**VMV Certification Form**

**Rider:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Horse 1:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Horse 2:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Examiner:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

There will be a demo on obstacles before certification begins. Two examiners will certify a team of two horses through the obstacle portion of the certification. Both examiners will come to a P, N, F consensus on each horse/rider. Other riders will clear the area/obstacle area while horses are certifying. Stablemates must not ride next to each other during certification and may not certify as a pair during obstacles testing.

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| **P** = Pass **N** = Needs Work **F** = Fail | More than 2 “F” grades result in a failed certification. 2 “N” grades equal one “F”. “N” items may be retested once before the end of the day. |

🞏 Required tack: 10’ lead (minimum) and halter or equivalent worn with bridle and saddle.

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| **Horse 1** | **Horse 2** | **Certification Requirements** |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Load and unload in trailer |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Stand quiet while tied |
|  |  | **Outside and/or Arena** |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Mount/dismount from both sides, from the ground (mounting devices are acceptable) |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Stands quietly while rider holds another horse |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Can pony another horse and be ponied (without a rider) |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Can be handled/led by person other than owner (rider drops reins/no aids to horse) |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Leads well over difficult terrain and obstacles (rider drops reins/no aids to horse) |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Stand quiet while rider puts on slicker, passes item, etc. |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Will accept survival pack / saddle bag |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Crosses water / Crosses plastic tarp |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Negotiate small brush/logs between 12” to 18” high / step over tubes |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Accept motorbikes, 4 wheelers, backpackers, llamas, tents, bicycles, helicopters, etc. / Accept plastic wall, flag, etc. |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Will cross bridge or RR tracks / will cross pallet bridge |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Drag a weighted object of at least 25 lbs, forward and backward with rope dallied to saddle horn (if no horn, rider can request to change saddles for this test or accept an “F” for this certification item) |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Will climb/descend steep grade |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Backs readily, straight, and at least 6 feet (if not able to measure, must be min 5 steps) |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Open and close gate / rope gate |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Side pass both directions |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Pivot on the forehand, pivot on hind end, 180 degrees each direction (REQUIRED 2018) |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Under control around gun shots, poppers |
|  |  | **Group Riding – Outside / Woods (preferred) / Arena** |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Under control riding with a group at all gaits |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Under control while leaving/joining other horses |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Under control while other horses move ahead |
| P / N / F | P / N / F | Under control when other horses leave |
| **Comments:** | | |
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