


Category of Progression Evaluation Form


Prepare to Ride I

The purpose of this category is to focus on preparation for work under saddle.

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		Task Score							
A	Saddling	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement	Task Score	Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement	Task Score	Spatial Relationship	Energy Link	Task Score					
B	Loose rating-one direction (circle one) L or R	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement	Task Score	Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement	Task Score	Spatial Relationship	Energy Link	Task Score					
	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																
C	Loose rating-other direction (circle one) L or R	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement	Task Score	Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement	Task Score	Spatial Relationship	Energy Link	Task Score					
	Matching energy 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																
D	Present Articles to horse (slicker, flag, bag, etc.) as directed by evaluators	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement	Task Score	Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement	Task Score	Spatial Relationship	Energy Link	Task Score					
E	Balance Maneuver (both sides)	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement	Task Score	Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement	Task Score	Spatial Relationship	Energy Link	Task Score					
	Turning away from handler, changing of eyes through the blind spot																

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F	Yield backward with poll flexion	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link														
G	Mounting (from either side) from ground or platform	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link														
H	Lateral flexion while standing still, both sides Handler mounted	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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	Minimum of 8 steps, handler mounted																								
J	Move Off RIGHT	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link														
	Through hind quarter yield; walk one loop exhibiting lateral flexion, change direction; one rein stop; repeat in other direction LEFT	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link														
K	Dismount	Handling of Request	Awareness to Handler	Biomechanics of Movement		Presentation of Request	Pressure Application	Biomechanics of Movement		Spatial Relationship	Energy Link														

Signature of Evaluator

Total Pts: _____ **Max Pts:** 288 **% of Max:** _____ (Total Pts divided by Max - 50%= 144 pts 75%= 216 pts)