



**Rider Level Written Tests 2012 - Study Guide**  
**Coach Supplement**

**Rider Level 1**

*(Information based on Rider Level 1-2 Manual)*

Parts of the horse	Colors of Horses
Parts of the Saddle	Cleaning of tack
Reasons to groom your horse	Grooming tools and their use
Safety rules in stables	Safety around the horse
Tacking up the horse	Care of tack
Natural and artificial aids	Arena markers
Rider fitness	Riding in hot weather

**Rider Level 2**

*(Information based on Rider Level 1-2 Manual)*

All of the topics from Rider 1	Parts of the Hoof, function of each
Horse Coat	Care of Tack
Bedding- use and types	Parts of the saddle bridle, fitting of same
Rein Aids	Marking of legs and face
Exercises on horseback- how they help the rider	

**Rider Level 3**

*(Riders are now to be familiar with Rider 1-2 Manual, as well as Rider 3-5 and Stable Management in Canada)*

Stable- stall floor materials, size of stalls and doorways	Watering- ways, advantages, disadvantages
Stable Vices	Measurement of horses
Thrush	Grooming- areas often missed
Farrier- frequency of visits, the newly shod hoof	The Horse's Jumping Effort
Horse and human balance point	Arena Safety

**Rider Level 4**

*(Riders are now to be familiar with Rider 1-2 Manual, as well as Rider 3-5 and Stable Management in Canada)*

Types of bandages and reasons for use	Signs of health in the horse
Reasons for shoeing	Vaccines used
Colic	Rules of Feeding
Disunited canter	Classical Training Scale/Pyramid
Recognize snaffle bit types	Change of lead
Stall fittings	Run outs and refusals
Exercises off the horse	

## Rider Level 5

*(Riders are now to be familiar with Rider 1-2 Manual, as well as Rider 3-5 and Stable Management in Canada)*

Sequence of pace	Cooling out the horse
Types of grains	Quality of hay
Reasons to clip a horse	Know 5 common lameness's
How to determine unsound leg	Advantages/disadvantages of shoeing
Bones of the hoof	Signs the horse needs dental care
Distances in gymnastic	Skin diseases and treatment
Bit pressure points	Protective Leg Wear
Reasons horses refuse fences	Common rider errors and corrections
Benefits of gymnastics for horse and rider	

## Rider Level 6

*(Riders are now to be familiar with Rider 1-2 Manual, as well as Rider 3-5 and Rider 6-8 and Stable Management in Canada)*

Signs of ill health in horse (not colic)	Hydration
Front Leg Conformation Faults	Teeth- how may, wolf tooth
Five types of Wounds	Four steps to treating wounds
Reasons horse may be thin	Different types of shoes
Saddle fitting	Length of stride
Warm-up of rider, horse	Types of jumps
Bit types- non snaffle	Reasons to lunge a horse
Supplying exercises for the horse	Classical training scale/pyramid

## Rider Level 7

*(Riders are now to be familiar with Rider 1-2 Manual, as well as Rider 3-5 and Rider 6-8 and Stable Management in Canada)*

Lateral movements	Define phases of classical training scale/pyramid
Jump Identification	Gymnastic distances
Inform the veterinarian	Navicular/Laminitis- what it is, treatment, prognosis
Shoe clips and pads, winter	Conformation faults (know 5)
Lower leg structure	Teeth-terms
Signs of rider concussion	Types of martingales
Identifying horse to others	

## Rider Level 8

*(Riders are now to be familiar with Rider 1-2 Manual, as well as Rider 3-5 and Rider 6-8 and Stable Management in Canada)*

Define phases of classical training scale/pyramid	Flexion and bend
Gaits-types within	Teeth- age by incisors, annual care
Conformation faults	Know defective foot movements
Parts of horse full review	Unsoundness of front and rear legs (5 types each)
Factors setting jumps	Ground lines
Types of Nosebands	