PIMA COUNTY HORSE PROJECT
HORSE HANDLING EVALUATION SCORE SHEET
LEVEL II

Member Name_____

Club_____

Evaluator:
1. READ through entire guide prior to beginning evaluation
2. ASK if demonstration will be given in Western or English
3. REVIEW all categories AND required skills with tester , ANSWER any questions they may have
4. BEGIN the test, ask the tester to perform each task, ask member questions about technique while they are performing task
5. DO NOT indicate skill is mastered if it is obvious member is unsure how to do a certain technique,
6. CLARIFY and EXPLAIN how to perform items member has not yet mastered
7. REMEMBER the Horse Handling coordinator is available if you have any problems.
8. PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED to interfere with the test. If this happens, testing will stop and not be completed.

Comments:

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Total questions = 40.   Minimum of 34 required to pass.   # Mastered = _____   Pass: YES   NO   (circle)

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Printed name of Evaluator and Signature   Date

	SKILL	Yes	No
	Horse shall be saddled but not bridled prior to start of this test. **May be done English or Western**	**MASTERED**	
	Handling and Ground Work	Yes	No
1	Lead horse safely and correctly at a walk/on left side, proper hand position During leading, right hand on the lead rope 12" - 24" from the snap.	☐	☐
2	Lead horse safely and correctly at a trot and stop /proper body position and halt During leading, right hand on the lead rope 12" - 24" from the snap.	☐	☐
3	Turn 180 on hindquarters/walks towards horse	☐	☐
4	Discuss proper bathing techniques of horse -Use of soap -Safely washing head and face -Keeping area clear of hazards	☐	☐
	Vitals		
5	Demonstrate the proper method of taking a horses temperature. Record horse temp:	☐	☐
6	Know the normal temperature range for horse 99.6-101.6	☐	☐
7	Demonstrate a proper method of measuring a horses respiration rate: Record Horse respiration:	☐	☐
8	Know the normal respiration rate range for horse/8-16 breaths per minute	☐	☐
9	Demonstrate the proper method of measuring a horses pulse rate (if technique is correct, give credit) Record horse pulse: If you are not successful in finding the pulse, what would you do if you are truely concerned and need to find your horses pulse?	☐	☐
10	Know the normal pulse rate range for horse/32-44 beats per minute	☐	☐
11	Overall attitude and confidence	☐	☐

	RIDING		
	Test must be ridden one handed for western, two handed for English, and as correct 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.**		
	For each item DEMONSTRATE the following **control, proper seat, position, and correct use of reins** **correct body position during upward and downward transitions** **Use of proper aids and maintain even pace**		
12	Properly mounts for the discipline/may use mounting block	☐	☐
13	Walk to a jog/trot	☐	☐
14	Increase pace to an extended jog/trot	☐	☐
15	Decrease extended jog/trot to a slow jog/trot	☐	☐
16	Decrease jog/trot to a walk	☐	☐
17	Halt	☐	☐
18	Drop stirrups and jog/trot a figure 8 (2 round circles)	☐	☐
19	Halt	☐	☐
20	Describe what it means to be on the correct lead, right and left	☐	☐
21	Lope/canter a circle in the correct lead	☐	☐
22	Check and release while loping/demonstrating control of horse	☐	☐
23	Lope/canter a circle in the opposite direction in correct lead	☐	☐
24	Halt. Gradual and balanced	☐	☐

25	Lope/canter a circle both directions in a figure 8 (2 connecting circles) with a simple lead change Correct lead shall be obtained prior to the end of each circle		☐	☐
26	Side pass a minimum of 8-10 feet both directions		☐	☐
27	Demonstrate a 180 turn on the hindquarters/either direction and state direction of turn prior to demonstration, back pivot foot stays in place, correct use of hands and leg pressure		☐	☐
28	Demonstrate a 180 forehand turn/either direction and state direction of turn prior to demonstration/correct use of hands and leg pressure		☐	☐
29	Walk over 3-4 logs (Logs not disturbed more than 6 in)		☐	☐
30	Trot 3-4 logs (Logs not disturbed more than 6 in)		☐	☐
31	Open gate while mounted		☐	☐
32	close & latch gate while mounted		☐	☐
	Equitation **Demonstrate a beginner level horsemanship pattern, from provided options** **to include walk/trot/canter/stop**			
33	Pattern performed on correct side of cone(s)		☐	☐
34	Transition to trot circle occurs at cone		☐	☐
35	Trot circle is round		☐	☐
36	Transition to canter occurs at cone		☐	☐
37	Correct lead is obtained prior to completion of circle		☐	☐
38	Canter circle is round		☐	☐
39	Circles are centered on the cone		☐	☐
40	Stop occurs before horse passes the cone		☐	☐