

Ride a course of obstacles, 1.3 to 1.5 metres in height on an unfamiliar horse

Level 6

Credits 10

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to prepare self and horse for jumping the course, and jump the course on an unfamiliar horse according to Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) rules, demonstrating effective riding positions, hand releases, and flying changes.

Subfield Equine

Domain Equitation

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Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference 0018

This AMAP can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Special notes

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and its subsequent amendments.
- 2 There are specific assessment requirements for people assessing against this unit standard. Please refer to the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan ref: 0018.
- 3 The course is to be designed for an arena of dimension 80 metres by 40 metres. The course is to include a double and a treble, and 60% of the course will have spreads at least as wide as they are high, one of which will be a parallel at 1.8 metres wide.

- 4 The horse used must be up to jumping 1.3 to 1.5 metres in height.
- 5 The relevant ESNZ rulebook is available from the Equestrian Sports New Zealand, PO Box 6146, Wellington, Telephone 04 499 8994; or available at <http://www.nzequestrian.org.nz>.
- 6 Candidates must not contravene the *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for Welfare of Horses* (Wellington: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, 1993), available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/codes/horses/index.htm>.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Prepare self and horse for jumping the course.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Rider is prepared in ESNZ approved dress which is safe and appropriate for riding conditions.
- 1.2 Horse is geared up in saddlery suitable to and comfortable for individual horse to enable control by rider and protection to limbs of horse.

Range bridle, saddle and stirrup length, martingale, boots, bandages.
- 1.3 Course is walked to establish lines and number of strides between obstacles.

Element 2

Jump the course on an unfamiliar horse according to ESNZ rules, demonstrating effective riding positions, hand releases, and flying changes.

Range 10-12 numbered obstacles, 1.3 to 1.5 metres in height, two combinations, spreads at least as wide as they are high.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Rider is balanced, coordinated, and in a strong secure position throughout the course.

Range two point position with the movement on straight lines, three point position with the movement on corners and immediately before obstacles, defensive three point position.
- 2.2 Fences are jumped in order with the rider looking to the next jump, maintaining previously identified lines, and demonstrating change of lead over fences and flying changes.

- 2.3 Rider's use of hand releases appropriate to the jump and the situation allow the horse to demonstrate natural movement.
- Range mane release, crest release, in hand release, turn in the air.
- 2.4 Rider maintains the horse in medium canter.
- Range rhythm, calmness, contact, on the bit, straightness, 400 metres per minute.
- 2.5 Rider controls stride length, with the horse showing rhythm and calmness.
- Range long and short distances between related and combination obstacles, half strides, lines influenced by turns, around coloured obstacles.

Please note

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Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

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