Mounted Skills (D-1 Western)

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating basic balanced position at the halt and walk, and control at the walk and jog.

The D-1 check-list is a valuable tool to evaluate a member's readiness to test. It is recommended that this check-list be used to evaluate a candidate no earlier than 90 days prior to the certification. The evaluator should sign the "Signature" block when a candidate satisfactorily performs the necessary skills while demonstrating both horse management and riding expectations for the standard without instruction/coaching. If the member is not able to demonstrate the standard, the evaluator should provide detailed comments on what improvements the candidate needs to make in order to demonstrate the standard. An evaluator must be able to give an impartial evaluation of the candidate's proficiency at the standard. The "D-1 through C-2 Examiner's Handbook" and the last page of the "Standards of Proficiency" outlines the qualities of an examiner that is appropriate to use.

Signature & Date

Riding on the Flat

- Ride on flat using Riding Expectations.
- Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary.
- Pick up and hold reins correctly at halt.
- Pick up stirrups at halt.
- Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt.
- Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt and walk.
- Ride at the walk and jog, with control, keeping mount on rail.
- Demonstrate simple change of direction at the walk and jog.
- Perform gradual transitions from walk to jog and walk to halt.

Evaluator's Comments:

Riding Over Obstacles

- Ride over obstacles using Riding Expectations.
- Walk over poles on the ground in balanced position.
- Discuss with Examiner the reason for different hand positions when riding on the rail and through various obstacles.

Evaluator's Comments:

Riding in the Open

- Not applicable .

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