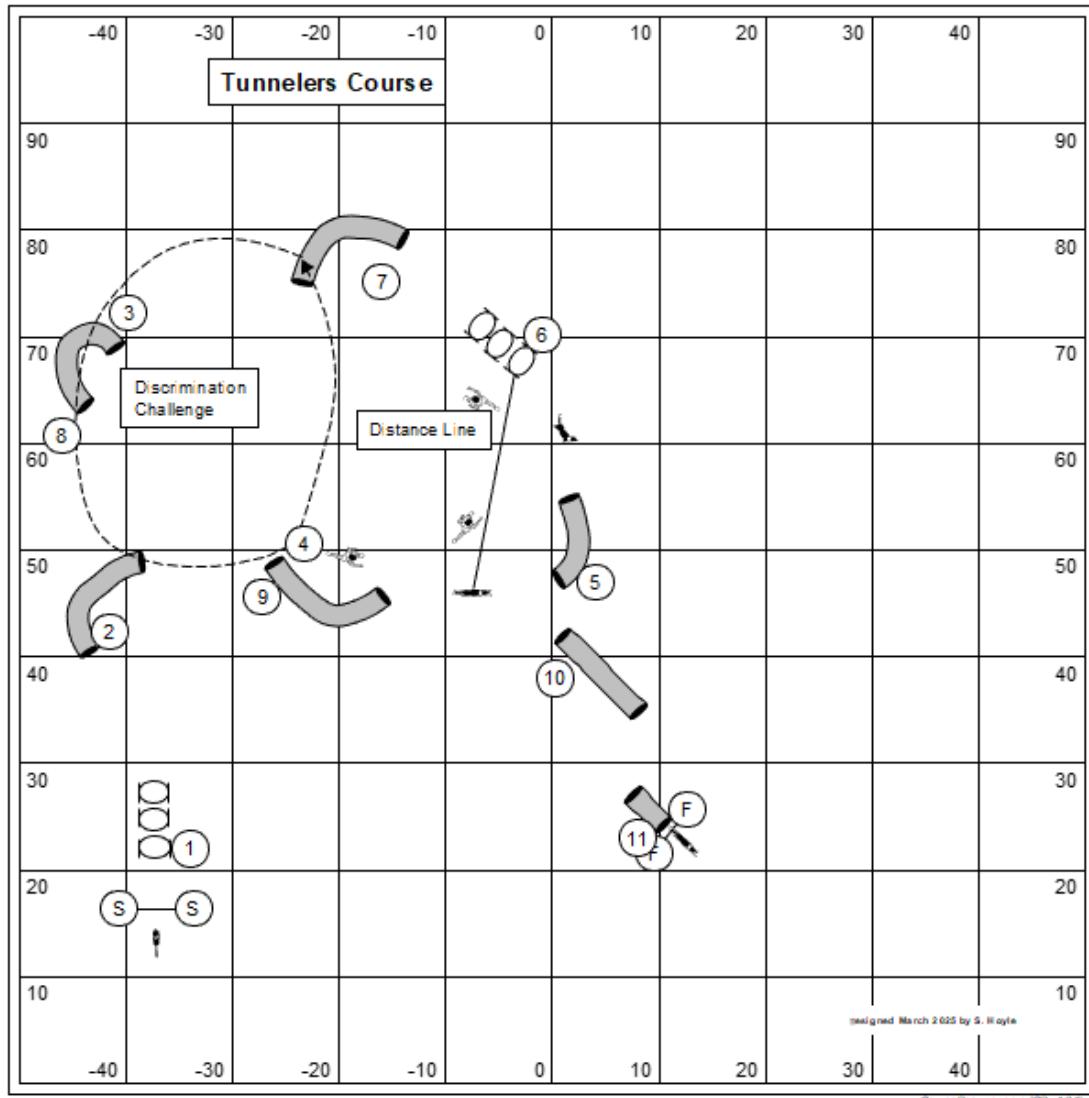




REQUIRED ELEMENTS: The Tunnelers course must consist of at least 7 tunnels and 2 sets of 3 hoops. A UKC hoop tunnel may be substituted for one set of 3 hoops if desired. Also, a barrel is an acceptable substitute for the 4' tunnel if that is equipment that is already on hand. Additionally, the course requires a distance challenge of at least 8', and a discrimination point where 4 tunnel openings come together in a way that requires the dog to listen closely to the handler and the handler to give clear direction to ensure that the dog goes into the correct tunnel.

When looking at the colored map, the purple tunnel is 4' (or a barrel), the red tunnels are a maximum of 10', yellow tunnels are 16' max, royal blue tunnels are 16', and the dark blue tunnel 20' max.

THE COURSE: The course map is presented in different ways for different uses. The standard course map is provided for handlers to use to walk the course prior to running it with their dog. This map also provides a good course overview. The distance line and discrimination challenge are noted.



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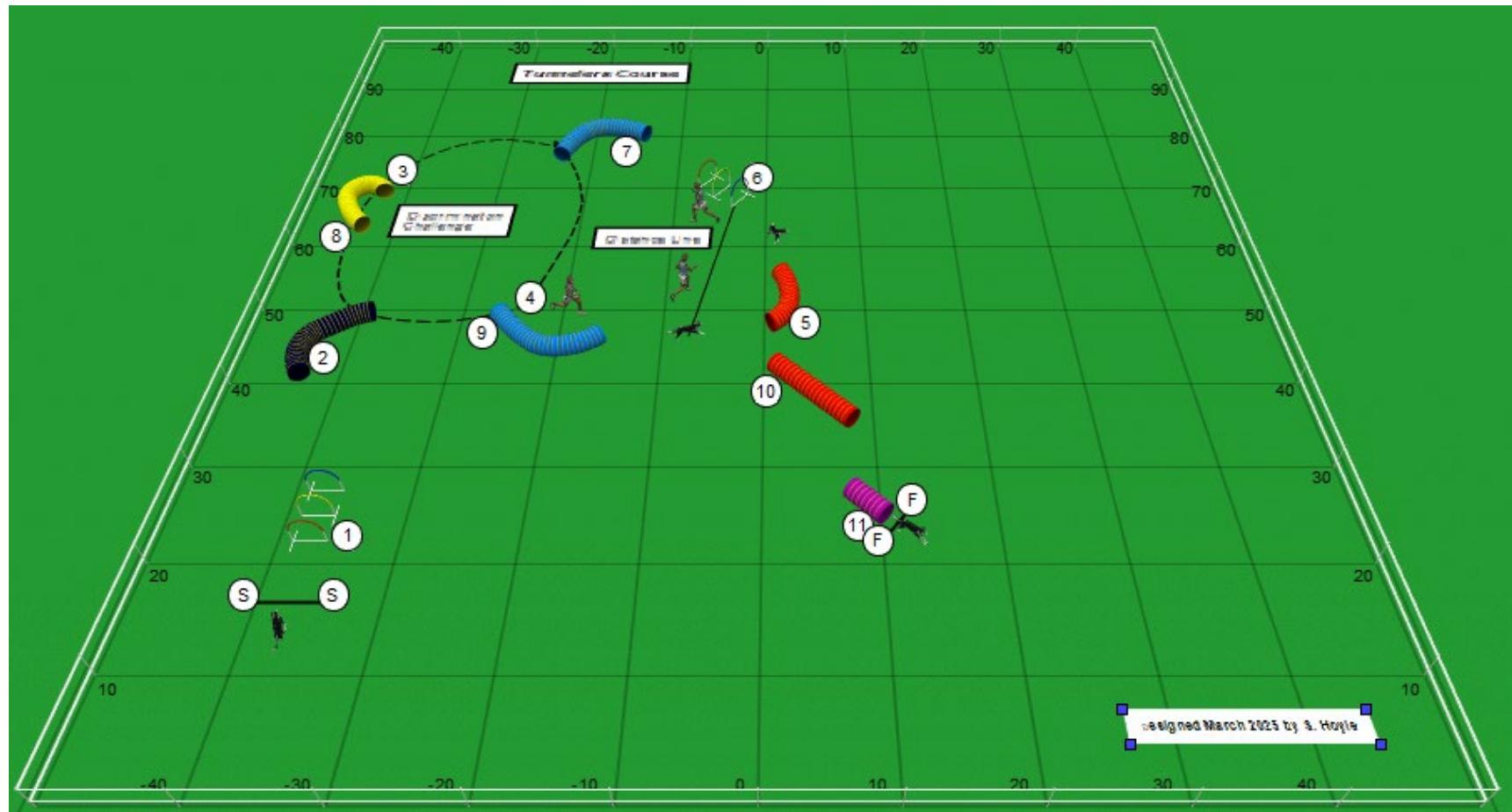


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For a better understanding of how the distance line is placed and a more birds eye view of the discrimination challenge is set up, a 3D map is provided. Note the path of the dog and the handler at the distance line.





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Finally, a 3D map with distances is provided for the purpose of setting up the course. Distances between obstacles are noted on the map. Hoops are placed close together with only 6' between the feet. The design of the course is purposeful with fairly short distances between the obstacles to build drive. Though there is not a time requirement for the badge, a faster course provides more fun for some dogs.

