



Mickelsen Family Farms Riding Progression Skills

Advanced Intermediate: Mastery Checklist

(must be initialed by instructor)

Skills: (all in outdoor arena)	Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5	Mastery
GROUND WORK SKILLS: Intermediate +						
Tacking up Western/English saddle without assistance						
Lead line lunging/free lunging without assistance Over obstacles						
Showmanship skills – walking, trotting, stopping (horse doesn't run student over) and setting up for judges						
Opening and closing gates on horseback without assistance						
RIDING SKILLS: Intermediate +						
English Walking/Trotting - Posting horse without assistance (with correct hand placement, proper balance and posture with heels down and straight back) through a course						
Walking/Trotting and stopping without stirrups showing proper balance through a course						
Bareback walking/Trotting without assistance (loose rein with hands down and relaxed, proper balance and posture with heels down and straight back)						
Cantering bareback with assistance						
Galloping/cantering – Western and English – both directions with correct lead (hands down and relaxed, proper balance and posture with heels down and straight back)						
Turning horse on haunches in both directions						
Roll backs on fence line on a trot						
Obstacle course on a walk and trot and canter						
Basic trail course obstacles – on trail course in field						
Small jumps on trot Western and English						
Walking and trotting in field						
Loading and unloading horse in trailer						
Hooking/unhooking pony cart/ outdoor arena (2 x)	X	X	X			
Mastery Test Date:						