



Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards Western Riding Level 5 (WR-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, jog, and lope, 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.	
Ride at the walk, jog, and lope, 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 two appropriate horse and rider warm up routines.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Ride without stirrups at the walk, jog, and lope, maintaining balance and control on the straightaway.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate the aids for moving a horse away from the rider's leg at the jog.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate aids for pivoting the horse's front end 180 degrees left and 180 degrees right from a halt.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Halt squarely and stand for five seconds.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate aids for backing a horse around an object.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

Lope over a ground pole.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Complete Western Riding Level 5 Pattern (Appendix T). Lead changes may be flying or simple, with flying changes meriting a higher score. 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

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

Sections Requiring Retesting:

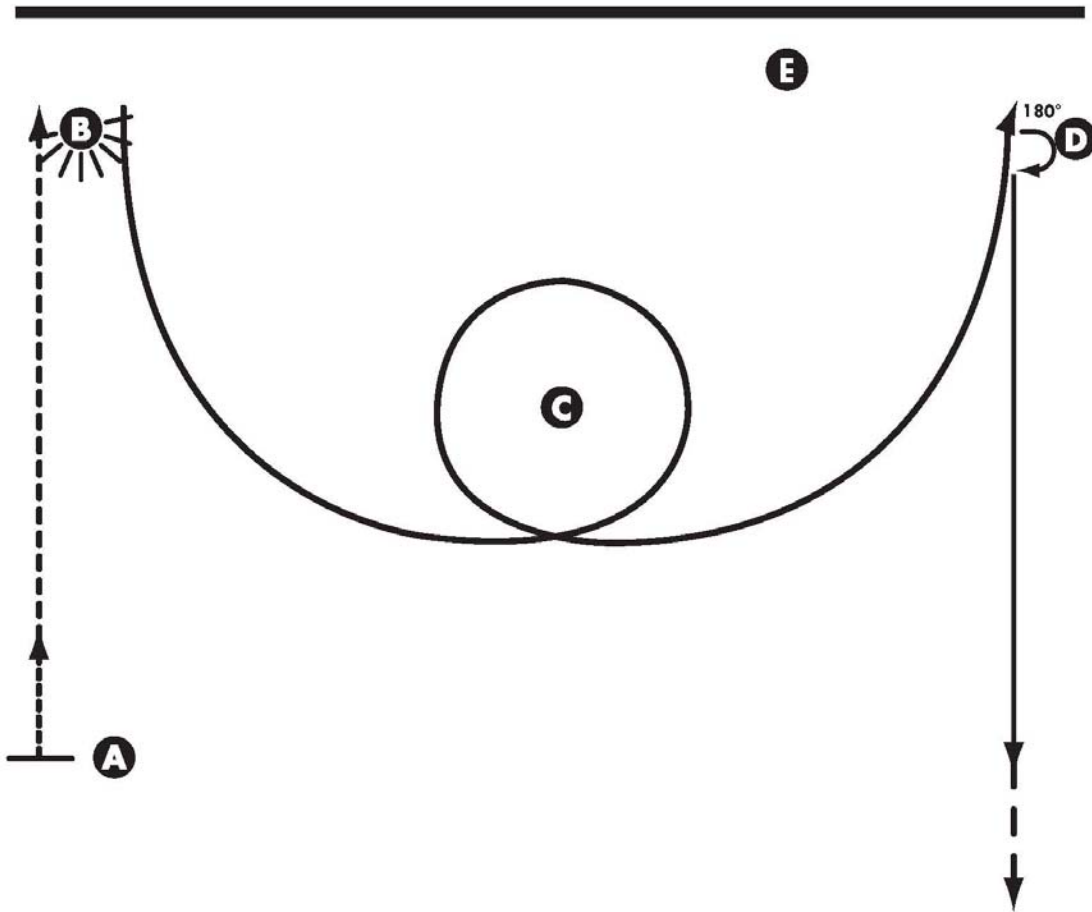
A candidate may be retested as follows:

- 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 _____

Appendix T: Western Riding Level 5 Pattern



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin at A. Walk 5 steps toward B, then jog to B.
2. At B, stop. Back around B.
3. Lope on left lead to C and in a small circle around C and then on to D.
4. At D, stop. Execute a 180° turn on the haunches to the right.
5. Lope on right lead until even with A. Stop.
6. Exit arena at an extended jog.

Key

-----	WALK
-----	JOG
- - - - -	EXTENDED JOG
—————	LOPE
//////	BACK
≈	CHANGE LEADS
~~~~~	SIDEPASS

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