



Massachusetts 4-H Horsemanship Standards Western Riding Level 6 (WR-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, jog, and lope. Candidate initiates and maintains free forward movement with smooth transitions. The candidate shows confidence and control at all gaits on the flat.

Demonstrate an appropriate warm-up for your horse and discuss and evaluate the horse and rider performance during the warm-up with the examiner.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Ride at the walk, jog, and lope, showing smooth transitions and performing large and small circles, serpentines, and figure 8's with correct bend, while maintaining even rhythm <u>with</u> stirrups.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Ride at the walk, jog, and lope, showing smooth transitions and performing large and small circles, serpentines, and figure 8's with correct bend, while maintaining even rhythm <u>without</u> stirrups.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate a jog, to an extended jog, back to a jog in both directions. Discuss performance.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate a 360 degree pivot on the haunches to the left and right.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate moving the hindquarters to the left and right approximately 90 degrees.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Demonstrate maneuvering the horse through an L-back thru.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
Complete Western Riding Pattern 6 (Appendix U). 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-Has paid required participation fee (examiner's initials) _____

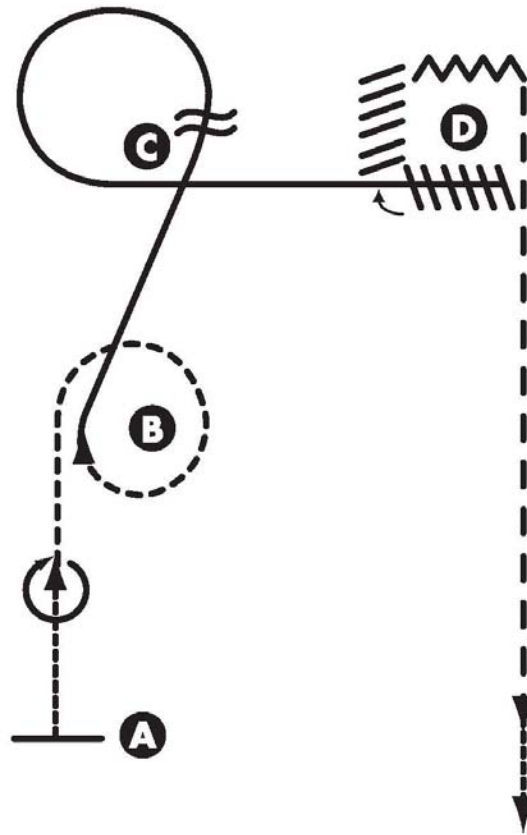


Sections Requiring Retesting:

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 at A. Walk half way to B.
Stop and execute a 360 degree turn on the haunches to the right.
2. Jog to and in a small circle around B.
3. Lope from B to C in the right lead.
4. At C, execute a simple flying lead change and lope a circle around C in the left lead.
5. Lope to D. At D, stop. Back around and past D and then side pass left.
6. Pick up an extended jog from D until even with A.
7. At A, break down to a walk and exit arena at walk.

Key

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- - - - -	JOG
- - - - -	EXTENDED JOG
—————	LOPE
///////	BACK
≈	CHANGE LEADS
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**Western Riding Level 6 Pattern**