

LEVEL 2 REQUIREMENTS

To complete Level 2 you must be able to pass each of the following requirements. This can be done by performing the Level 2 Ring Test, which has all the movements in it (or an alternate test made up by your instructor), or by having your CHA instructor check off each thing as you pass it. This can be done in regular riding lessons, as a group test, or an individual test.

RIDING REQUIREMENTS

- _____ 1. Mount and adjust your stirrups to the proper length.
(*Western riders need not adjust stirrups from the saddle, but should check stirrups for proper length.*)
- _____ 2. Dismount and prepare the horse to lead. (*Reins over horse's head, english stirrups run up correctly.*)
- _____ 3. Do a tack check (*saddle and bridle*) on both sides and tighten girth if needed.
- _____ 4. Ride with good position and balance for Level 2 at **walk and trot or jog**:
___ a. Walk ___ b. Sitting trot ___ c. Jumping position ___ d. Posting (*optional for western riders*)
- _____ 5. Demonstrate good Level 2 control by:
___ a. Riding at least twice around the ring at a jog or trot without breaking the gait.
___ b. Halting on command without unnecessary roughness to horse.
___ c. Keeping the proper distance when riding in a group or on the trail.
___ d. Riding at a jog or trot without breaking gait:
___ 1. Simple reverses
___ 2. Circles
___ 3. Western pattern (*optional for english riders*)
- _____ 6. Put the horse into a lope or canter and ride at least once around the ring with good Level 2 seat and control.
(*Correct leads desirable, but not required.*)
- _____ 7. Post on the correct diagonal both directions of the ring. (*optional for western riders*).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- _____ 1. Show how to cool out a hot horse properly.
- _____ 2. Demonstrate how to tie a proper quick release knot for tying a horse.
- _____ 3. Understand how to clean a stall, clean the stable area and stable chores.
- _____ 4. Pass written test.

TRAIL REQUIREMENTS

- _____ 1. Give 5 rules for safety when trail riding.
- _____ 2. Demonstrate the following:
___ a. What to do if you see a hazard like a hole or wire.
___ b. Keeping a safe distance from other horses and staying in your place in line.
___ c. How to ride over or through a simple trail obstacle (like a creek, stepping poles or a muddy spot).
___ d. How to ride uphill and downhill.

JUMPING REQUIREMENTS

(*Optional • Jumping is NOT required to pass any CHA level.*)

However, it is recommended that riders pass the Level 2 Jumping Test before beginning Level 3 jumping.)

- _____ 1. Demonstrate jumping position at a walk and trot in good balance.
- _____ 2. Ride over practice poles and cavaletti in jumping position at trot.
- _____ 3. Jump a low crossrail (*under 1 foot high*) at a trot showing:
___ a. Good jumping position ___ b. Balance ___ c. Correct release ___ d. Good control