KCYF PRE-QUALIFYING WALK TROT GROUND POLES EVALUATION FORM

Rider demonstrates a basic balanced seat throughout the ride, maintaining lower leg contact to the base of the ground pole, over and on landing, and away from ground pole.

Rider executed appropriate approach to ground pole, riding to the center of the pole, with eyes up, and looking forward to the next pole.

Rider demonstrates correct two point position with appropriate release over the ground pole. This forward seat demonstrates rider’s legs provide two points over which the rider’s weight is balanced on the horse.

Rider displays confidence over ground poles.

Rider maintains control of the horse at all times without interfering with horse’s performance.

Horse was serviceably sound.

Horse’s performance reflects an even hunter pace, consistent stride reflecting balance and rhythm. *Extreme speed and bad form is considered unsafe riding and will not pass evaluation.*

No more than 3 faults were observed and noted during the performance *(faults include balks, run-outs and refusals).*

Note Comments or Concerns:

**Is this rider safe and eligible to ride over ground poles at Fair?**

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Rider’s demonstration of a **SAFE ride at the walk-trot level** includes:

- **Minimum of 4 ground poles**
- **One change of direction**

**Requirement Example**

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I have evaluated this rider and horse combination over ground poles. Having observed this team on this date, they show ability and compatibility to complete the course. This in no way represents this team as safe in all circumstances and situations for future rides. There are risks that are inherent to jumping in equestrian events and all situations cannot in anyway be simulated in this evaluation. It does however, give opportunity to screen those individuals (both rider and horse) from competition who are unable to pass the above requirements with a safe performance. Rider and Horse combination must receive a **PASS** on all evaluated requirements to compete at this *requested level* at the Kent County Youth Fair Hunter Jumper over fences classes.

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**EVALUATOR SIGNATURE** ____________________________________________ **DATE** ________________________________