

Qualified Instructor Riding Test Video

Please ensure that your riding test video submission adheres to the following criteria so the Education Committee is able to appropriately assess this required component of the Qualified Instructor Certification process. Any questions may be directed to the Council Office.

- Riding test videos must be a minimum of 8 minutes long with no edits.
- Riding test videos may be submitted by the communicated due date in any of the following formats:
 - MP4 file on a jump/thumb/flash drive or CD
 - YouTube link
- Riding test videos must be of sufficient quality and zoomed in far enough that the Committee is able to view and evaluate all components of the test pattern
- The equine being ridden must be sound (if not, it will be cause for an immediate fail)
- Equines must be of the appropriate size for the rider
- Tack and equipment should be safe and fit both equine and rider appropriately
- Use of a properly fitted, ASTM-SEI approved helmet is required
- You are encouraged to complete an appropriate warm up for you and your equine prior to executing the test pattern
- The area in which the test pattern is being completed should be safe and of sufficient size to navigate all elements of the pattern safely
- All components of the test pattern must be clearly demonstrated; if you are not successful in completing a component during the video, you may re-attempt it without stopping and re-recording the video
- The test pattern is designed to be able to be completed in any style discipline but all components must be demonstrated (e.g., those riding Western must still display posting)
- Throughout the test pattern, the candidate should demonstrate balance, control, understanding and correct use of the aids to execute each component in an effort to achieve good quality of movement from their equine

Test Pattern – all of the following components must be demonstrated in the video:

1. Prior to mounting, complete a safety check of all tack
2. Mount
3. Working walk for one half lap of the riding area
4. Posting trot/jog for one lap of the riding area, demonstrating the correct posting diagonal for the direction of travel
5. Sitting trot/jog for one half lap of the riding area
6. In a sitting trot/jog, complete a moderately sized circle
7. Canter/lope for one lap of the riding area, demonstrating the correct lead for the direction of travel
8. Return to posting trot/jog on the correct posting diagonal for the direction of travel
9. Change direction, demonstrating appropriate change of posting diagonal – this may be done using a half circle reverse, half circle in reverse or a change of rein across the diagonal of the riding area
10. Sitting trot/jog for one half lap of the riding area
11. Canter/lope for one lap of the riding area, demonstrating the correct lead for the direction of travel
12. Return to a posting trot/jog on the correct posting diagonal
13. Complete a three-loop serpentine with appropriate changes of posting diagonal
14. Return to a working walk and then halt
15. Rein back 3-5 steps and halt
16. Dismount

Phase 1 Horsemanship/Horse Handling Video and Reflection

- Horsemanship test videos must be a minimum of 5 minutes long with no edits.
- Horsemanship test videos may be submitted by the communicated due date in any of the following formats:
 - o MP4 file on a jump/thumb/flash drive or CD
 - o YouTube link
- Horsemanship test videos must be of sufficient quality and zoomed in far enough that the Committee is able to view and evaluate all components of the test pattern
- All components of the test pattern must be clearly demonstrated; if you are not successful in completing a component during the video, you may re-attempt it without stopping and re-recording the video
- The equine being handled must be sound (if not, it will be cause for an immediate failure)• Halter should be fitted appropriately
- Use of a properly fitted, ASTM-SEI approved helmet is suggested if required by the home program
- You are encouraged to complete an appropriate warm up for you and your horse prior to executing the test pattern
- The area in which the test pattern is being completed should be safe and of sufficient size to navigate all elements of the pattern safely
- Throughout the test pattern, the candidate should demonstrate control, understanding and correct use of the aids to execute each component in an effort to achieve good quality of movement from their equine

Reflection:

An honest reflection should be completed about both the riding and horsemanship pattern. Please share the great and not so great parts. What did you do, what might you change? How was the horse responding? Present your thought process on how both the ride and horsemanship pattern went.

Test Pattern – all of the following components must be demonstrated in the video:

- Working walk tracking right 1 lap
- Reverse
- Working walk tracking left 1 lap
- Collected walk 1/2 lap

- Extended walk 1/2 lap
- Halt on a straightaway
- Back 3 steps
- Working walk 5 strides
- Jog/trot a minimum of 10 strides
- Return to working walk 10 strides
- Jog/ trot a figure of eight pattern
- Return to working walk
- Halt on a straightaway
- Square the horse
- Head the horse (stand in front)