KEEP SKILLS EVALUATION
Walk Trot Level

Member _____________________________________________ Club ___________________________________

The skill requirements for competition at the Fair are based on the rider. The horse is a “tool” for the member to display the skills they have mastered. All scoring should be on the abilities of the member; i.e. does the member recognize when the horse is on the wrong lead and does the member attempt to correct the lead; how does the member react to what the horse does, etc.

Dismounted Abilities

Leaders: Please date AND initial beside each box verifying the member has learned these skills.

- Demonstrate the safe use of the grooming tools
- Demonstrate/describe how to correctly care for a horse/pony after it has been worked.
- Demonstrate/describe how to clean out a water bucket
- Demonstrate/describe a safe way (hand or bucket) to feed a treat to a horse/pony.
- Demonstrate how to safely lead a horse/pony with a halter and lead rope.
- Demonstrate how to safely lead a horse/pony with a bridle.
- Demonstrate how to safely move around a horse/pony for inspection.
- Demonstrate a pivot at the following circle degrees: 180 and 360.
- Demonstrate how to set up (square up/breed specific) a horse/pony for inspection.
- Demonstrate/describe how much distance should be kept when walking behind another horse.
- Demonstrate how far away you should stop a horse/pony from a judge.
- Demonstrate how to safely trot (while leading) a horse/pony.

Mounted Abilities

1. Horse should be led as in a showmanship class, with the rider walking between the horses head and shoulder.
2. Before mounting rider should perform a safety check of the saddle and bridle to assure girth is tight, stirrups secure, and bit on correctly.
3. Rider may use a mounting block to step quietly onto the horse. Points should be deducted for a rider who settles heavily onto the horses back. The dismount should be a step down, not a leap away that could startle the horse.
4. All circles should be round and the same size.
5. The rider should maintain a classic equitation position with head, shoulder, hip and heel in a vertical line perpendicular to the ground. Aids should be given softly, primarily through the seat and leg.

Skills tested: leading, mounting, walk, trot, back, communication between horse and rider
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<td>10. Riders position and use of the aids</td>
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**Total Points (100 points possible)**

Member’s Signature __________________________________________________________

Parent’s Signature __________________________________________________________

Leader or Evaluator’s Signature _____________________________________________ Date ________________