



# Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards

## English Riding Level 2 (ER -2)

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

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

<b>HORSE MANAGEMENT</b>	
Lead horse in and out of a stall safely.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Tie horse in a safe place with a quick release knot.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Perform walk/trot transitions in hand, with assistance if necessary.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	
<b>HORSE AND RIDER TURNOUT</b>	
Rider in safe and neat attire with an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Mount to be clean and well brushed, with feet picked out and showing regular farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips and dock wiped off. Mane and tail combed and free of debris.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Discuss general precautions (safety measures) that should be taken when riding in a group.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	
<b>TACK</b>	
Tack to be safe and clean, (properly adjusted with assistance, if necessary) with attention to stitching, girth, and stirrups. No obvious dirt, grease, or heavy dust.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate how to check proper length of stirrups when mounted and unmounted.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

<b>RIDING</b>	
<b>RIDING EXPECTATIONS:</b> 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 independently with mounting block if necessary.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Shorten and lengthen reins at the halt and walk.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Adjust stirrups and girth while mounted at the halt.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Perform simple circles and figure 8's at the walk and trot, demonstrating posting on the correct diagonal.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Ride without stirrups at the walk and regain stirrups.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Safely back three to four steps.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate a halt from the walk and trot on a straightaway.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Complete English Riding Pattern 2 (Appendix B) 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: _____
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Overall comments/suggestions:

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Examiner Name

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Examiner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Sections Requiring Retesting:

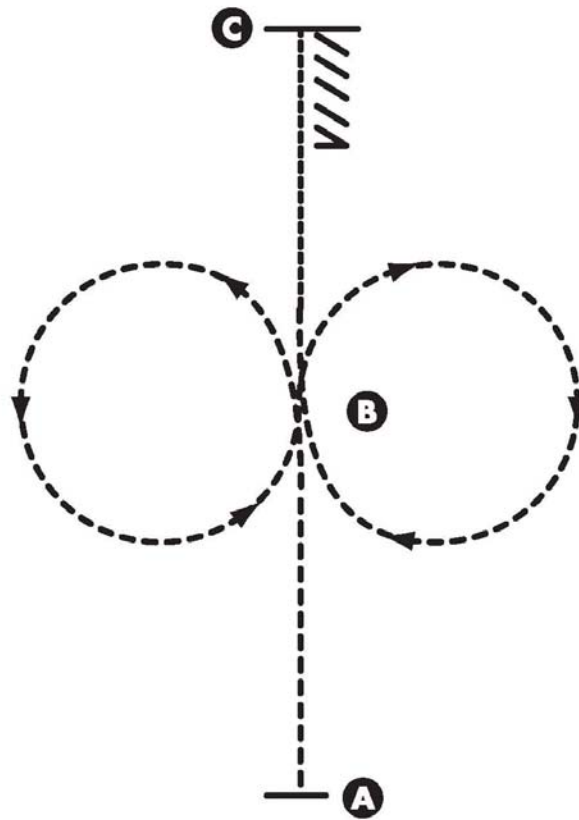
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**A candidate may be retested as follows:**

- 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 B: English Riding Level 2 Pattern



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. From halt at A, perform posting trot to B.
2. At B, circle left at posting trot on the correct diagonal.
3. At B, circle right at a posting trot on the correct diagonal.
4. At B, come down to a walk and continue to C.
5. At C, halt, back 3 to 4 steps. Exit at walk.

### Key

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