

NCWC CERTIFICATION for Riders & Horses

Section A. - Agreement *To portray a mounted Civil War reenactor I have read and agree to the following.*

- **My horse and I must pass an NCWC certification to be on the battlefield. I understand that I must take and pass this test with any horse I intend to ride and that passing this test merely means that I and my horse have the skills needed to be on the field.**
- **There will be times that my horse should not be out on the battlefield during a battle, due to its health, unruliness or any stress related problems. I have the final decision as to whether I will or will not take part in any battle, for any reason, and my commander will excuse me without prejudice. I will not be pressured by anyone to take part on the battlefield simply because I passed this certification.**
- **My commander has the authority to order me to keep my horse off the battlefield for the above reasons even if I disagree.**
- **I am aware of the abuse laws governing mounted NCWC reenactors and I will abide by those laws.**

Those actions defined as abusive are...

The use of unreasonable force in disciplining a horse, especially when it is accompanied by a display of overly emotional behavior on the part of the horseman.

Excessive or over-zealous application of the spurs.

Striking the horse about the head or face.

Applying any foreign object in a manner that would be perceived as "beating" the horse.

Any correction which results in drawing the horse's blood.

Disciplining a horse while it is secured to a picketline or other object.

Any handling or treatment likely to be perceived as inhumane by the general public.

I have read the above and agree to its contents

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Rider's name (printed): _____ Age: _____

Parental signature (if minor): _____

Horse's name: _____ Description: _____

Visible health problems? _____ Current coggins test on file? _____

Type and Date of last worming: _____ Vaccinations current for the year? _____

Date of last inoculations for (Flu, EWE, TET) _____ Potomac _____ Rhino _____

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Section B. – Evaluation

Evaluator(s) names:

Rider:

Unit:

Horse:

Description of horse:

GROOMING OF MOUNT:

Mount is confidently curried and brushed to remove dirt and stimulate the skin. The hooves are cleaned and inspected for stones and loose shoes.

Injuries and any health problems are to be pointed out to the evaluator by the rider.

Questions are asked of the rider to determine his knowledge of his horse and its care.

What questions were asked?

REMARKS:

OVERALL SCORE - THIS SECTION:

DATE:

SADDLING AND BRIDLING:

Saddle blanket folded and placed on the horse correctly.

Saddle is properly positioned gently on the horse's back.

Cinch is securely fastened and adjusted for the horse's conformation.

All straps are fastened and positioned correctly on the horse.

Horse equipment is oiled and clean and the bit is free of rust and corrosion.

All equipment is properly adjusted, bit is seated correctly and the curb chain is flat.

Questions are asked of the rider regarding his equipment.

What questions were asked?

REMARKS:

OVERALL SCORE - THIS SECTION:

DATE:

LEADING THE HORSE:

The horse is willing to be led and needs little or no coaxing.
The rider leads correctly and confidently.

REMARKS:

OVERALL SCORE - THIS SECTION:

DATE:

MOUNTING & DISMOUNTING:

Rider checks the cinch before mounting.
Horse remains steady during mounting, dismounting and after.
Rider settles in the saddle gently.
Rider had control of horse while in the process of mounting and dismounting.

REMARKS:

OVERALL SCORE - THIS SECTION:

DATE:

(MANDATORY) RIDING SKILLS:

Rider reins correctly considering the style of bit he is using.
Rider's body position is correct at all gaits, the halt and the rein back.
The horse is a willing partner during the test.
Horse changes from one gait to the other without difficulty.
Rider can stop horse at all gaits and the horse will stand quietly.
The rider can back his horse properly and quietly.
Horse allows troops within the 30 feet safety distance without fear or flight.
Flags, guidons and ladies dresses do not create unreasonable fear in the horse.

REMARKS:

OVERALL SCORE - THIS SECTION:

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OPTIONAL) ADDITIONAL SKILLS - OBSTACLE, JUMPING & CROSS-COUNTRY:

Horse and rider complete obstacle course with minimum contact of obstacles.
Horse is steady and calm while doing the obstacle course.
Horse and rider jump small jumps willingly and in harmony.
Horse is willing to rate at speed without resistance.
Upon completion of the speed and jumping phase, the horse is calm and relaxed.
In the evaluator's opinion, is the horse enabling the rider to get a good ride or is the rider one who could get a good ride from most horses?

REMARKS:

OVERALL SCORE - THIS SECTION:

DATE:

REACTION TO WEAPONS FROM OTHERS:

Rider can keep horse walking toward gunfire and maintains control at all times.
Horse is not overly skittish or panicky during or after this test.

REACTION TO GUNFIRE FROM THE SADDLE:

Rider maintains control at all tested gaits while firing his pistol or carbine mounted.
Horse is not panicky or on edge during or after firing.

REACTION TO SABRE FROM THE SADDLE:

Horse is steady while sabre is drawn and returned.
Rider has control of the sabre at all times.
Rider knows sabre drill and handles sabre correctly.

REMARKS:

OVERALL SCORE - THIS SECTION:

DATE:

OVERVIEW EVALUATION:

Evaluator's signature: _____ date: _____