

EQUESTRIAN LEARN TO RIDE - ENGLISH **LEVEL 8 RUBRIC**

A	A PRACTICAL HORSE KNOWLEDGE		
No.	Requirements	Evidences	
1	Apply shipping, stable,		
	polo and first aid		
	bandage.		
2	Discuss three methods of		
	restraint and be able to		
	demonstrate if asked.		
3	Teeth: discuss and show	Knowledge of the number of teeth and the aging pattern of the incisors	
	evaluator, using a horse,	is needed at this level.	
	the signs of aging in		
	teeth.		
4	Name and locate 5 sites		
	of unsoundness.		
5	General Impression:		
	Presentation of		
	candidate, overall		
	confidence and		
	awareness of safety.		

В	RIDING PHASE	
No.	Requirements	Evidences
1	Position	
	 Position at all paces 	
	in full seat	
	with/without stirrups	
	in warm up.	
2	Warm up	Use of warm-up time. Evaluator may question if the rider's program is
	• Use of warm up and	unclear, or to determine if rider knows their plan.
	critique of same.	The half halt is a preparation to balance the horse before a change of
	 Demonstrate and 	direction, speed or pace.
	discuss the half halt	The rider must relax and release the contact when the horse is
	(in trot) as a	sufficiently rebalanced.
	preparatory aid.	
3	Figures and Movements	Simple change may have 3-5 steps of walk.
	• Circles 10M in trot	The candidate needs to show a definite difference in the length of the
	and canter.	canter stride from the working canter stride. Ideally with no increase in
	• 3-loop serpentine	the speed. The shortened stride in canter needs to demonstrate a degree
	wall-to-wall using	of collected canter steps. The leg yield at this level should demonstrate
	simple changes.	that the rider understands the concept and co-ordination of aids. The
	 Lengthen and 	horse should move sideways while still maintaining the forward intent,
	shorten stride in	rhythm, contact and suppleness. A horse that falls over the outside
	canter.	shoulder or who does not maintain a parallel position in relation the
	 Leg yield at walk 	"line" that it is moving on will be penalized. The horse should be
		straight with the exception of a slight flexion away from the direction in



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	and trot.	which it is moving.
4	Effectiveness	
	 Ability to 	
	demonstrate	
	consistent bend	
	and/or flexion as	
	required.	
	 Ability to 	
	demonstrate some	
	engagement and	
	consistent round	
	outline.	
5	Flat Test	
	 Comprehension and 	
	critique of own	
	performance.	
	 Overall ability to 	
	produce a confident,	
	well executed and	
	accurate ride.	
6	General Impression	
	Applicant turnout	
	and horse	
	presentation.	
	• Correct mounting,	
	dismounting and	
	handling of the	
	horse.	

C	JUMPING PHASE	
No.	Requirements	Evidences
1	Candidates build and set	Setting up of course. Rider must have knowledge of distances and
	stride of gymnastic line	factors affecting distance. The rider must be able to set up a safe course.
	and course.	The course should be of a medal type and include:
		a) A combination;
		b) A line of no less than 4 strides;
		c) 2 changes of rein;
		d) A roll back turn (fence 3 to 4);
		e) A downward transition.
		Note: Depending on the discipline interest of the candidates, courses
		may be chosen to better reflect a hunter/jumper medal or an event
		stadium type course.
2	Position	
	Gymnastics.	
	• Course.	



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3	 Effectiveness Course: feel for distance. Course: use of correct track on the course and the ability to ride balanced through turns. 	
4	Requirement Course: adding stride in the line. Critique jumping form of another horse in the gymnastic phase. Course: critique of own performance.	Riders must be able to critique the form of another rider's horse through the gymnastics. The rider should be able to discuss the horse's style and technique. The rider should be able to discuss the horse's style and technique
5	General Impression Overall confidence, safety, control; rider conduct – entire ride.	

D	LUNGING PHASE	
No.	Requirements	Evidences
1	Presentation of handler and horse tacked with proper fitting tack and equipment. Understanding fit and use of side reins.	A suitably trained horse should be used. Horse to be presented with boots and bandages on all four legs, overreach boots, bridle, saddle and side reins. A lunging caveson, halter over bridle or Barnhum method is acceptable.
2	Safety and technique: control of circle size, use of body language, voice and confidence.	Ability to keep horse active and moving forward, lunging on a circle that does not get too small or handler wanders. Effective use of voice commands and tone of voice. Safe technique.
3	Understanding of free forward movement and ability to recognize horse behind the bit or over bent. Understanding need to change direction but not necessarily demonstrate.	