



Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards

English Riding Level 5 (ER-5)

4-H Member: _____ County: _____

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

HORSE MANAGEMENT

Demonstrate the ability to prepare a horse for safe travel in a trailer. Items to include a properly fitted break away halter and lead rope, shipping boots or bandages on all four legs, sheet/blanket/fly sheet if the weather requires it, and a head protector (if necessary).	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate the ability to safely load a cooperative horse or pony with assistance if needed.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Apply a shipping bandage (one front or one hind), with assistance if needed. 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 at least 3 exercises and their benefits when lunging a horse.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Longe a horse, to its appropriate level, for the purpose of exercise in an enclosed area, demonstrating safe lunging techniques, with assistance if necessary. Evaluate horse's performance with Examiner.	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 _____
Discuss selected farrier care for presented horse and why it has been chosen.	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 _____
Explain purpose of equipment used on own horse (i.e. bit, girth, pads, breast plate, etc.)	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 secure balanced position and progress toward an independent seat and coordinated use of aids. The candidate is beginning to initiate free forward movement, establishing balance and rhythm while developing a light contact with the horse's mouth.	
Ride at the walk, trot, and canter, showing smooth transitions and performing large and small circles (12-15 meters), serpentines, and figure 8's with a correct bend while maintaining an even rhythm with smooth transitions. Evaluate figures with Examiner.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Discuss appropriate horse and rider warm up routines for two different disciplines of candidate's choice.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Ride without stirrups at the walk, trot, and canter, maintaining balance and control.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Develop a hand gallop from a canter and return smoothly to the canter.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate the aids for moving a horse away from the rider's leg at the trot.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Halt squarely and stand for five seconds.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Complete required USDF Dressage Test (see Appendix I) <u>OR</u> English Riding Pattern 5 (Appendix E) 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-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 I: 2011 USEF Training Level Test 3 for English Riding Level 5

*All trot work may be ridden sitting or rising, unless stated.
Halts may be through the walk.*

1	A X	Enter working trot Halt, Salute Proceed working trot
2	C HXK	Track left One loop
3	Between A & F	Working canter left lead
4	B	Circle left 20m
5	HXF X	Change rein Working trot
6	A A-K	Medium walk Medium walk
7	KXH H-C	Free walk Medium walk
8	C MXF	Working trot One loop
9	Between A & K	Working canter right lead
10	E	Circle right 20m
11	C	Working trot
12	B Before B	Circle right 20m in rising trot allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward Shorten the reins
13	A X	Down centerline Halt, Salute

Leave arena at A in walk on long rein

Collective marks: Gaits, Impulsion, Submission, Rider's position and seat, Rider's correct and effective use of the aids, and Harmony

Coefficients: Movements 3, 7, 9, 12, Impulsion and Submission