

## 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
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	
<b>C.1</b>	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).
<b>C.2</b>	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.
<b>C.3</b>	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.