

# Horse and Rider Suitability Assessment

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Age \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and location of Parent assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse and Rider combination disciplines (please circle those that apply)**

Pony Club, Dressage (Level Competing \_\_\_\_\_), Showriding,

Showjumping (Height Competing \_\_\_\_\_) Eventing (Level Competing \_\_\_\_\_)

Polocrosse, Campdrafting, Sporting

Evidence of Showjump and ODE must be supplied (grading card, performance records, letter from qualified coach. Please attach.

**Please complete the following:**

**Gear Assessment** Please comment yes or no – if no please state issue and this must be rectified or item replaced.

<u>Gear item</u>	<u>Parent assessment</u>	<u>SASC equestrian staff assessment</u>
<p>Helmet <i>If rider has had or does have a fall in this helmet it MUST be replaced.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of Manufacture _____</li> <li>• Colour _____</li> <li>• Type _____</li> <li>• Serial Number _____</li> </ul> <p>SASC Staff) Approved YES/NO Signed _____ Date _____</p>	Current standard approved?	
Bridle in good condition with no loose stitching, fits well with appropriate bit that fits well.		
Saddle in good condition with no loose stitching on stirrup straps or girth and fits horse well. Saddlecloths/Saddlepads adequate and clean.		
Riding boots elastic sided heeled riding boots. No Cuban heels or high top boots.		
All gear is regularly cleaned and oiled (at least fortnightly)		

## **Riding Assessment**

Rider Assessment Ability Levels: Please place a 1, 2 or 3 in the box

1. Competent (Independent, experienced, safe)
2. Needs assistance (not independent and needs help to complete task safely),
3. Not Competent (cannot complete task) – will be further discussed with SASC equestrian staff

<b>Task (for named horse above)</b>	<b>Parent assessment</b>	<b>SASC equestrian staff assessment</b>
Catch horse using halter and lead rope		
Lead horse in calm manner when alone or with others		
Can tack up horse (saddle and bridle)		
Can unsaddle horse		
Can pick up and clean out all 4 feet of horse		
Can fit and remove rugs		
Can hose or wash horse		
Can lunge easily in a controlled manner in Walk, Trot and Canter		
Can mount horse using mounting block or using stirrup		
Can dismount horse		
Can turn easily to left and right when in walk, trot and canter		
Can move forward calmly at walk when the aids are applied		
Can stop calmly when aids are applied		
Can move from walk to trot and trot to canter calmly		
Safe to ride in enclosed area unassisted		
Safe to ride in open area unassisted		
Can negotiate trot poles or jumps ( <i>please state height of show jumping/ODE and attach current grading card or letter from qualified coach stating level jumping</i> )		
Can drench horse		
Further comments regarding rider abilities		

Parent (or coach) overall assessment of rider:

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**Signed and date Parent/Coach** \_\_\_\_\_

SASC Equestrian Staff overall assessment of rider:

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**Signed and date SASC Equestrian Staff** \_\_\_\_\_

## Horse Assessment

Horse Assessment levels Please place a 1, 2 or 3 in the box

1 Always

2 Mostly

3 Has issues (please give details of issue if a 3 is placed in the box)

<b>Task (for named horse above)</b>	<b>Parent assessment</b>	<b>SASC equestrian staff assessment on observation</b>
Can be caught easily		
Leads easily in calm manner		
Will lead with other horses or alone		
Stands calmly when tied up		
Will allow all 4 legs to be handled and feet to be picked out		
Stands calmly when rugged/unrugged		
Stands calmly when hosed/washed		
Lunges easily in controlled manner at Walk, Trot and Canter		
Stands clammy when mounted/dismounted		
Stands calmly after being mounted		
Moves off calmly at the walk		
Moves from walk to trot calmly		
Moves from trot to canter calmly		
Easy to turn left and right at all gaits		
Moves freely without regular stumbling/tripping		
Works calmly on own		
Works calmly with other horses		
Calm and safe when ridden in open spaces		
Remains calm when ridden away from and back to a group of other horses		
Calmly negotiates trot poles and or jumps (state heights currently attempting)		
Loads and unloads onto float/truck calmly		
Calm when drenched		
Calm when shod/trimmed		
Calm when given IM injections		
Calm and friendly during feeding times		
Friendly with other horses during feeding time		

**Please answer YES or NO (If yes please give details)**

**Has this horse ever:**

Bitten	
Kicked	
Struck out	
Bolted whilst rider on it	
Pulled back from tie up	
Reared	
Bucked	
Attacked other horses	
Any other vices/Issues not stated either on the ground or whilst riding...	

**Parent declaration:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ declare that (horses name) \_\_\_\_\_ is a safe and suitable horse for (riders name) \_\_\_\_\_ to ride unsupervised by an adult at the SASC Equestrian Centre in both enclosed and open spaces.

**Parent Sign** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**SASC Equestrian Staff Declaration:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ declare that (horses name) \_\_\_\_\_ is a *safe and suitable horse* OR unsafe and unsuitable for (riders name) \_\_\_\_\_ to ride unsupervised by an adult at the SASC Equestrian Centre in both enclosed and open spaces.

Any comments regarding any restrictions that need to be imposed or reassessment at a later date:

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**SASC Equestrian Staff Sign** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_