



VOLUNTEER TRAINING - MOUNTING

There are many areas where it will be impossible to achieve an “above standard” mark; since the correct method will be the *only* safe method accepted. To achieve an “Above standard” mark will require that a candidate demonstrates the “At standard” requirement PLUS any additions mentioned in the above standard column.

In some areas, this rubric refers to the “correct” methods of performing a task. Please refer to the following publications for acceptable “correct” methods: CanTRA Instructor Manual; CTRAI Home Study: Manual of Horsemanship – British Horse Society and Pony Club: Stable Management in Canada: Aspects and Answers – A Manual for Therapeutic Horseback Riding Programs.

Topic	Evidence	Above required standards (3)	At required standards (2)	Below required standards (1)
Mounting (croup mount)	Preparation of horse for mounting.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check tack fitting. <input type="checkbox"/> Pad, girth, bridle, stirrups down, reins secured. <input type="checkbox"/> Stirrups at approx. correct length for rider.	<input type="checkbox"/> No tack check. <input type="checkbox"/> Girth not checked. <input type="checkbox"/> Reins not secured.
	Mounting technique.	<input type="checkbox"/> Aware of the role of the P.T in choosing a particular mount for individual riders.	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct mounting technique for simple croup mount. <input type="checkbox"/> Correct # of volunteers. <input type="checkbox"/> Clear directions from candidate instructor.	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect mounting technique used. <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient volunteers. <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of communication with rider & volunteers.
	Stirrup length adjustment.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct technique performed in a safe area away from mounting block/ramp. <input type="checkbox"/> Proper use of volunteers. <input type="checkbox"/> Good communication with rider & volunteers. <input type="checkbox"/> Correct stirrup length achieved.	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect technique. <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't accomplish correct stirrup length. <input type="checkbox"/> Discomfort to rider or horse. <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to recognize correct stirrup length. <input type="checkbox"/> Attempts to adjust stirrups without a spotter on the other side.
	Involvement of volunteers.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer/s provide correct assistance once properly instructed. <input type="checkbox"/> Good rapport with volunteers. <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers are made to feel at ease & not asked to perform any tasks they are not comfortable undertaking.	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers only watch or not used. <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient or incorrect information given to volunteer.
	Terminology.	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Good use</i> of the correct terminology.	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct terminology used. <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence from the demonstration that candidate does this on a regular basis.	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor terminology. <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient correct terminology.

	Safety.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe presentation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe practice/s demonstrated e.g. <input type="checkbox"/> not enough volunteers used for the mount. <input type="checkbox"/> failing to secure wheelchairs/canes etc after mount, <input type="checkbox"/> proceeding with the mount when the horse is not positioned correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> adjusting stirrups in an unsafe manner or area. <input type="checkbox"/> instructor not in control of mounting procedure.
	Overall presentation.	<input type="checkbox"/> In-depth &/or additional knowledge of subject evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Well-organized, concise, clear, accurate & complete delivery of topic. <input type="checkbox"/> Good rapport with volunteers.	<input type="checkbox"/> Untidy, slow, incomplete, incorrect presentation.

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