

*PIMA COUNTY HORSE PROJECT*  
HORSE HANDLING EVALUATION SCORE SHEET  
**LEVEL III**

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 = 46. Minimum of 39 required to pass. # Mastered = \_\_\_\_\_ Pass: YES NO (circle)

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Printed name of Evaluator and Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Test Question	SKILL	Mastered	
		yes	no
<b>GROUND WORK</b>			
1	Longe line properly attached with proper fitting headgear. (halter, bridle, cavesson)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Wearing gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Safely lunge a horse at a walk in one direction, position horse and back away, use whip if needed, proper length of lead rope and proper body position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Safely lunge a horse at a trot in one direction, position horse and back away, use whip if needed, proper length of lead rope and proper body position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Safely lunge a horse at a canter in one direction, position horse and back away, use whip if needed, proper length of lead rope and proper body position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Properly halt horse on lunge line, proper body position and hand position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TRAILERING</b>			
7	Discuss and describe trailer safety-loading, unloading, hauling safety, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Demonstrate trailer check *brake lights *Turn lights *Hitch latched	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Check tire pressure: record pressure 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Demonstrate loading a horse into a horse trailer. Open escape door For two horse straight load, send in alone or use both sides of divider, one for horse and one for member, secure butt bar/gate/chain before tying (optional) with quick release tie. For slant load trailer, send in alone, secure divider before tying (optional) with a quick release tie. For stock trailer, member may load from outside of trailer, secure door before tying (optional) with a quick release tie.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Demonstrate unloading a horse from a horse trailer/Speak to horse quietly, untie head first, unlatch butt/bar/gate/chain encourage horse to back out slowly. If unloading from stock trailer, member will be on the outside of trailer, horse may be allowed to come out front-ways, lead rope should be placed over neck of horse for safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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WRAPS			
12	Discuss the uses of leg wraps/protection, injury, cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Demonstrate the proper way to wrap a horses front legs/begin with rolled wrap below knee, wrap in downward direction and return back up, secure ..Do NOT pull across the tendon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Demonstrate the proper way to wrap a horses hind legs/begin with rolled wrap below knee, wrap in downward direction and return back up, secure. .Do NOT pull across the tendon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GROOMING FOR SHOW			
15	Describe the preparation of a horse for fitting and showing or showmanship <b>weeks prior</b> to show/Clip; ears, legs,muzzle,throat latch, mane and tail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Describe the preparation of a horse for fitting and showing or showmanship the <b>day of</b> a show/wash socks, band mane(day of or day before),hair polish or show sheen, brush tail (mane), clean nose and muzzle and apply mineral oil, paint hooves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PROTECTIVE BOOTS			
17	Describe & Identify use of protective boots/shipping boots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Describe & identify use of splint boots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Describe & Identify use of bell boots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Describe & identify use of skid boots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Demonstrate at least 1 of these (protective/shipping, splint, skid).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>HEALTH</b>			
<b>Note card with list of what their horse receives spring and/or fall may be brought and used during the test.</b>			
22	List the AAEP core vaccines (Tetanus, rabies, EEE/WEE, WNV)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Describe why you might choose to vaccinate every 6 months instead of annually. Horse is exposed to other horses, mosquitos, etc either caused by your horse leaving your facility or other horses beging brought into your facility Young, old, Horses with compromised immunity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Discuss which vaccines their horse received last and when: Discuss why the specific vaccines were chosen. Horses exposed to many facilities, veterinarian recomendation, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	What is a coggins test? Verifying that the horse does not have antibodies to EIAV What if your horse tests positive? There is not a cure. The horse is quaranteed for life or euthanized	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Discuss which dewormer their horse received last and when was it administered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Discuss how to give one to horse/insert the tube a few inches into the corner of mouth, angle upward between the horse's cheek and premolar, dispense paste, grasp horse's chin and allow paste to dissolve in mouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Discuss the use of de-wormers. Describe the standard worming schedule for their horse. Include considerations for Fecal count? Time? Pasture? Fecal count is the correct way to determine if your horse needs to be wormed. Grass pastures allow for spread of worms. Dry lots generically have few worms.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Under normal conditions, when would consider worming again.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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29	Describe the basic nutritional requirements for your horse at their activity level. Should be 1.5 - 2.5% of body weight daily, supplements as needed and plenty of fresh water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	How much is 1.5 - 2.5%? 1000lb = 15 to 25 lb per day, 7.5lb to 12.5lb per feeding 100lb bale = 12/14 flakes = ~7-8 lbs per flake  What type of hay and how much is your horse fed am:  What type of hay and how much is your horse fed pm:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Describe what supplements you give your horse. (Salt at a minimum )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>BAREBACK RIDING</b>			
<b>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.</b>			
<b>Demonstrate correct body position, calmness, lightness, rhythm and coordination and proper use of legs</b>			
32	Mounts properly, may use mounting block	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33	Move out at a walk/proper body position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34	Reverse direction at a walk/turn toward inside of arena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35	Slowly transition to a trot/jog, reverse direction at the trot/jog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36	Transition into a lope/canter, with the correct lead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37	Transition into a trot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38	Transition to halt/gradual and balanced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
39	Reverse direction and pick up a lope, with the correct lead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40	Transition to a halt/gradual and balanced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
41	Back up 5-7 steps/demonstrating control of horse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
42	Pivot 360 either direction/proper leg and hand cues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
43	Forehand turn 360, either direction/proper leg and hand cues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	Dismounts properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
45	Equipment, clothing, helmet, (fit, condition, suitability, etc...)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
46	Overall attitude and confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>