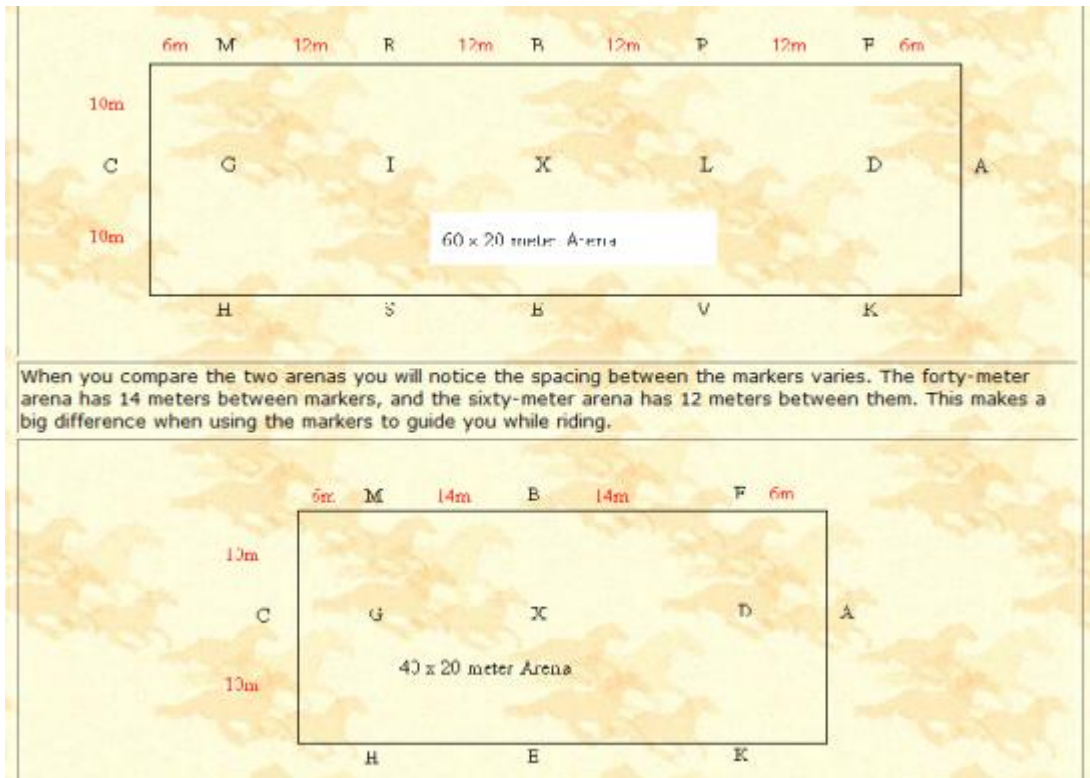


DRESSAGE ARENA DIMENSIONS AND LETTERS



1 meter = 3.2808399 feet 20m = 65.61ft 40m = 131.23ft 60m = 196.85ft

Standard dressage arena dimension are 20m x 60m (66' x 198') and small dressage arena dimensions are 20m x 40m (66' x 132'). If you are building a riding ring and have the space, stake out the larger arena size. If you actually plan to ride dressage tests you will probably start out riding in the smaller arena. You can move in the end markers for the shorter distance. But the larger arena is nice to have for general schooling or if you plan to jump and don't have room to build a separate ring for your fences.

Small Arena

The letters you'll need to make or buy for the small arena are AKEHCMBF. (Read counter-clockwise in image) (Remember this by the acronym All King Edward's Horses Can Make Big Fences or make up your own.) If you want to measure out your arena accurately A and C mark the center point of the short side of the arena at 10 m (33'). Place letters H, M, F and K 6m (19'8") from the ends. E and B mark the middle of the long sides and are 20 m (65' 7") from either end. Down the center line between A and C are letters DXG with X the center of the arena. These aren't generally marked unless you have a way to do it overhead.

Standard Arena

The letters for the larger arena are AKVESHCMRBP with DLXIG assumed but not marked down center line between A and C. (Remember this one with All King Edwards Horses Can Make Big Fences with an RSVP). (See image 2) Place H, M, F and K 6m (19'8") from the ends.

B and E on the middle of the long sides are 30m (98'5") from the end of the arena and the other letters RSVP are spaced 12m (39'4") on either side of B and E. X is the center of the arena and D lines up between F and K with the other letters lining up with the letters on the sides of the arena.

Nice website about dimensions: http://www.horseoz.com/riding_articles/Riding_Circles/riding_circles.html

Parelli's "new arena dimensions" Everything is symmetrical at 10m and 20m markings... (20mx40m arena)
One problem is that it shortens diagonal changes by ~26.2ft (8m) since the first letter is placed 10m away from the end instead of 6m...

