

Texas Equine Mounted Horsemanship Levels

Level 1

- Walk on lunge line with and without stirrups
- Stand in stirrups at a walk on lunge line
- Sitting trot/job on lunge line
- Sitting trot/jog on lunge line without holding on
- Steer through 2-4 step pattern at a walk with a spotter

Level 2

- Steer through 2-4 step pattern in a walk independently
- Sitting trot/jog down long side of the arena
- Steer through 1-2 step pattern in a sitting trot/jog with a spotter
- Posting trot on lunge line with stirrups stabilizer
- Walk without stirrups independently

Level 3

- Sitting trot/jog entire length of arena
- Steer through 2-4 step pattern at a sitting trot/jog
- Posting trot with stirrup stabilizer full length of the arena
- Drop and put feet back in stirrups at a walk
- Saddle horse with assistance

Level 4

- Posting trot without stirrup stabilizer on lunge line
- Speed changes within the walk (lengthen and shorten stride)
- Sitting trot/jog without stirrups on lunge line
- Posting trot without stirrup stabilizer full length of the arena
- Saddle horse with minimal assistance

Level 5

- Steer through 3-5 step pattern at a posting/sitting trot/jog
- Speed changes within the trot/jog (lengthen and shorten stride)
- Recognize hoof placement at the walk (in preparation for diagonals)
- Change posting diagonal with a verbal prompt
- Saddle horse without assistance

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Level 6

- Recognize posting diagonals without a verbal prompt
- Sitting trot/jog without stirrups independently
- Turn on the hind end (yield the shoulders)
- Steer horse through 3-5 step pattern in the sitting trot/jog without stirrups
- Drop and put feet back in stirrups at a sitting trot/jog

Level 7

- Trot-halt-trot transitions with stirrups
- Turn on the forehand (yield the hindquarters)
- Drop and put feet back in stirrups at a posting trot/jog on lunge line
- Maintain contact and correct use of aids at the walk on the rail
- Maintain connection with horse through walk and halt transitions

Level 8

- Trot-halt-trot transitions without stirrups
- Leg yield off and on to the rail at a walk
- Leg yield off and on to the rail at a trot/jog
- Maintain contact and correct use of aids at the trot/jog on the rail
- Steer through 3-4 step pattern with contact and correct use of aids at the walk

Level 9

- Steer through 3-4 step pattern with contact and correct use of aids at the trot/jog
- Canter/lope on lunge line with stirrups
- Canter/lope on lunge line without stirrups
- Canter/lope 20m circle with spotter
- Canter/lope down long side without spotter

Level 10

- Canter/lope full length of the arena
- Walk, trot/jog, canter/lope 5-8 step pattern
- Canter/lope down long side without stirrups
- Simple change through trot/jog
- Steer through 3-4 step pattern with contact and correct use of aids at the canter/lope