



Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards English Riding Jumping Level 1 (ERJ-1)

4-H Member: _____ County: _____

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard MS = Meets Standard DNMS = Does not Meet Standard

HORSE MANAGEMENT

Approach a horse safely and put on halter.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Lead and turn horse safely in hand.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate proper grooming techniques, including picking out hooves (with assistance if needed).	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

HORSE AND RIDER TURNOUT

Rider in safe and neat attire with an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Mount to be neatly brushed, feet picked out (with assistance if needed), and showing regular farrier care.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Discuss how to safely approach another horse and rider while mounted.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

TACK

Tack safe, neat, and properly adjusted, with assistance if necessary.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate how to check fit of girth.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

RIDING

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Throughout the entire testing, candidate demonstrates control while maintaining a safe, basic balanced position at the walk and trot in both directions.

Mount and dismount, with assistance and mounting block if necessary.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Hold the reins correctly at the halt, walk, and trot.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Shorten and lengthen the reins correctly at the halt.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Drop and regain stirrups at the halt.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate a simple change of direction at the walk and trot.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Perform gradual transitions from a walk to trot and walk to halt.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Walk over appropriately spaced ground poles in two-point/jumping position.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Complete English Riding Pattern 1 (Appendix A) demonstrating a safe, balanced position and use of natural aids, as well as proper execution. Discuss and evaluate pattern with Examiner and re-do if necessary.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

ES: _____ MS: _____ DNMS: _____

Overall comments/suggestions:

Examiner Name

Examiner Signature

Date

Sections Requiring Retesting:

A candidate may be retested as follows:

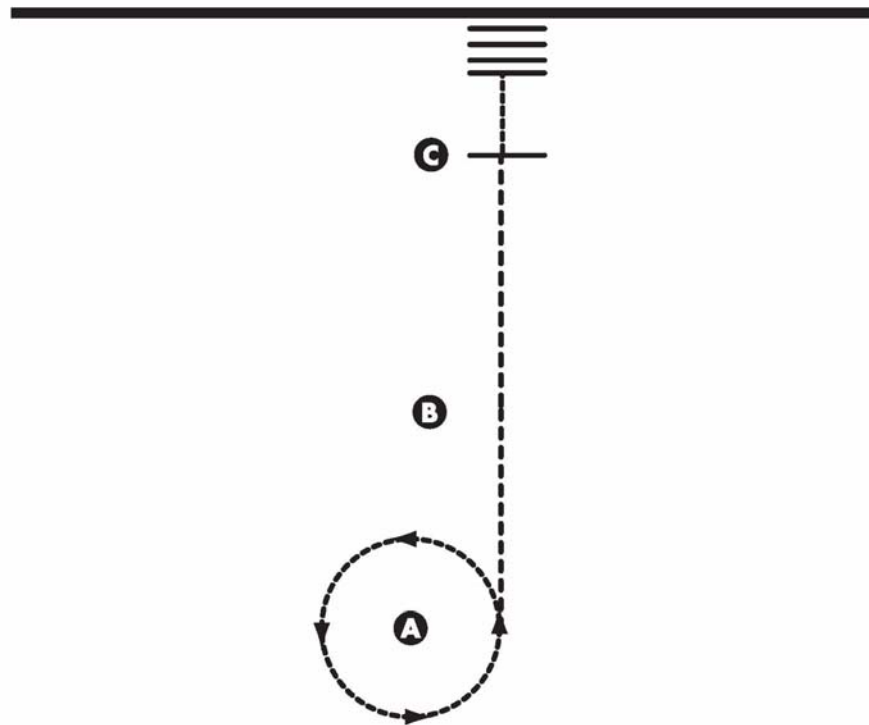
- Retest to cover not more than 1 or 2 sections of the test. Retest must take place within 3 months but no sooner than 1 month.
- Not meeting standards of any section on that day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be conducted by original Examiner.

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Signature _____



Maryland 4-H Horsemanship Standards Appendix

Appendix A: English Riding Level 1 Pattern



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin on right side of cone A.
2. Stop and walk circle around cone A.
3. Trot left diagonal to cone B.
4. Trot right diagonal to cone C.
5. Halt at cone C.
6. Walk over ground poles.

Key

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- - - - -	TROT
- - - - -	EXTENDED TROT
—————	CANTER
//////	BACK
≈	CHANGE LEADS
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