

SouthWest Civil War Association
Equine Certification Evaluation
(2008)

Rider's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Horse/Mule's Name: _____

Horse/Mule's occupation: _____

The following conditions will be observed when setting up for this evaluation. Please note, the term "driver" shall include a person(s) responsible for the command and control of any horse/mule powered vehicle.

The standing and lead parts of the evaluation will be done on the normal picket line or picket areas of the unit administering the test. No special care or set up is required for this part of the evaluation process.

For the mounted/driving part of the evaluation the following conditions will be applied.

- 1.) Locate a suitable level location for the test to be performed. A single lane 12 to 18 feet wide is to be used as the roadway during this test.
- 2.) For weapons testing, the person to be tested shall load 6 rounds into his pistol and have 1 round for his carbine.
- 3.) For weapons testing, a designated 'hazer' shall load a pistol and move 50 yards in a safe direction and discharge the pistol as may be required

Evaluation Points

1.) Grooming and Preparation

- A.) The animal is checked for visible defect or injury.
- B.) Horse/mule is brushed and curried to smooth matted hair, remove caked on dirt, especially where the saddle and girth contact the animal.
- C.) The hooves are checked for loose shoes or other health compromising defects and cleaned of dirt and stones.

PASS

FAIL

REMARKS: _____

2.) Saddling and Bridling

A.) Saddle and blanket are placed correctly. Blanket is smooth and the saddle is placed so that it does not apply pressure to the animal's withers or shoulders.

B.) Cinch/girth is securely fastened and adjusted.

C.) If applicable, surcingle is fastened around the horse and saddle.

D.) Headstall and bit are properly adjusted and fastened.

PASS

FAIL

REMARKS: _____

3.) Ground Manners

A.) The horse/mule is willing to be led and needs little or no coaxing.

PASS

FAIL

REMARKS: _____

4.) Mounting

A.) The Rider Checks cinch/girth before mounting.

B.) The horse remains relatively still while being mounted.

C.) The rider settles in the saddle correctly.

D.) The horse seems steady with rider in the saddle.

PASS

FAIL

REMARKS: _____

5.) Riding

A.) Rider has control of the horse at all times and in all gaits.

B.) Rider can stop horse on command.

PASS

FAIL

REMARKS: _____

6.) Working with the off horse Applicable

A.) The rider/driver has control of both horses/mules at all times.

B.) The animals change from gait to another without difficulty.

C.) Rider/driver can stop horse/mule on command.

PASS

FAIL

REMARKS: _____

7.) Reaction to Weapons Applicable (For military and civilian horses/mules ridden on or near the battlefield during the battles)

A.) Rider maintains control of the horse/mule while moving towards gunfire.

B.) Rider maintains control of the animal during artillery fire.

C.) The horse/mule will stand while linked to other horses during close weapons fire.

D.) The horse is not panicky during or after gun or artillery fire.

PASS

FAIL

REMARKS: _____

8.) Weapons use Applicable

- A.) The rider maintains control of the horse/mule while firing the pistol while mounted.
- B.) The rider maintains control of the horse/mule while firing the carbine while mounted.
- C.) The rider maintains control of himself and the horse/mule while using the saber.
- D.) The horse/mule remains relatively steady when drawing and returning weapons.

PASS

FAIL

REMARKS: _____

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS TEST. BE CAREFUL AND SAFE!

Scoring

A pass mark is required in all applicable sections of this evaluation for a horse combination to be passed for participation at an event under the Arizona Safety Rules.

- Passed with out Restriction
- Passed with Restriction
- May not work with a lead team horse
- May not use weapons on the horse
- Failed

Unit Commander's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Unit Commander's Name: _____

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