

WESTERN INTERMEDIATE RIDER BASIC TRAINING RUBRIC

A	BANDAGING	
No.	Requirements	Evidences
1	Spider Bandage.	Tension – even tension; follows contour of leg. Effectiveness – holds cotton; covers wound; allows leg movement; will stay in place. Proper Application – well padded & appropriate size; knots neat, secure, covered & on outside of leg; supported by a stable bandage (opposing leg also stable bandaged). Neatness – both bandages blend smoothly; stable bandage wraps of equal width & end on outside of leg; equipment clean.
2	Figure 8 Bandages.	Tension – even tension; does not impinge on tendon/knee/hock. Effectiveness – covers wound; allows leg movement; will stay in place. Proper Application – well padded; ends on outside of leg away from joint, secure with stable bandages as above. Neatness – Both bandages blend smoothly, wraps of equal width and end on outside of leg away from joint; bandages clean.
3	Hoof Bandage.	Tension – no pressure points on bulbs or coronet band. Effectiveness –covers wound/dressing; protects, endures & holds in place. Proper Application – padded appropriately over sensitive areas; proper wound treatment; cover with durable outer material. Neatness – no loose ends to catch; good traction for horse.
4	Exercise Bandage.	Tension – even tension appropriate to exercise bandage; no pressure points. Effectiveness – provides protection & support; does not interfere with movement; will stay in place. Proper Application – no wrinkles; towards back & inside of leg; well padded; bandage secured on outside of leg away from joint; ½ -½ "cotton above and below bandage; "V" in front of bandage when ergot "cupped"; if tape used – no overlap. Neatness – cottons flat & smooth; bandage wraps of equal width; cottons and wrap clean.
5	Polo Rundown.	Tension – even tension; just able to push 1 finger down inside of bandage & rotate around back of

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leg. Effectiveness – protects &/or supports leg; will stay in place. Proper Application – no wrinkles; wrap towards back & to inside of leg; cups ergot with "V" in
front; ends on outside of leg away from joint. Neatness – bandage smooth and clean; even width
of wraps.

В	B LUNGING		
No.	Requirements	Evidences	
1	Equipment adjustment and effectiveness.	Protective boots or bandages on all legs (highly recommend bell boots on front legs). Appropriate lunge line (without chain) & whip; well-fitting halter or cavesson. Effective adjustment of side reins when in use; no side reins contact for direction change. Handler wearing gloves no spurs. Lunge line snap is moved to halter's centre ring during direction change while reins are held for safety.	
2	Upward Transitions.	Handler encourages horse to drive forward from behind in smooth, controlled transitions. Horse responds well (timely); Improves with the use of side reins.	
3	Downward Transitions.	Horse does not fall on forehand, engages hind end; Horse responds well (timely). Improves with the use of side reins.	
4	Handler's Position.	Handler maintains "triangle of control" position with little movement; uses corrective movements if necessary. Handler's body language/verbal instruction is appropriate and effective. Circle size and shape are appropriate and fairly consistent.	
5	Handler's Control.	Whip and lunge line are used safely, effectively and efficiently, assistant can hold whip during changes. Lunge line avoids touching the ground during lunging session; Appropriate corrections are made in a timely fashion with positive results demonstrated. Overall control and safety.	



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6	Young Horse – oral.	Handler can explain different expectations/methods for a young horse being lunged.
7	Difficult Horse – oral.	Handler explains how lunging can benefit a difficult horse; outlines appropriate methods. Handler's explanations and methods are correct.

C	RIDING PHASE	
C.1	RAIL WORK	
No.	Requirements	Evidences
1	Warm Up/Effectiveness.	Candidate warms up appropriately for rail
		work. Methods produce effective results.
2	Upward Transitions.	Transitions are fluid, controlled, and
		timely.
3	Downward Transitions.	Transitions are controlled, balanced, and
		timely.
4	Collection.	Collection is fairly consistent, balanced,
		and appropriate to horse type (not
		discipline specific).
C.2	PATTERN	
No.	Requirements	Evidences
1	Warm Up/Effectiveness.	Candidate warms up appropriately for each
		pattern maneuver.
2	Accuracy.	Maneuvers in order; at appropriate
		locations; pattern is fluid.
3	Collection.	Consistent, appropriate, effortless.
4	Maneuvers.	Well performed, balanced, accurate, and
		technically correct.
C.3	MANEUVER	
No.	Requirements	Evidences
1	Method.	Technically correct; can explain why this
		method if questioned.
2	Result.	Appropriate corrections, appropriate
		exercises, maneuver improved.
3	Collection.	Fairly consistent throughout correction
		exercises.