



# Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards Western Riding Level 2 (WR-2)

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

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

| <b>HORSE MANAGEMENT</b>  |                                    |
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| Lead horse in and out of a stall safely.   | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Tie horse in a safe place with a quick release knot.   | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Perform walk/jog transitions in hand, with assistance if necessary.  | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Comments:  |                                    |
| <b>HORSE AND RIDER TURNOUT</b>   |                                    |
| Rider in safe and neat attire with an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.  | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>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 _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Discuss general precautions (safety measures) that should be taken when riding in a group.   | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>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 _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Demonstrate how to check proper fit for a cinch.   | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Comments:  |                                    |

## RIDING

**RIDING EXPECTATIONS:** Throughout the entire testing, candidate demonstrates control while maintaining a safe, basic balanced position at the walk and jog in both directions.

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| Demonstrate how to check proper length of stirrups.   | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Mount and dismount independently with mounting block if necessary.  | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Shorten and lengthen reins at the halt and walk.  | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Perform simple circles and figure 8's at the walk and jog.  | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Ride without stirrups at the walk and regain stirrups.  | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Safely back three to four steps.  | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Demonstrate a stop from the walk and jog on a straightaway.   | ES _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Complete Western Riding Pattern 2 (Appendix Q) 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 _____<br>MS _____<br>DNMS _____ |
| Comments:   |                                    |

Overall comments/suggestions:

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| ES: _____<br>MS: _____<br>DNMS: _____ |
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Examiner Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Examiner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Sections Requiring Retesting:

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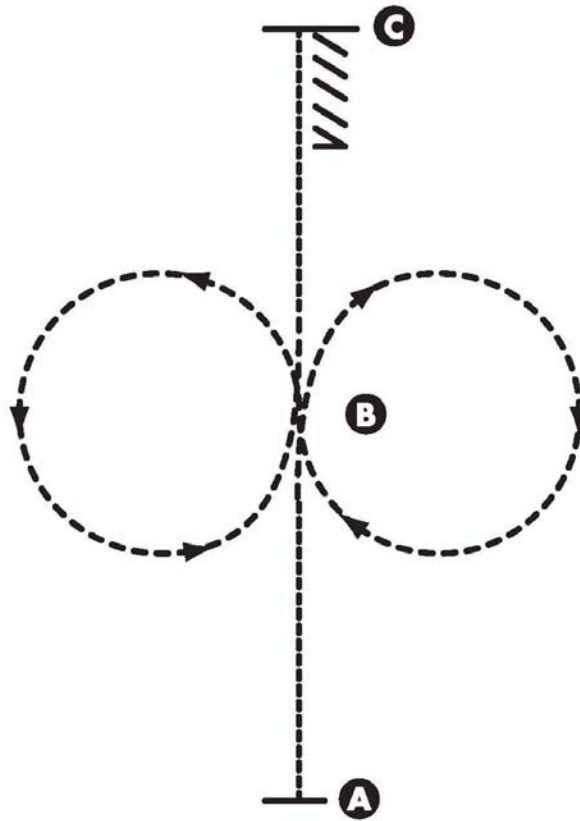
**A candidate may be retested as follows:**

- 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 Q: Western Riding Level 2 Pattern



**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**Key**

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

**Western Riding Level 2 Pattern**