



Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards Western Riding Level 3 (WR-3)

4-H Member: _____ County: _____

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

HORSE MANAGEMENT	
Discuss at least two precautions (safety measures) that should be taken when properly securing a hay net/hay bag.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Apply protective boots (simple galloping or brushing boots – one front, one hind on diagonal pairs – and front bell boots), with assistance if needed, and describe their purpose.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate putting a blanket on a horse, recognizing proper fit. (Horse handler may be used)	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	
HORSE AND RIDER TURNOUT	
Rider in safe and neat attire with an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Mount to be well brushed (no sweat), clean (no dirt), with feet picked out, and showing regular farrier care. Mane and tail brushed and eyes, nose, lips, and dock wiped off. Appropriate areas of hair trimmed as suitable to discipline.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Discuss and demonstrate (if possible) rules of courtesy and safety that should be followed when riding with others in a ring and on a trail.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	
TACK	
Tack to be safe – especially stitching on stirrup leathers/girth – and clean – no grease, sweat, or dust, stress points clean, stirrup pads (if used) clean, and bit clean. All tack must be properly adjusted.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Discuss how to recognize properly fitted tack.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

RIDING

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

Demonstrate an increase and decrease of speed at the walk and jog.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Ride without stirrups at the walk and jog.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Perform large circles at the walk, jog, and lope with correct lead in both directions.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate a halt from the walk, jog, and lope on a straightaway.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate aids for pivoting the horse's front end 45 degrees left and 45 degrees right.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Walk over appropriately spaced ground poles in a straight line.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Complete Western Riding Pattern 3 (Appendix R) demonstrating a safe, basic balanced position with control, and proper execution. Discuss and evaluate pattern with Examiner and re-do if necessary.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Comments:	

ES: _____ MS: _____ DNMS: _____

Overall comments/suggestions:

Examiner Name

Examiner Signature

Date

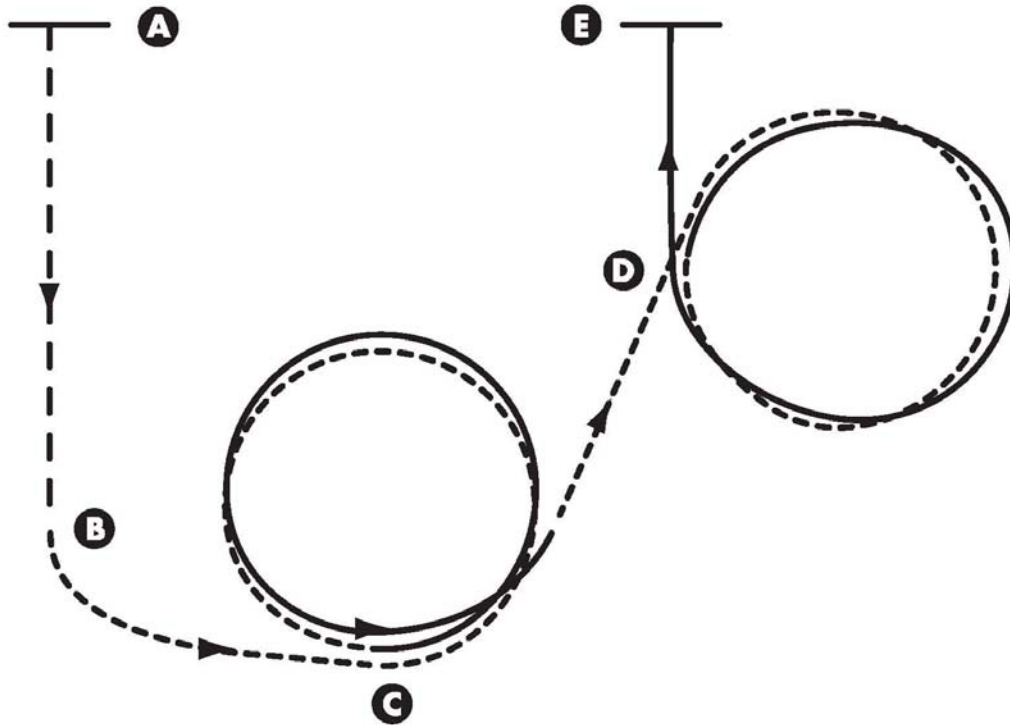
Sections Requiring Retesting:

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. Enter arena at a walk.
2. Extended jog from cone A to cone B.
3. Halt at B. Pick up a jog at least 10' and then gradually turn left towards cone C.
4. At cone C, jog a 20 meter circle to the left.
5. At cone C, pick up a lope on the left lead and lope a 20 meter circle.
6. After completing the circle break to a jog and jog to cone D.
7. At cone D, jog a 20 meter circle to the right.
8. At cone D, pick up a lope on the right lead and lope a 20 meter circle.
9. After completing the circle, continue loping for at least 10 feet to cone E.
10. Halt at cone E and pivot left and right (45° L, Center, 45° R).

Key

-----	WALK
-----	JOG
- - - - -	EXTENDED JOG
—————	LOPE
//////	BACK
≈	CHANGE LEADS
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**Western Riding Level 3 Pattern**