



Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards English Riding Level 4 (ER-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 (if used) clean.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Describe three artificial aids and their use.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

RIDING

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 riders.	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 _____
Discuss and demonstrate the difference between lengthening stride and increasing speed at each gait.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Discuss correct distances between trotting and canter poles for both horses and ponies.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Complete required USDF Dressage Test (see Appendix H) <u>OR</u> English Riding Pattern 4 (Appendix D) demonstrating a safe, basic balanced position with control, and proper execution. Discuss and evaluate test/pattern with Examiner and re-do if necessary.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

Comments:

ES: _____ MS: _____ DNMS: _____

Overall comments/suggestions:

Examiner Name

Examiner Signature

Date

4-Her has paid required participation fee (examiner's initials) _____

Sections Requiring Retesting:

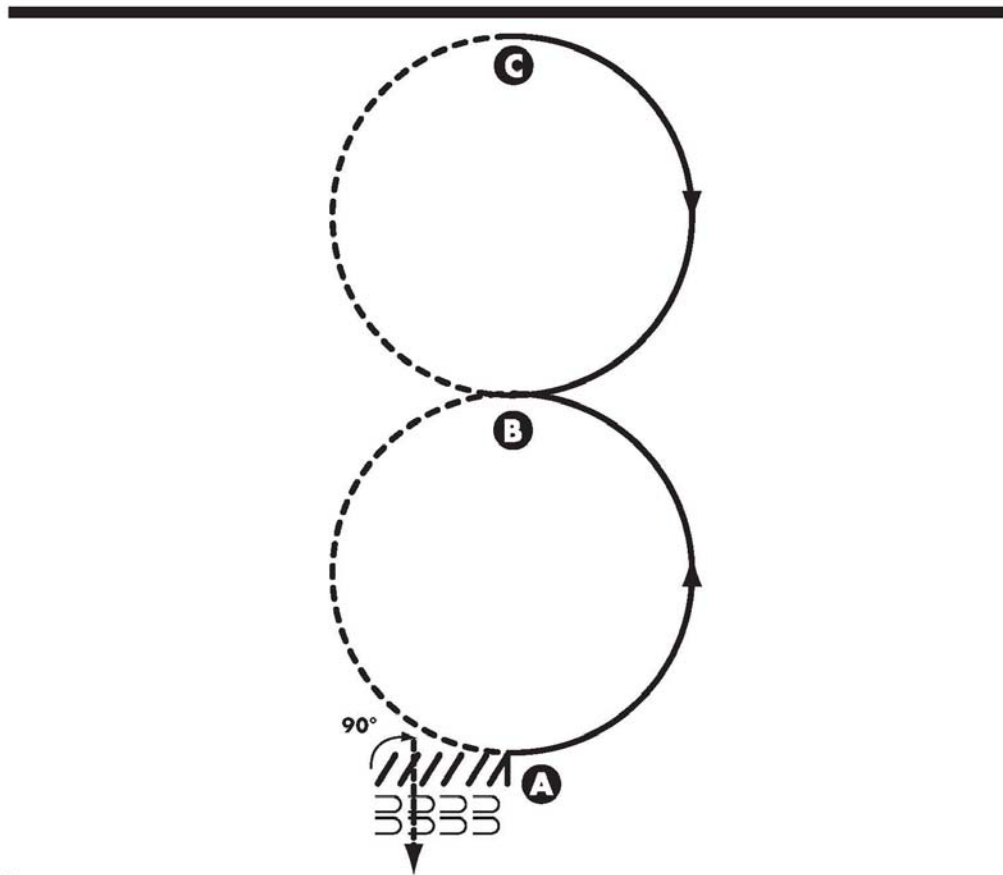
A candidate may be retested as follows:

- 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 D: English Riding Level 4 Pattern



INSTRUCTIONS

1. From halt at A, canter on the left lead to B.
2. At B, downward transition to a trot on the left diagonal to C.
3. At C, canter on the right lead to B.
4. At B, break to a posting trot on the right diagonal to A.
5. Stop. Back four steps.
6. Execute a 90° turn on the forehand to the right.
7. Exit arena at a walk.

Key

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