



Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards English Jumping Riding Level 6 (ERJ-6)

4-H Member: _____ County: _____

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

HORSE MANAGEMENT

Demonstrate how to take a horse's temperature, pulse, and respiration. Candidate should then discuss with examiner whether the vitals found are in the normal range.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Apply a stable bandage (one front or one hind), shipping bandage (one front or one hind), and tail wrap, all without assistance. Evaluate bandage with Examiner. Be prepared to discuss materials, techniques, and likes and dislikes of presented bandages. Horse handler may be used.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Longe in an enclosed area to a horse's level of ability, demonstrating free forward relaxed movement, rhythm, correct bend, and smooth transitions. Evaluate requirements with Examiner and decide if they were met,	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Discuss and demonstrate properly fitted equipment as appropriate for lunging. (Side reins optional, if used, must be properly fitted)	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 thoroughly groomed, reflecting regular care with a healthy coat; no sweat or dirt. Mane and tail brushed with no dandruff. Sheath or udder showing regular attention. Feet picked out and reflecting regular farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips, and dock clean.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

TACK

Tack to be safe, clean and properly adjusted, reflecting regular care/conditioning with metal polished. No grease, sweat, or dust, no cracked leather, and all stress points clean.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

RIDING - Flat

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Throughout the entire test, candidate maintains a basic balanced position with a secure base of support. Candidate demonstrates the development of an independent seat and coordinated use of aids at the walk, trot, and canter. Candidate initiates and maintains free forward movement with smooth transitions and a steady, light feel of the mount's mouth. The candidate shows confidence and control at all gaits on the flat.

Demonstrate an appropriate warm-up for flat work, discuss and evaluate performance with examiner.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Ride at the walk, trot, and canter, showing smooth transitions and performing large and small circles (12 to 15 meters), serpentines, and figure 8's with correct bend, while maintaining even rhythm <u>with</u> stirrups.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
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Discuss and demonstrate the difference between lengthening stride and increasing speed at each gait.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate turns on the forehand and hindquarters in each direction.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

RIDING - Jumping

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate maintains a basic balanced position with a secure base of support over fences. Candidate demonstrates the development of an independent seat and coordinated use of aid over fences. Candidate shows confidence and control over fences.

Candidate to set grid (refer to Appendix O for example) appropriate for own mount. Set grid height at a maximum of 2'9" for the last fence.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Perform grid exercises over grid set up by candidate. Discuss performance with examiner and suggest any distance changes.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Drop grid height to 2'6". Ride through set grid without stirrups.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Using the course set up by the examiner – 6 to 8 fences, 1/3 of which should be oxers, with the majority set to 2'9", and appropriate striding - course should include 1 triple combination. Prior to ride, rider must discuss their plan for implementation including pace, strides, and lead changes (simple or flying). Candidates must then ride the course they discussed, demonstrating lead changes as necessary while maintaining rhythm and control throughout the course. Evaluate ride, what improvements could be incorporated to make ride better.	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:

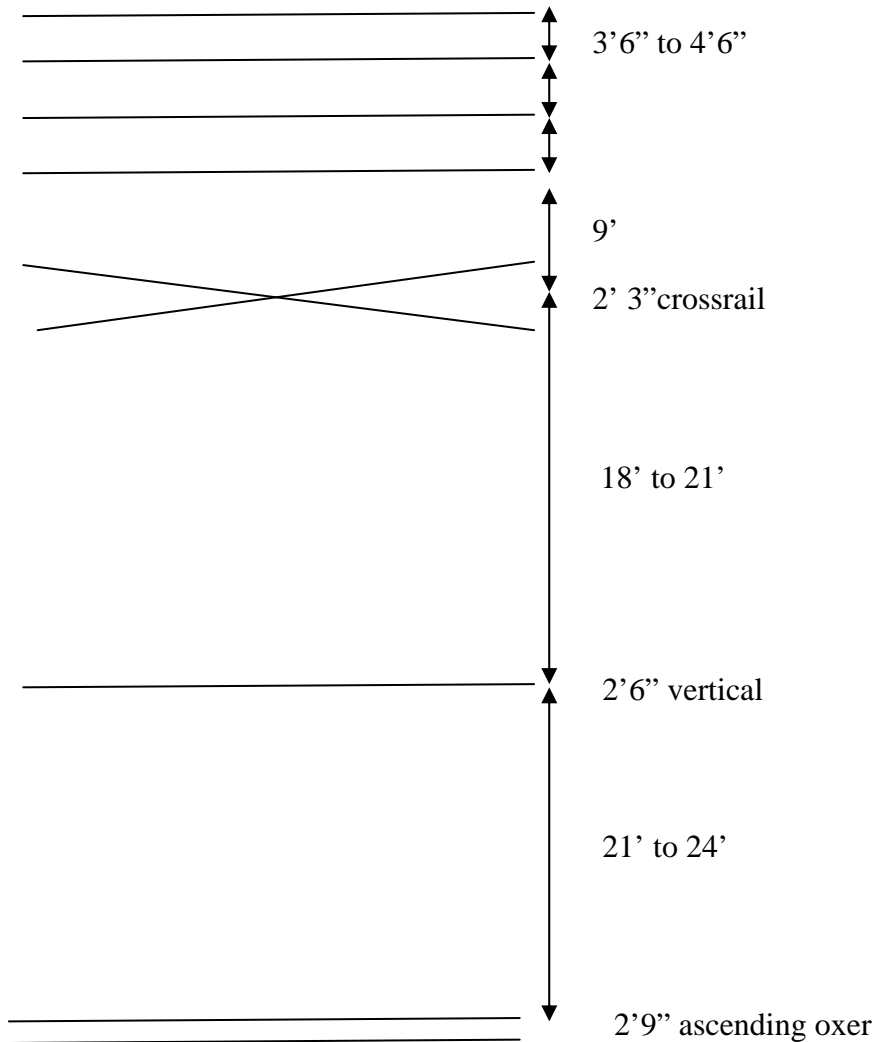
A candidate may be retested as follows:

- 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 O: Level 6 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 fences, 1/3 of which should be oxers, with the majority set to 2'9", and appropriate striding - course should include 1 triple combination.