

# KEEP SKILLS EVALUATION

## Novice Division - Walk Trot Level

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

The skill requirements for competition at the Fair are based on the rider. The horse is a “tool” for the member to display the skills they have mastered. All scoring should be on the abilities of the member; i.e. does the member recognize when the horse is on the wrong lead and does the member attempt to correct the lead; how does the member react to what the horse does, etc.

### Dismounted Abilities

*Leaders: Please date AND initial beside each box verifying the member has learned these skills.*

	Demonstrate the safe use of the grooming tools
	Demonstrate/describe how to correctly care for a horse/pony after it has been worked.
	Demonstrate/describe how to clean out a water bucket
	Demonstrate/describe a safe way (hand or bucket) to feed a treat to a horse/pony.
	Demonstrate how to safely lead a horse/pony with a halter and lead rope.
	Demonstrate how to safely lead a horse/pony with a bridle.
	Demonstrate how to safely move around a horse/pony for inspection.
	Demonstrate a pivot at the following circle degrees: 180 and 360.
	Demonstrate how to set up (square up/breed specific) a horse/pony for inspection.
	Demonstrate/describe how much distance should be kept when walking behind another horse.
	Demonstrate how far away you should stop a horse/pony from a judge.
	Demonstrate how to safely trot (while leading) a horse/pony.

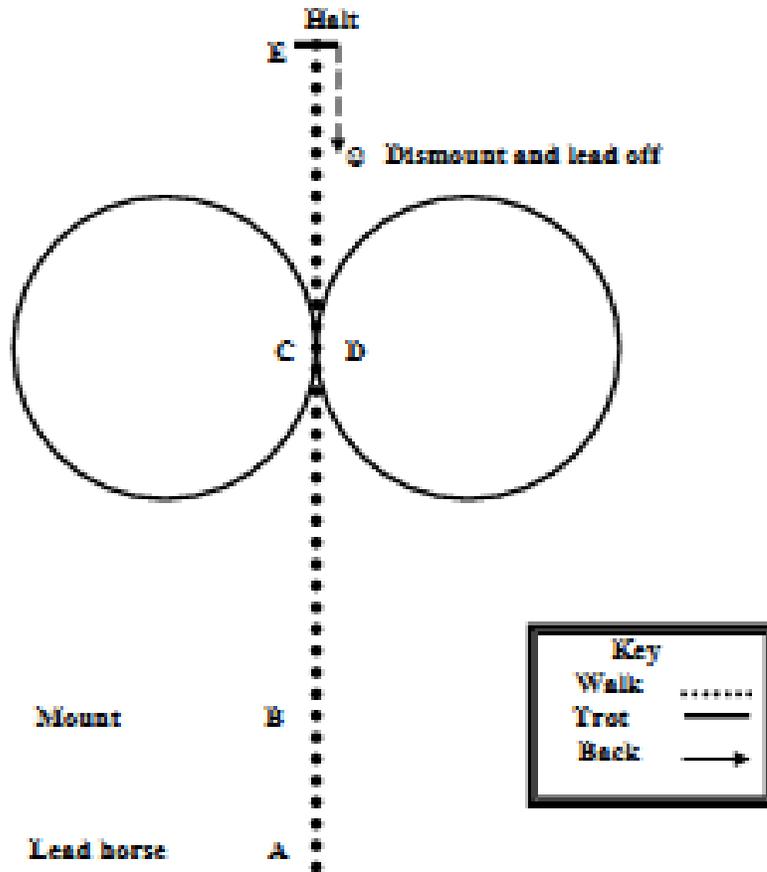
### Mounted Abilities

1. Horse should be led as in a showmanship class, with the rider walking between the horses head and shoulder.
2. Before mounting rider should perform a safety check of the saddle and bridle to assure girth is tight, stirrups secure, and bit on correctly.
3. Rider may use a mounting block to step quietly onto the horse. Points should be deducted for a rider who settles heavily onto the horses back. The dismount should be a step down, not a leap away that could startle the horse.
4. All circles should be round and the same size.
5. The rider should maintain a classic equitation position with head, shoulder, hip and heel in a vertical line perpendicular to the ground. Aids should be given softly, primarily through the seat and leg.

**Skills tested:** leading, mounting, walk, trot, back, communication between horse and rider

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Movement	Score (1-10)
1. Lead horse from cone A to cone B	
2. Mount and settle	
3. Walk from cone B to cones C/D	
4. Between C and D circle right at the trot/jog	
5. At center, circle left at the trot/jog	
6. At center, walk and continue to cone E	
7. Halt and settle for 10 seconds	
8. Back 4 steps	
9. Settle and dismount	
10. Riders position and use of the aids	
<b>Total Points (100 points possible)</b>	

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Leader or Evaluator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_