**Horse Safety Checklist-Unmounted Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Instructor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dates\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Instructor(s)/Evaluator(s)/Horse Leader(s) Please check, inital & Date:**

**Safe Horse Handling Basics**

* Approaching the horse **Blind zones- Where are they on a horse?**
* Rope Safety **How do you correctly hold the lead rope?**
* Haltering & correct halter fit **Describe**. **What should you never do when haltering a horse?**
* How to release a horse into stall Describe how? **Which direction should the horse be facing?**
* Leading the horse: **From what side do you lead your horse & what is the proper position?**
* Tying the horse **When tied, what length should the rope be & at what level?**
* Quick release knot **Demonstrate. When do you use this?**
* Begin Picking up feet-**Explain how. Which direction are you facing?**
* Safe riding attire: **What is safe riding attire for all riders?**
* Safe tack-**What do you always do before getting on? Stretched-out holes, cracks, dry rot,**

**& broken stitches are all signs of what?**

**Saddling & Bridling**

* Saddling the horse: **What should you do after tightening the girth?**
* Adjust stirrup length from the ground **What is a good way to judge the length of the stirrups even before getting o**
* Bridling the horse: **Where do you stand when bridling the horse?**
* When untacking: **What part do you take off first**?

**Emergencies**

Emergency questions list (This will be completed at a meeting) (Situation/What might happen/Remedy)

* In the arena at clinics, camp or fair-**If rider falls off what do you do?**
* Loose horse on grounds: **What do you do?**
* Emergency stopping (circling, one rein) **Explain**-**When do you use this?**
* Emergency dismount **Explain. When do you use this? (In what direction should you land?)**

**General Knowledge**

* Watch video “Every Time Every Ride” Video or You Tube **What did this video stress about safety?**
* Tie a hay net: **What height should it be placed for your horse?**
* Tack cleaning **Name 2 reasons for cleaning tack & what you would use?**
* How to warm up your horse-**Why is it important? How is it done?**

Name one reason for **“Cooling Out”** your horse after exercise**. Why is it important? How is it done?**

* Name 5 stable vices.
* How to condition your horse **- Explain LSD**

Riding stretches for humans: **Why should you always stretch before riding?**

Coggins test: **What is it? Why test? How often?** **\*Always kept with your horse when traveling!**

* First aid for the horse **Name 5 things you should carry in a first aid kit for your horse.**
* Leg protection: **What parts of the horse’s leg are protected by a shipping bandage? Splints boots? Bells?**

Temp, Pulse & Respiration: **What are normal?** **How do you determine your horse’s respiration**?

Saddle Fit **How can you tell if your saddle is a proper fit for your horse?**

**Waushara County Exhibitors planning on entering horses at fair:**

**Name the 5 things you need to bring with you to provide to the superintendent**

**before unloading your horse at FAIR.**