

HORSE HANDLING
LEVEL I

HANDLING	SKILL	MASTERED Y/N
	1-1 Approach & Catch a horse safely/use of voice and body language	
	1-2 Properly halter horse/slips lead rope over horses neck, reach over neck and place halter over nose then adjust to fit and buckle halter.	
GROUND WORK	1-3 Lead horse safely and correctly/on left side of horse with right hand on the lead rope 12" - 24" from snap, lead rope properly gathered in other hand, correct body position.	
	1-4 Turn horse safely and correctly/walk towards horse, correct hand and body position	
	1-5 Back horse safely and correctly/correct hand and body position	
	1-6 Safely and correctly lead in and out of arena or stall/correct body position	
	1-7 Safely tie horse away from other horses at hitching post/use quick release tie, tied at proper height	
GROOMING	1-8 Practice safety precautions when working around tied horse/does not cross under neck	
	1-9 Demonstrate and discuss a typical "daily" grooming routine to prepare a horse to be ridden/ uses all of the following grooming tools correctly: Dandy brush (), curry comb (), sweat scrapper (), mane and tail comb ()	
	1-10 Pick up hoof and clean properly/clean hoof with hoof pick from heel to toe then gently release hoof	
	1-11 Name two benefits achieved from grooming your horse	
SADDLING	Can be done English or Western, in proper order: 1. pad/blanket, 2. saddle, 3. cinch, 4. back cinch(if applicable), 5. breast collar (if applicalbe), 6. bridle	
	1-12 Correct placement and adjustment of the pad and saddle/forward over withers then slide into place	
	1-13 Proper fastening and tightness of the cinch or girth/make sure it is snug on horse, check fit and make basic adjustments	
	1-14 Adjustment of stirrups or irons	
BRIDLING	Can be done English or Western	
	1-15 Untie lead rope and wrap around horses neck. Rebuckle halter around horse neck	
	1-16 Facing forward, hold bridle with left hand cradling bit and right had holding crown piece, slips bit in mouth and bridle up and over ears/for English: buckle cavesson, buckle throat latch, check fit and make basic adjustments	
MOUNT UP	Mounting block may be used for younger members	
	1-17 Unbuckle and hang up halter, lead horse out to arena, check cinch/girth and bridle, make necessary adjustments	

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	1-18 Face rear of horse, grasp reins in left hand and secure over horses neck and use right hand to place left foot in stirrups	
	1-19 Hold reins at withers with left hand, place right hand on horn or pommel and gently raise up keeping body erect, bring right leg over horse and settle into saddle with a smooth motion.	
RIDING	Test must be ridden one for western, two handed for English, and as <u>correct</u> for seat/discipline, done at the rail. Proper English or Western Tack as per PCHP Rule Book is required. NOTE FOR WESTERN: A horse 5 years and under may be ridden two handed with a snaffle or bosal.	
	1-20 Move out at a walk in proper seat position, sit up straight with invisible line from shoulder to heel and from knee to toe/hands in correct position	
At a walk with	1-21 Start and stop/gradual and balanced	
control,proper seat	1-22 Check and release/demonstrating control of horse	
position and correct	1-23 Turn while walking and walk in both directions	
use of reins	1-24 Ride a circle both direction and do a figure 8	
	1-25 Back up 5-7 steps/demonstrating control of horse	
At a jog or trot with	1-26 Start and stop/gradual and balanced (correct diagonal for English)	
control, proper	1-27 Check and release/demonstrating control of horse	
seat position and	1-28 Turn while jogging or trotting both directions	
correct use of reins	1-29 Ride a circle both directions and do a figure 8	
EQUITATION	1-30 Demonstrate your choice of walk-trot horsemanship pattern, from Pima County 4h handbook	
	1-31 Explain the proper etiquette (procedure) when competing in an equitation class	
DISMOUNT	1-32 Place left hand on neck, and right hand at front of saddle, release right foot then move foot over horse without touching and step quietly to the ground/	
UNBRIDLING	1-33 Buckle halter around neck, unbuckle throatlatch (and cavesson for English)with right had slip crown piece over ears and let bit drop out of mouth, rehalter horse	
UNSADDLING	1-34 Unbuckle girth or cinch, place over saddle(slip up irons for English), Remove saddle and pads together	

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RELEASE	1-35 Lead horse into stall/pen and release facing horse, turn horse loose by pushing away(right)	
	1-36 Equipment, clothing, helmet, (fit, condition, suitability,etc..)	
	1-37 Overall attitude and confidence	

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