



Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards English Riding Level 6 (ER-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	
RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Throughout the entire testing, 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 _____
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>without</u> stirrups.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate working trot, to an extended trot, back to a working trot in both directions. Discuss performance.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate turns on the forehand and hindquarters in each direction.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Complete required USDF Dressage Test (see Appendix J) <u>OR</u> English Riding Pattern 6 (Appendix F) 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

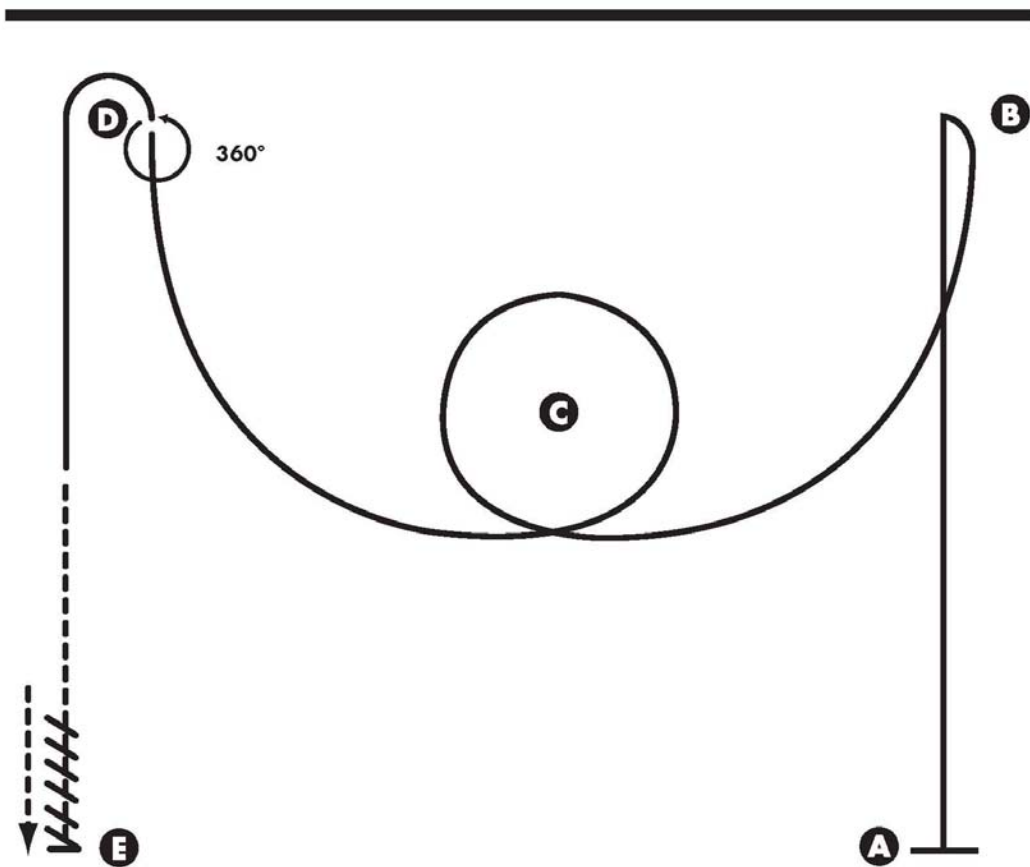
4-Her has paid required participation fee (examiner's initials) _____

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 _____



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Canter on the left lead from A to B.
2. Halt and perform a 180° turn on the forehand to the left.
3. Immediately canter off on right lead and canter a small circle (15 meter) around C. Continue to D.
4. At D, halt and execute a 360° turn on haunches to the left.
5. Sitting trot around D.
6. When even with C, break to an working trot on the correct diagonal.
7. At E, halt and back 5 steps.
8. Exit at a walk.

Key

-----	WALK
- - - - -	TROT
.	EXTENDED TROT
—————	CANTER
//////	BACK
≈	CHANGE LEADS
~~~~~	SIDEPASS

**English Riding Level 6 Pattern**