

Horsemanship Skills Flow Chart (10/02)

	Rider's Body Position	Horse's Body Position	Riding Skills	Handling Skills
Level 1	Basic seat, leg and body position hand position and action	Control	Mount and dismount drop/regain stirrups-halt walk and gradual halt check and release turn / circle / figure 8 Jog or trot and gradual halt check and release turn / circle / figure 8 Emergency dismount	Safety Approach Halter Lead at walk Turn Back Tie Bridle and saddle Basic grooming
Level 2	Correct body position using proper aids through transitions	Control while maintaining an even pace	Walk to jog or trot Increase jog or trot Halt Lope or canter check and release turn / circle / figure 8 back 4-5 steps simple lead changes sidepass leg yielding- walk, jog or trot drop and regain stirrups walk / jog or trot open and close gate – mounted and unmounted	Safety Bathing a horse Fitting and grooming clipping Showmanship walk and trot stop turn on hindquarters back set up
Level 3	Using proper aids hands / legs seat/ legs / voice	Control while maintaining an even pace and ride in a secure form keeping horse's head and neck quiet.	Transitions Upward and downward walk to trot then halt walk to canter then halt Balanced halt from all gaits Counter canter Use of reins Loose / light / contact 180 degree turn hindquarters 180 degree turn forehand Drop and regain stirrups Lope or canter Leg yielding – lope or canter Shoulder in – walk and trot	Safety Lunge a horse Walk / trot / canter Showmanship 360 turn hindquarters turn on forehand
Level 4	Proper position using aids and remaining balanced	Control while maintaining an even pace and ride in a secure form keeping the horse in frame – carrying a proper head position bending and suppleness calmness and lightness Rhythm and coordination Using leg yielding and weight aids	Lengthening/shortening Walk-slow / ordinary / extended Trot-slow / ordinary / extended Canter-slow/ ordinary / extended Back a circle 360 turn – hindquarters 360 turn – forehand trot and canter from a halt Flying lead change	Safety Trailing a horse Showmanship 1/4 pull turn hindquarter

