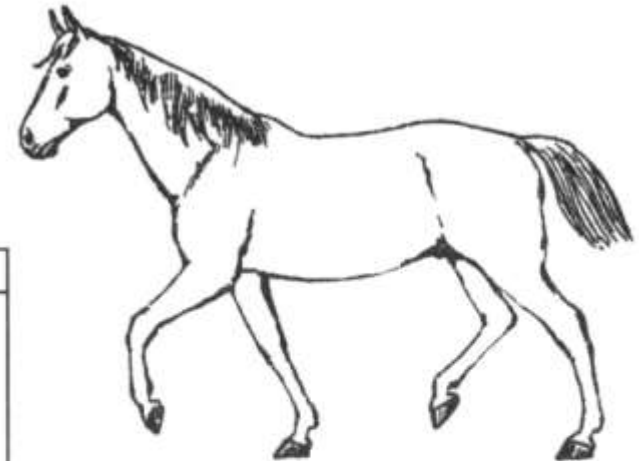


Scoring Guidelines



Point assignment is at the discretion of the veterinary judge.

SOUNDNESS 45 Points

Lameness Grades

Questionable Soundness: (Use sparingly)	-1 to -2
Grade 1: Lameness is difficult to observe and is not consistently apparent regardless of circumstance (e.g. under saddle, circling, inclines, hard surfaces, etc.)	-3 to -5
Grade 2: Lameness is difficult to observe at a walk or when trotting in a straight line, but consistently apparent under certain circumstances (e.g. weight carrying, circling, inclines, hard surfaces, etc.)	-6 to -10
Grade 3: Lameness is consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances. Do not allow to start a day! A horse observed during ride should be pulled. If observed at final check, Completion Only may be granted at the discretion of the judge with card scored.	PULL or COMPLETION ONLY & -11 to -15
Grade 4: Lameness is obvious at a walk.	PULL
Grade 5: Lameness produces minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest, or a complete inability to move.	PULL

LEGS	Heat - each leg	Pain - each leg
	Slight -1	-2
	Moderate -2	-3
	Severe -4 or pull	-5 or pull

Fill	Slight -0 to -1	"Fill" refers to edema of the distal limb that may occur post-exercise.
	Moderate -1 to -2	
	Severe -2 to -3	

WBLG	Withers, Back, Loins, Girth
	Discomfort or pain to palpation
	Slight -1
	Moderate -2
	Severe -3 or pull

Score each side of horse separately, i.e., R loin, L loin, R back, L back etc.

SPR	Sores, Plaques, Rubs at girth, cinch, mouth, etc;
	Interference marks are also scored using this scale
	Slight -1
	Moderate -2
	Severe -4 or more

Windpuffs, windgalls (synovial swelling of joints or tendon sheaths that do not cause heat, pain, or lameness) are not penalized.

PULL CODES

Strike a diagonal line across the face of the card. Write the words "PULL" and one of the following pull codes:

Lameness: Any degree of lameness

Metabolic: Non-recovery, colic, thumps, tie-up, etc.

Surface Factors: Wounds, sore backs, rubs, etc.

Rider Option: Illness, injury, fatigue, weather, etc.

Disqualification: Rule violations, dangerous horse, etc.

TRAIL ABILITY / MANNERS 15 Points

Obvious kick at Judge, Rider or Handler	-5 to -10
Obvious bite at Judge, Rider or Handler	-5 to -10
Fractious, Unruly, Dangerous (Bites, Kicks, Threatens, Consistently Dangerous)	DISQUALIFY

Stands quietly for exam, mount	-0
Moves 1 to 2 steps or turns	-1
Walks off	-2

Maneuvers obstacle with adequate to excellent skill	-0
Maneuvers obstacle with difficulty and/or slight resistance	-1
Refuses obstacle or unable to maneuver within a reasonable time frame.	-3

Misses obstacle: Deduct one more point than deducted from the poorest performing horse at the same obstacle.

Downhill, uphill, creek/log crossings	
Attentive to trail and rider	0
Mild disobedience	-1
Moderate disobedience	-2
Out of control or refuses	-3

Breaking Ties: Refer to current Judge's Manual

CONDITION 40 Points

MM (Oral Mucous Membranes)

Normal / Moist	-0
Injected / Tacky	-1
Pale / Dry	-2
Dark / Toxic	Pull

MT (Muscle Tone)

Normal	-0
Cool / Clammy	-2
Cold / Trembling	-4
Rigid / Spastic	During Ride: Pull End of Ride: -5

GS (Gut Sounds)

Strong to Slight	-0
Prolonged	-1 to -2
Silence	-4 or Pull
(if other factors corroborate)	

HYD (Hydration)

(shoulder pinch - seconds)	
0 to 1	Normal
2 to 3	Mild
4 to 6	Severe
7 and up	Pull

MAW (Movement, Attitude, Willingness)

5	Bold, animated, attentive
4	Attentive, good mover, no animation
3	Slow mover, but willing & attentive
2	Showing a great deal of fatigue, not very willing to trot out
1	Refuses to trot out on own
MAW: -1 per degree the horse deteriorates	

JR (Jug Refill)

(Seconds)

0 to 1	Normal
2 to 3	Mild
4 to 6	Severe
7 and up	Pull

CRT (Cap refill)

(Seconds)

0 to 1	Normal
2	Mild
3	Severe
4 and up	Pull

Scoring Hydration, Jugular Refill, CRT

0 to 1	Normal	0 to 1	Normal	Slight Change (1 degree)	-0 to -1
2 to 3	Mild	2	Mild	Moderate Change (2 degrees)	-1 to -2
4 to 6	Severe	3	Severe	Severe Change (3 degrees)	-2 to -3
7 and up	Pull	4 and up	Pull		

Pulse: Base = 12 (48 bpm)

Point deduction: -1 per each beat over base

13	-1	Always score the first recovery P&R as described above. For each 10 minute hold score a total of -5, IN ADDITION to the first recovery P&R score. Pull if not recovered in 2 holds.
14	-2	
15	-3	
16	-4	
17	-5	

Respiration: Base = 9 (36 bpm)

Point deduction:

1 to 9	-0
10, 11, 12, 13	-1
14, 15, 16, 17	-2
18, 19, 20, 21	-3
22, 23, 24, 25	-4
25+	-5

Hold criteria is at the discretion of the veterinary judge

Colic, Tie-Up, Thumps: Pull—Recommend Medical Attention Immediately