
LEVEL TWO: DISMOUNTED ABILITIES

Assessment Tools

- Describe the desirable conformation traits of a reining horse.
- Explain what a "supple" horse is and describe two exercises that can help develop this quality.
- Explain what "counter canter" means.
- List the eight main maneuvers of a reining pattern.
- Explain what "speed control" means and why it is important to develop this in a reining horse.
- Describe how a desirable back up is performed.
- Explain the nutritional and energy requirements of a performing reining horse compared to maintaining an idle mature horse, and describe how you feed your horse.
- Explain the routine a horse owner might follow when introducing their horse to any change of feed (such as grass in the spring).

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LEVEL TWO: MOUNTED ABILITIES

Assessment Tools

- Lope a large fast circle and 2 large slow circles (demonstrating speed control).
- Execute a 360° turn on the haunches and forehand in both directions.
- Execute a rollback, entering at a walk, pause, back 2 steps, rollback and exit at a jog.
- Demonstrate riding a counter-canter by executing a figure 8 at a lope without changing leads.
- Either lope in a large circle and execute a half-pass in (or out), to a halt.
- Ride a two-track in both directions.

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LEVEL THREE: DISMOUNTED ABILITIES

Assessment Tools

- Identify the major penalties for a reining competition.
- Explain the scoring system for a reining competition.
- Explain how to clean and care for leather equipment.
- Demonstrate how to apply leg bandages to a horse.
- Describe the symptoms of colic and explain what to do if you suspect your horse has colic.

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LEVEL THREE: MOUNTED ABILITIES

Assessment Tools

- Lope one large fast circle and two small slow circles in both directions (circles must be centered in the arena).

- Execute a lead change (from a left to a right, or right to a left) counter canter (in the centre of a figure 8). Drop to a halt after completing the figure 8.

- Execute a two-foot slide stop and back 5 paces, with no hesitation.

- Execute two 360° turns on the haunches, in both directions with some speed (basis for the spin).

- Enter at a jog, execute a rollback and exit at a lope.

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LEVEL FOUR: DISMOUNTED ABILITIES

Assessment Tools

- Draw and describe NRHA pattern 5 or 6.
- Explain how to prepare your horse for a competition.
- Explain how horses can develop navicular.
- List the 5 yearly vaccinations that a horse should receive.
- Identify where a horse can be given an injection and describe how to give a horse a needle.

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LEVEL FOUR: MOUNTED ABILITIES

Assessment Tools

- Execute NRHA pattern 5 or 6 with no major (5 point) penalties.

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