



Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards

English Riding Jumping Level 3 (ERJ-3)

4-H Member: _____ County: _____

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

HORSE MANAGEMENT

Discuss at least two precautions (safety measures) that should be taken when properly securing a hay net/hay bag.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Apply protective boots (simple galloping or brushing boots – one front, one hind on diagonal pairs – and front bell boots), with assistance if needed, and describe their purpose.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate putting a blanket on a horse, recognizing proper fit. (Horse handler may be used)	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 well brushed (no sweat), clean (no dirt), with feet picked out, and showing regular farrier care. Mane and tail brushed and eyes, nose, lips, and dock wiped off. Appropriate areas of hair trimmed as suitable to discipline.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Discuss and demonstrate (if possible) rules of courtesy that should be followed when riding with others in a ring and on a trail.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

TACK

Tack to be safe – especially stitching on stirrup leathers/girth – and clean – no grease, sweat, or dust, stress points clean, stirrup pads (if used) clean, and bit clean.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Discuss how to recognize properly fitted tack.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

RIDING- Flat	
RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Throughout the entire testing, candidate demonstrates a safe, basic balanced position with control at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions.	
Demonstrate an increase and decrease of speed at the walk and trot.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Ride without stirrups at the walk and trot (sitting).	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Perform 20 meter circles at the walk, sitting trot, rising trot, and canter with correct lead in both directions.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate a halt from the walk, trot, and canter on a straightaway.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
RIDING – Jumping	
RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Throughout the jumping section, candidate maintains a secure base of support, while developing balance and a steady position over fences.	
Trot over appropriately spaced ground poles that are eventually to be followed by a simple 18"- 2' crossrail (refer to Appendix L).	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Ride over a course consisting of 5 to 7 vertical or cross-rail jumps (all with ground lines, maximum of 2 cross-rails), with the majority set to 18", and appropriate striding – no bending lines, combinations, or related distances. Evaluate ride with examiner and identify how ride could be improved.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

ES: _____ MS: _____ DNMS: _____

Overall comments/suggestions:

Examiner Name

Examiner Signature

Date

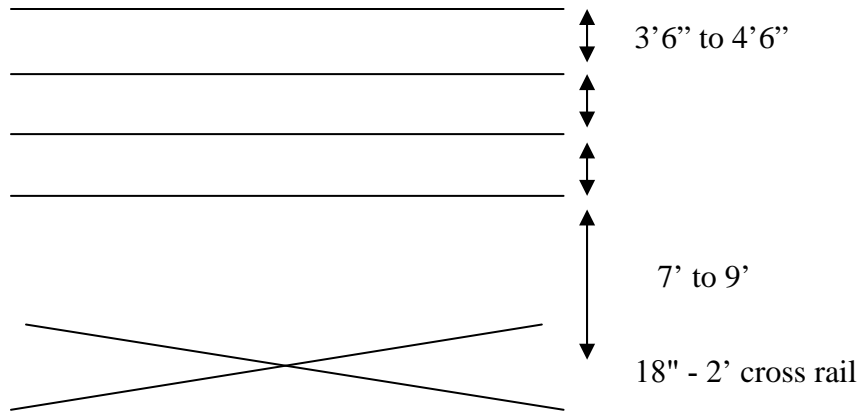
Sections Requiring Retesting:

- 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 _____

Appendix L: Level 3 English Jumping Grid Exercises

Use 3 to 5 trot poles placed at 3'6" to 4'6" apart, according to mount's stride. Distances within the gymnastic line might need to be adjusted according to mount's stride as well. Candidate should ride over trot poles first and then build the gymnastic line according to the diagram below.



Course work: 2 cross rails and 5 vertical jumps (all with ground lines), with the majority set to 18", and appropriate striding - no bending lines, combinations, or related distances.