

# Rising Stars Equitation Judging Scale

Evaluation of the rider's ability to execute the movements in harmony with the horse while maintaining a correct and stable riding position.

Scale of Marking	Standards	Description
Excellent 9 - 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highly Effective</li> <li>Clearly demonstrating Influence and Competency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates all standards, exceptional basics and a balanced, stabilized position with hands independent from the seat in all three gaits allowing clear influence and competency of the aids to create a harmonious ride.</li> </ul>
Very Good 8.9 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective</li> <li>Influence and competency progressing and being demonstrated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant demonstration of basics/standards.</li> <li>A good example of a balanced, stabilized position with hands equally independent from the seat in all three gaits thus allowing the demonstration of influence and competency of the aids to help in creating a more harmonious ride.</li> </ul>
Good 7 - 7.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The beginnings of effectiveness through influence and competency being demonstrated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A positive picture demonstrating most basics/standards.</li> <li>An example of a balanced, stabilized position with hands showing independence from the seat in all three gaits while demonstrating the beginnings of effectiveness through influence and competency of the aids to create a fairly harmonious ride.</li> </ul>
Satisfactory 6 - 6.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meets the Basic Equitation Standard</li> <li>Developing correct influence and partnership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates a fundamental understanding of the basics/standards.</li> <li>Showing some balance and stability in position with hands needing to develop more independence of the seat.</li> <li>Demonstrating some correct influence in the use of aids to show some harmonious moments during the ride.</li> </ul>
Sufficient 5 - 5.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some Basic Skills</li> <li>The beginnings of communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates some basic skills but needs a better understanding of the basics/standards.</li> <li>More development in the balance and stability of the position is required.</li> <li>Hands are not quite yet independent of the seat.</li> <li>While some influence is being demonstrated, it is not always applied correctly in the use of aids.</li> </ul>
Insufficient 4 - 4.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More development of the basic skills are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ability to consistently demonstrate the basic skills/standards is not enough at this time.</li> <li>Balance and stability in the position needs more development.</li> <li>Hands are not independent of the seat.</li> <li>Communication with the horse through the use of aids needs more understanding and body coordination.</li> </ul>
Ineffective 0 - 3.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not having or showing the necessary basic equitation skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not having or showing the basic skills/standards.</li> <li>Balance and stability in the position needs more development.</li> <li>Hands are not independent of the seat.</li> <li>Communication with the horse through the use of aids needs more understanding, body coordination, and development.</li> </ul>

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