



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) _____

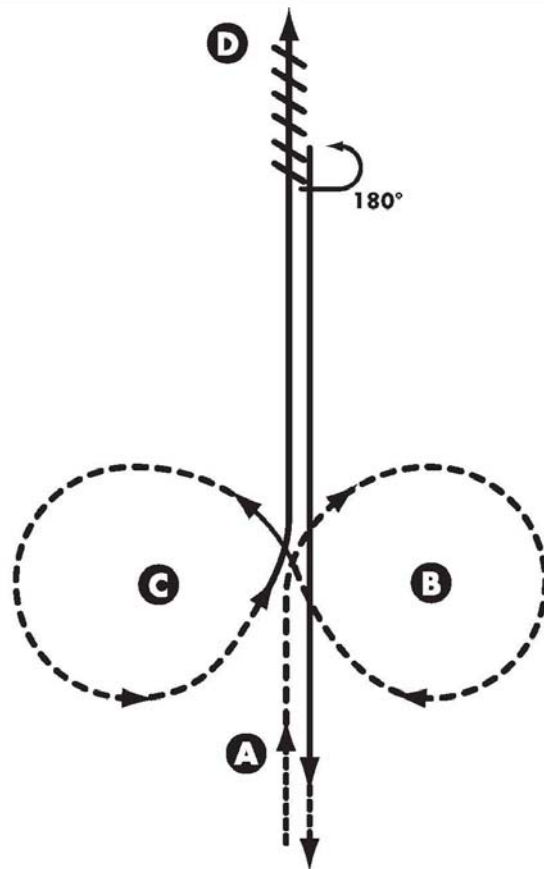
Sections Requiring Retesting:

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 _____



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin before A. When judge signals, walk to A. At A, begin posting trot.
2. Trot a small circle (15 meter) around B.
3. Trot a small circle (15 meter) around C.
4. When circle is closed, canter on right lead to D. Halt. Back 5 steps.
5. Execute a 180° turn on the forehand to the left.
6. Canter on left lead back to A. Halt.
7. Exit arena at a walk.

Key

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- - - - -	TROT
- - - - -	EXTENDED TROT
—————	CANTER
//////	BACK
≈	CHANGE LEADS
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**English Riding Level 5 Pattern**