



# Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards

## English Riding Jumping Level 4 (ERJ-4)

4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### HORSE MANAGEMENT

Apply a stable bandage (one front or one hind). Evaluate bandage with Examiner. Be prepared to discuss materials, techniques, and differences between front and hind application. Horse handler may be used.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Discuss reasons for lunging, necessary equipment, and safety procedures for horse and rider.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate appropriate longe line attachment to the horse.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

### HORSE AND RIDER TURNOUT

Rider's attire to be neat in discipline of choice, schooling show attire minimum, and should be safe and neat. Rider must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Mount to be well groomed, reflecting regular care with a healthy coat; no sweat or dirt. Mane and tail brushed with little, if any, dandruff. External areas around sheath/udder clean. Feet picked out and reflecting regular farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips, and dock clean.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

### TACK

Tack to be safe, properly adjusted, supple, and reflecting regular care. No grease, sweat, or dust. All stress points clean. No cracked leather. Metal clean and polished and stirrup pads clean.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Describe three artificial aids and their use.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

**RIDING - Flat**

**RIDING EXPECTATIONS:** Throughout the entire testing, candidate rides with confidence and control at the walk, trot, and canter, demonstrating a safe, basic balanced position and use of natural aids. Candidate is beginning to ride mount freely forward with balance and rhythm while developing a light contact with the horse's mouth.

Perform basic suppling exercises for the rider. Discuss benefits to rider.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Ride at the walk, trot, and canter, showing smooth transitions and performing 20 meter circles and figure 8's with a correct bend at each gait, showing simple changes of lead.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Demonstrate aids for moving a horse away from the leg at a halt and walk.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Ride without stirrups at the walk and trot while performing 20 meter circles in both directions and performing changes of direction, demonstrating posting on the correct diagonal.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

**RIDING - Jumping**

**RIDING EXPECTATIONS:** Throughout the jumping section, candidate is riding with confidence and control over fences, demonstrating a safe, basic balanced position and use of natural aids.

Discuss correct distances between trotting and canter poles for both horses and ponies.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Perform grid exercises by trotting over appropriately spaced ground poles followed by a 18" cross-rail and then one stride to a vertical set at a height of 2' (refer to Appendix M). Discuss performance with examiner and suggest any distance adjustments.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Ride over a course consisting of 6 to 8 jumps with verticals and ascending oxers (all with ground lines), with the majority set to 2', and appropriate striding – no bending lines, combinations, or related distances. Evaluate ride with examiner and discuss how it could be improved, and the pace and control of it.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

ES: _____
MS: _____
DNMS: _____

Overall comments/suggestions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Examiner Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Examiner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

4-Has paid required participation fee (examiner's initials) \_\_\_\_\_

Sections Requiring Retesting:

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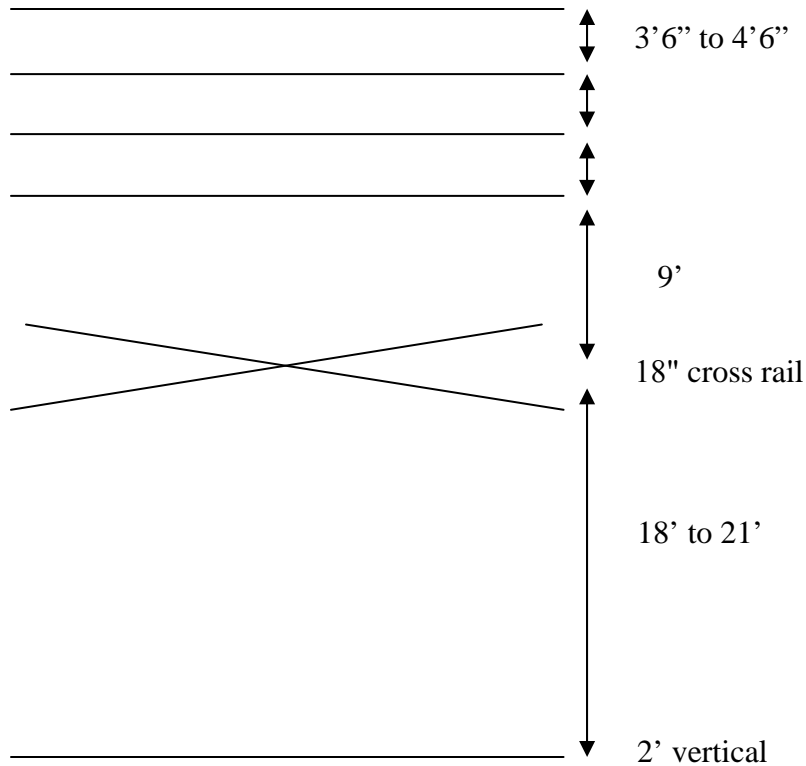
**A candidate may be retested as follows:**

- 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 M: Level 4 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: 6 to 8 jumps with verticals and ascending oxers (all with ground lines), with the majority set to 2', and appropriate striding – no bending lines, combinations, or related distances.