


Category of Progression Evaluation Form


Ground Work I

The purpose of this category is to establish a foundation for the working relationship between horse and handler.

Date: _____ Event: _____
 Class: _____
 Team #: _____ Horse: _____
 Handler: _____
 Name of Evaluator: _____

For each task, evaluators are encouraged to circle specific considerations and/or provide written comments for detailed feedback.

Tasks /Skills	Horse				Handler				Horse/Handler Rapport			
	Standards of Measure								Standards of Measure			
	0 1 2 insecure, fearful resentful disregards request confrontational braced	3 4 5 shows some willingness somewhat braced horse needs support, but was respectful	6 7 8 secure willing responds to intent moves without brace		0 1 2 tentative aggressive unclear request awkward/ineffective biomechanics	3 4 5 comfortable assertive adequate biomechanics obvious application of pressure	6 7 8 confident/respectful clear request fluid biomechanics applies pressure through subtle direction/intent		0 1 2 horse controls space disconnected energies inharmonious	3 4 5 space uncontested inconsistent energy link tasks achieved with support	6 7 8 handler controls space working as one harmonious subtle and consistent energy link	
	Considerations				Task Score	Considerations				Task Score	Considerations	
A Orientation horse to handler Handler enters pen and obtains attention of horse	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link		
B Loose rating – one direction (circle one) L or R Matching energy between horse and handler up and down through gaits as suggested by handler (no more than 3 loops at each gait) Leave, Walk, Trot, Canter, Trot, Walk; Halt on Rail, Change direction	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link		
C Loose rating – other direction (circle one) L or R Matching energy between horse and handler up and down through gaits as suggested by handler (no more than 3 loops at each gait) Walk, Trot, Canter, Trot, Walk; Halt on Rail, Face up	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link		
D Horse and handler meet Meet as directed by handler; handler puts halter/rope on horse and leads through gate	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link		

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E	Leading Lead on straight line, handler reverses direction 180° and continues on straight line	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link						
F	Lateral (Side) Yield Front and hind quarters exhibiting lateral flexion, ½ circle front, ½ circle hind	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link						
	RIGHT																
	LEFT	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link						
G	Back and Forward Yield Straight line (opt circle)	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link						
	BACKWARD																
	FORWARD	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link						
H	Circle around handler Horse circles handler in one direction, changes direction, circles again, returns to handler, faces up	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link						
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Signature of Evaluator

Total Pts: _____ Max Pts: 264

% of Max: _____ (Total Pts divided by Max - 50%=132 pts 75%=198 pts)