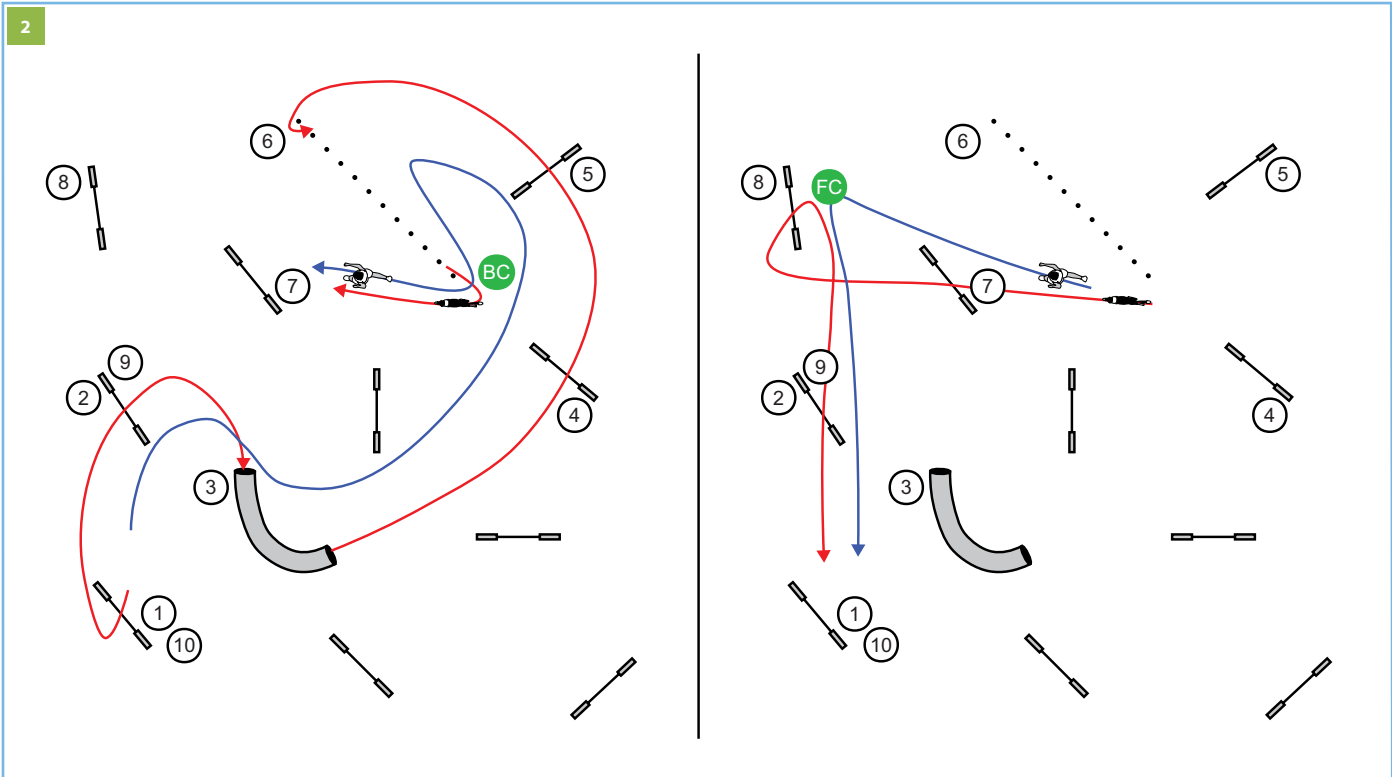
I hope you will challenge yourself with some of these tough exits, which I found to be harder than the entries. Do some experimenting to see if you can pull off hard rear crosses or extreme pushes while your dog is weaving.

I hope you have as much fun handling as I did teaching on this setup! 🐾

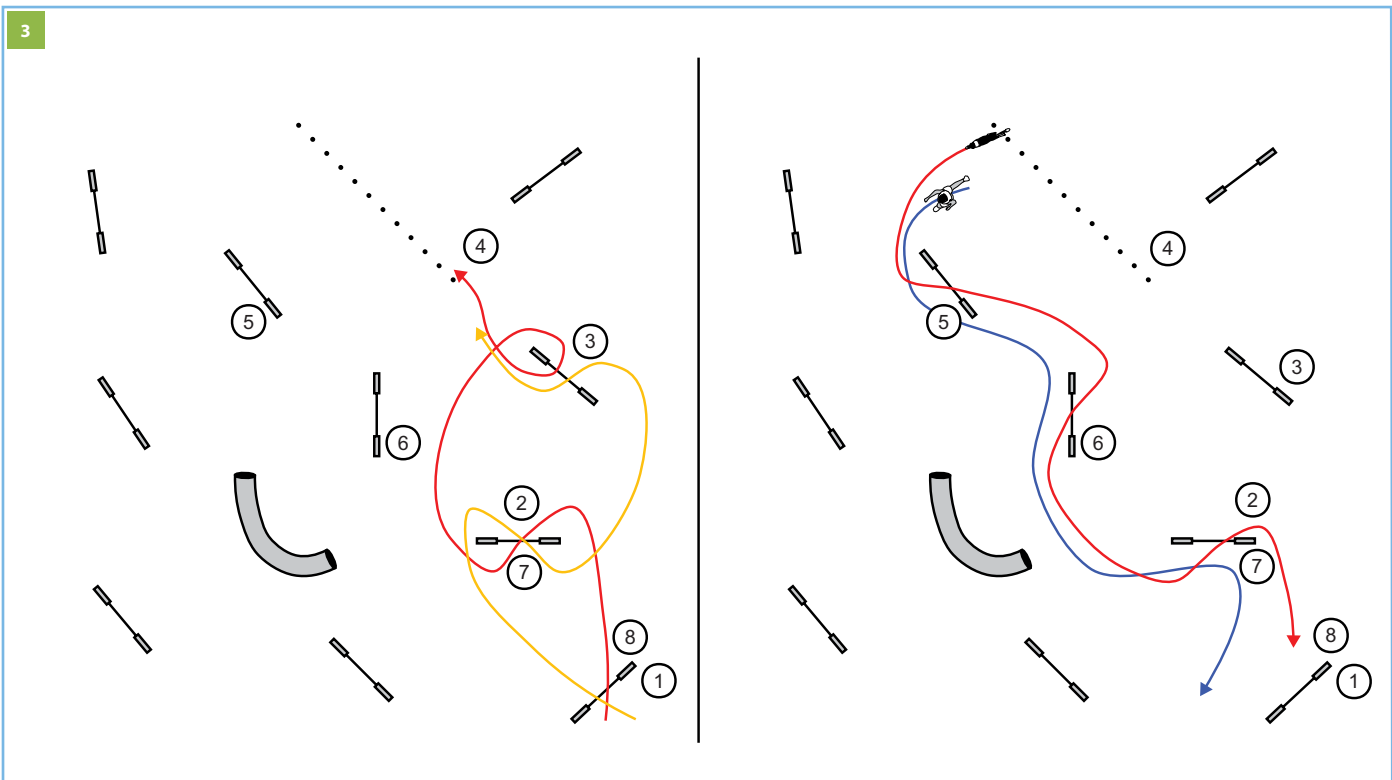


Exercise setup

Nancy Gyes and her husband Jim Basic run Power Paws Agility in San Jose, California. Nancy has been the AKC World Team Coach since 2006 and has been on the AKC World Team herself seven times: four times with Scud and three with Riot. Nancy and Riot earned both a 1st and 2nd place in Individual Agility at the FCI Agility World Championships. Nancy won the USDAA Grand Prix Finals four years in a row with three different dogs: Scud, Riot, and Wicked. Nancy and Wicked were also on the winning team at a Dog Agility Masters championship. Nancy and Riot were the 24" AKC National champions twice, and Ace was second in the Championships in 2012. Nancy and Ace represented the USA at the European Open five times and they were the first US duo to make it to the podium, earning a bronze medal in 2011. Nancy shares her life with four Border Collies aged 13 to 2 years. Contact Nancy at www.powerpawsagility.com where you can also view articles and videos.

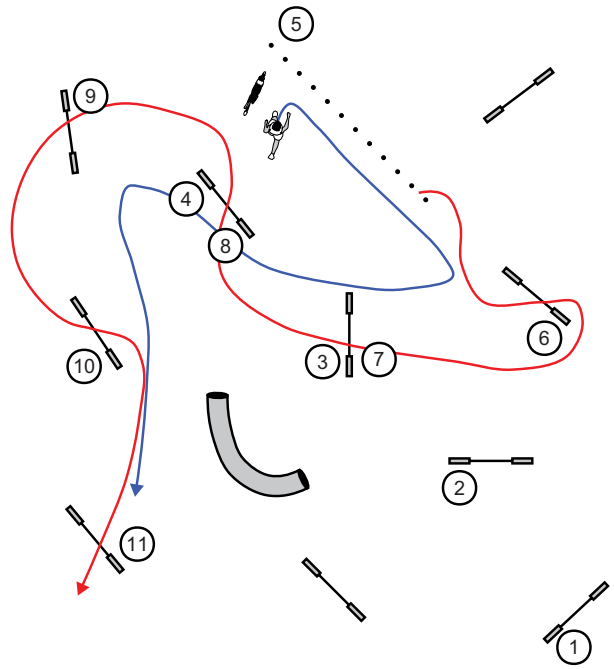
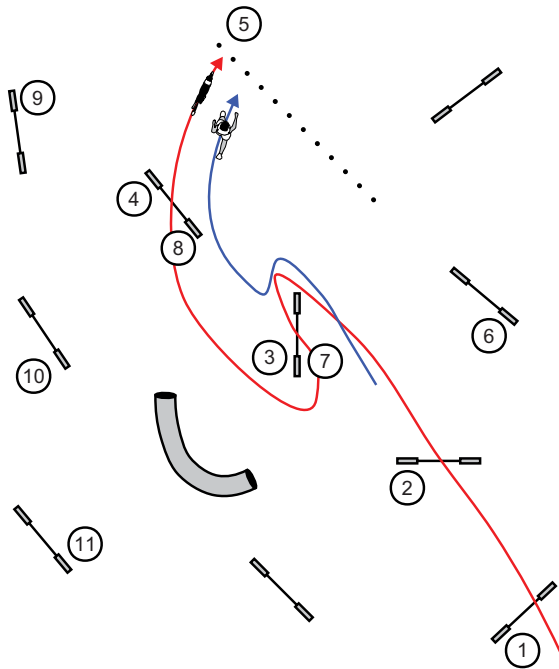


Send your dog over #1 and wrap to the right to approach #2. Send out to the weaves and blind cross out to approach #7 on your left side. Wrap #8 and front cross to the closing line.



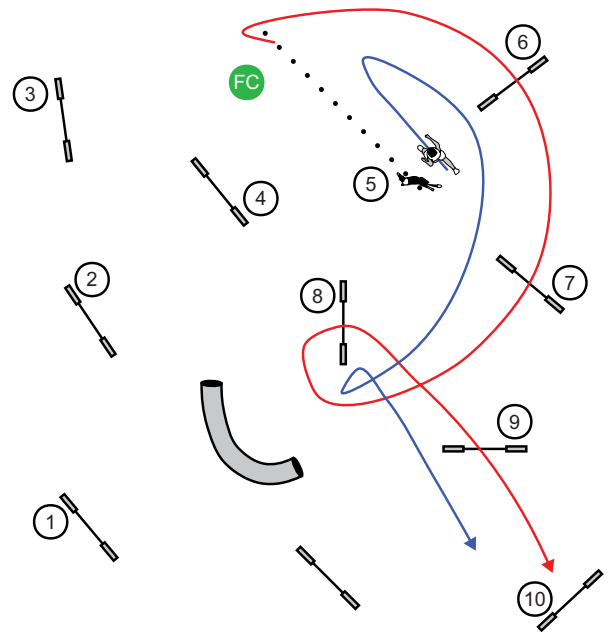
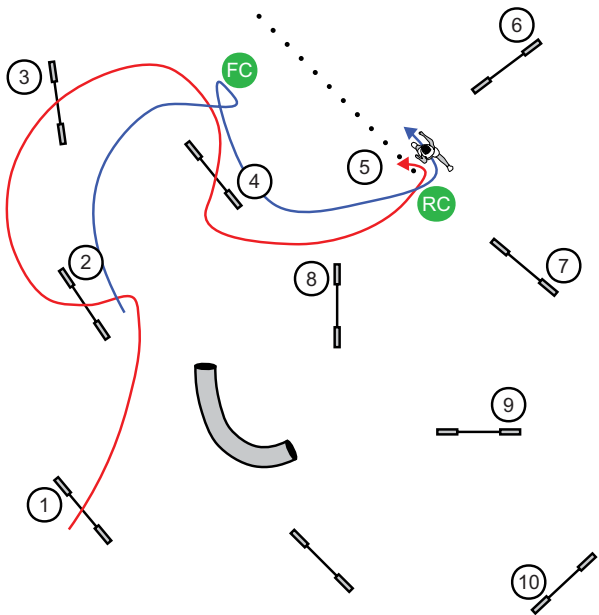
Do a lead-out pivot or threadle to #3 following the red path. Push to the back at #3 and front cross to the weaves, or approach #2 using the orange path and serp #3 to the weaves. You could try a serpentine all the way from #5 to #8 on your right, or front cross on the takeoff side of #5 and serp around on your left to #8.

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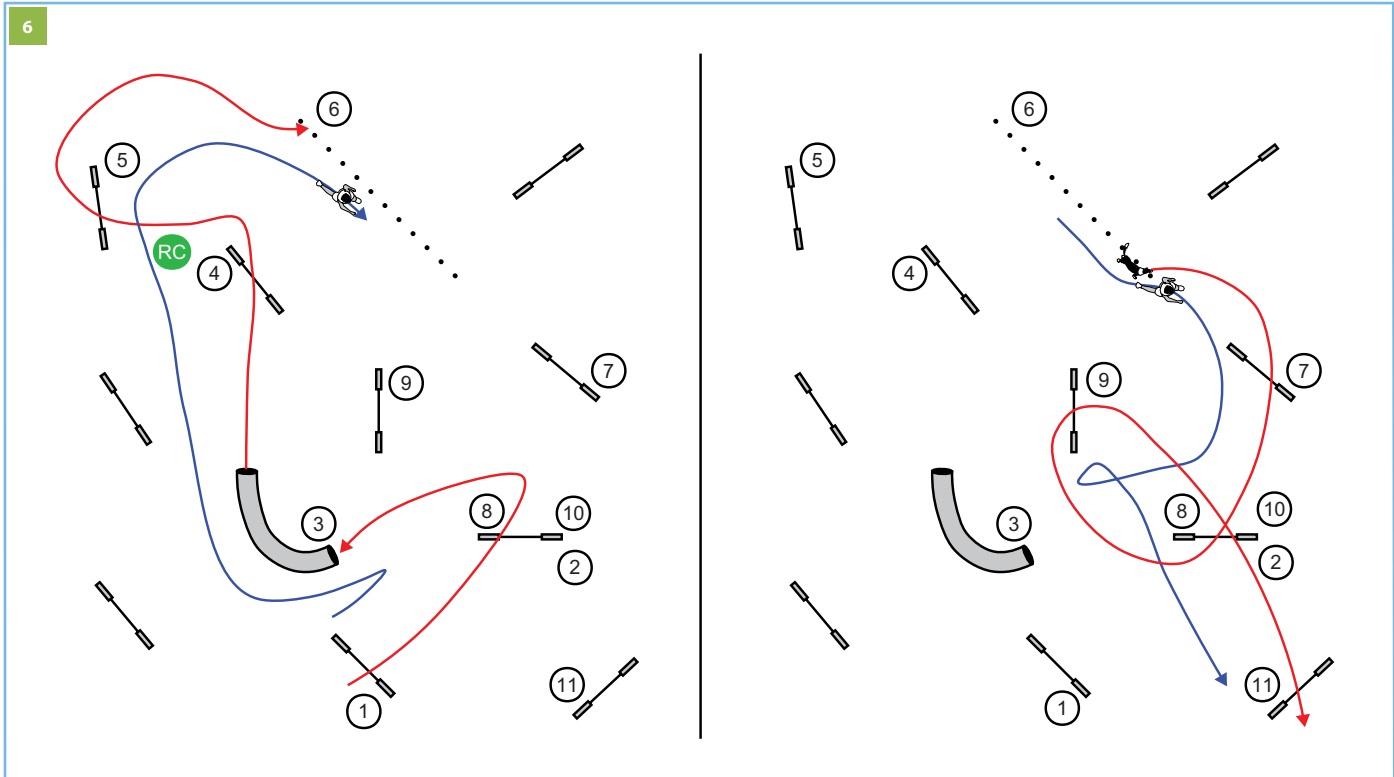


There are a few ways to do the opening. Run off the line into a push back at #3 and then blind cross to #4, weave poles approach on your left side. Or try a lead-out pivot and post turn from the takeoff side of #3, or just run into a front cross and finish with a J or K turn at #3. Threadle to #6 and change sides (front rear or blind cross) between #7 and #8. Serpentine the finish from #9 to #11.

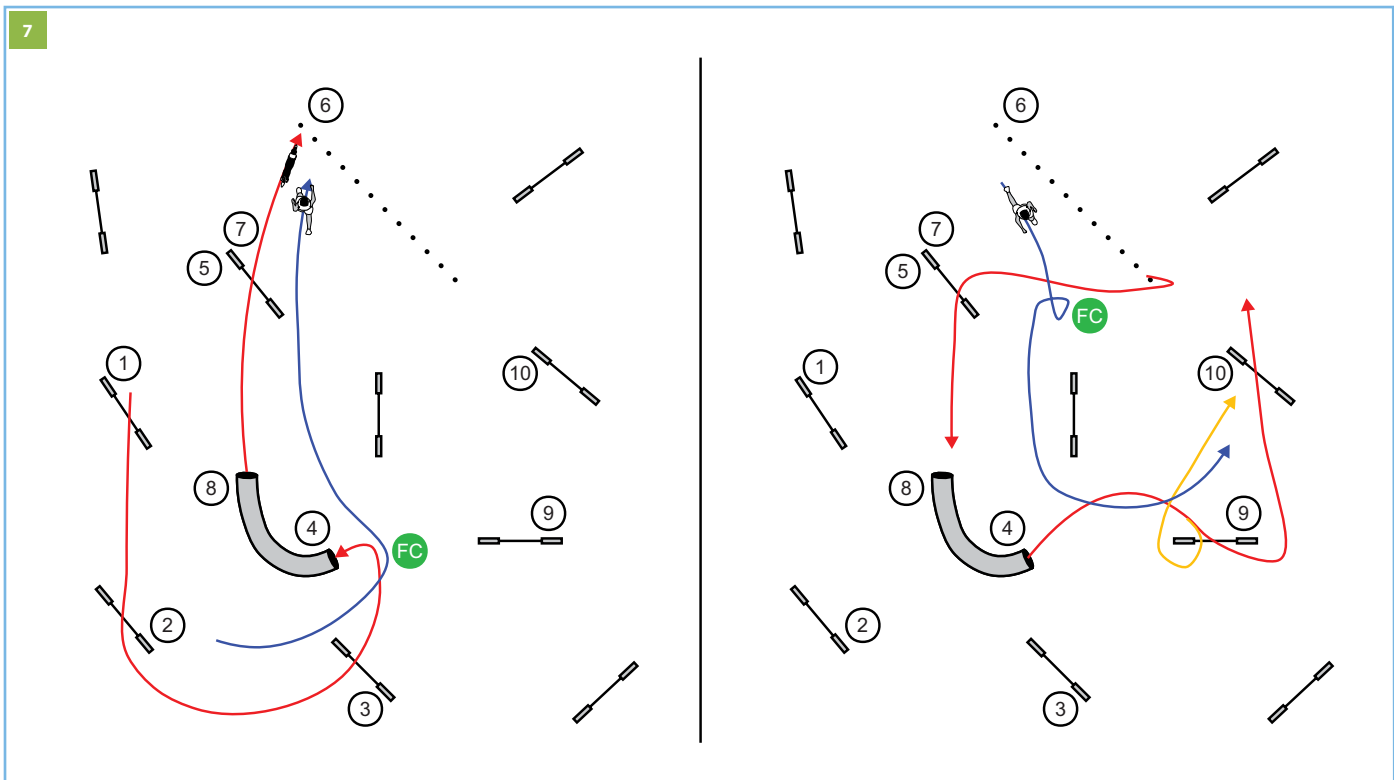
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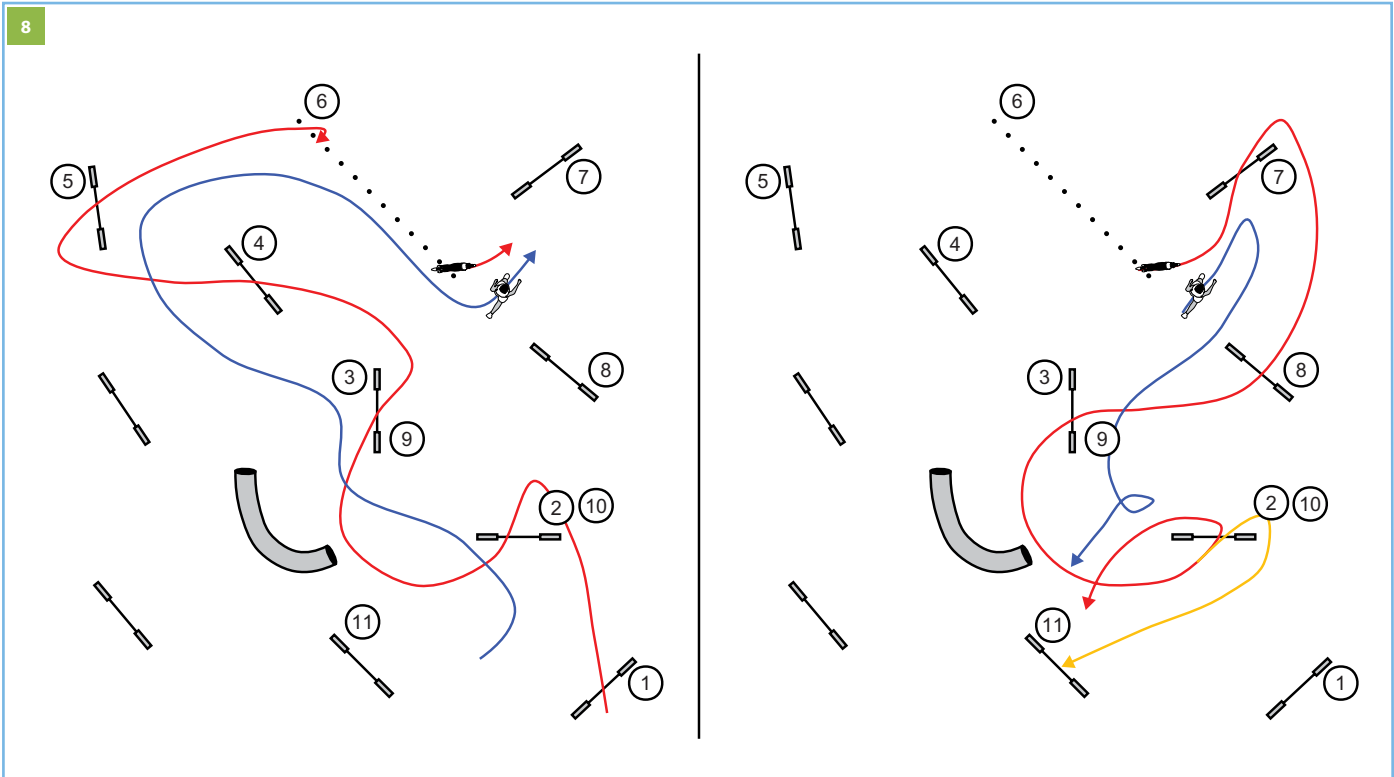
Do a lead-out pivot or threadle cue to #3 then front cross to #4. Front or rear to the weaves or serpentine to the weaves on your left side. Handle #6 to #8 on your left side and wrap #8 and post turn or blind cross #8 to #9.



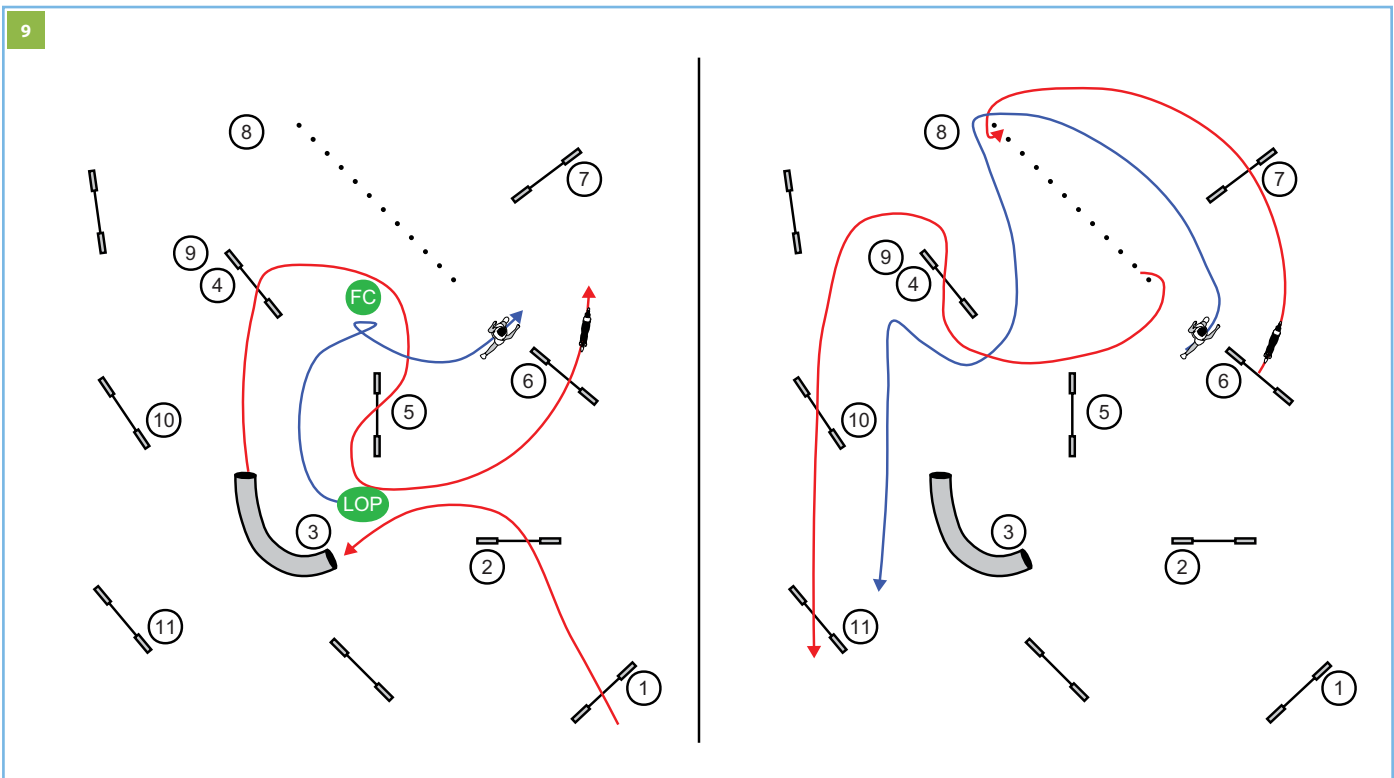
Front cross #2 to #3 or try to handle this opening on your right by sending your dog to #2 and running the backside (shown) of the tunnel. Side change #4 to #5, possibly with a rear if you can't get there for a front or blind. Push back to #7 and wrap around the 270 from #8 to #9 on your left, then post or blind #9 to #10/11.



Front cross #3 to #4 and run the line to the weaves with your dog on your left side. Front cross out of the weaves to #7, threadle to #9, and threadle again to #10 or try a wrap to the inside.



This is a bit of a tricky opening. Try pushing to the back at #2 and serping around to #3 and #4. Then try a blind cross from #4 to #5 or a rear cross threadle to #5. Push out of the weaves to #7 and then side change #8 to #9. Wrap #10 to #11 or go the long way, as shown by the orange path.



Do a lead-out pivot or push from #2 to #3 and then front cross from #4 to #5. Turn your dog with a post turn or a collection blind from #5 to #6. Side change before or after the weaves. You could try a rear cross or blind to the entry or a push and threadle maneuver at the exit.