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| **EQUIBILITY ENDORSED ASSISTANT ASSESSMENT** |
| We recommend that all candidates watch the Endorsed Assistant Assessment video before attending an assessment to ensure you understand the protocols. Please remember that in an Equibility Assisted test your role is to help a rider if they are losing their position or control of their aids; you are not leading the rider. The rider is expected to initiate all movements of the test. As the Assistant is also in the competition arena we ask that you wear footwear and clothing that is safe and suitable for the competition arena. Shoes that cover the whole foot and instep or boots are required, they should have a non-slip sole and allow you to run on an arena surface. An approved helmet is recommended, if a shade hat is used it must be fitted to avoid being blown-off. Clothes that respect the competition status and allow you to run beside the horse/pony are required (no singlet tops, short shorts or clothes that may detract from the horse/rider performance). Jeans, jodhpurs, riding boots or running shoes, polo shirt, t shirt or long-sleeved shirt are allowed. Safety is the first priority. As much as possible we hope the rider will interact with officials, an Assistant should therefore only communicate with the judge before or during the test if the rider is unable to or if approached directly by officials. You should present for your Endorsed Assistant Assessment as if you are attending a competition.  |
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| WORKING WITH CHILDREN ENDORSEMENT: |  |
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| EA MEMBERSHIP (MIN participant LEVEL MEMBERSHIP): |  |
| TASK | DIRECTIVES | COMPETENT | NOT YET COMPETENT | COMMENTS IF NOT YET COMPETENT |
| Present a horse/pony with lead rein attached to bridle noseband | Lead rein should be attached to a ring fitted to the back of the cavesson part of the noseband between the jaws |  |  |  |
| Present a horse/pony with lead rein attached to headcollar under a bridle | If a dropped noseband is used a headcollar must be fitted underneath the bridle and the lead rein |  |  |  |
| Hold the lead rein in two hands  | Hand closest to the bridle/headcollar should hold the lead to avoid the clip and allow the horse /pony freedom of head and neck movement for the requirements of the test. The aim is for the rider to direct the horse/pony so the lead rein should be held with at least 30 cm from the clip and with a loop in the rein rather than a tight lead. The Assistant should hold the rest of the lead in their other hand; if the lead is long it may be necessary to fold the extra lead rope across the hand (no loops of lead rein around the hand).  |  |  |  |
| Hold the lead to provide secondary control (to the rider)  | By holding the lead between two hands the assistant should be able to adjust the length and tension of the lead rein to as smoothly as possible take over control of the horse/pony if the rider needs assistance. |  |  |  |
| Lead the horse/pony past others  | Maintain safe distance from other horsesPass where possible assistant left shoulder to left shoulder of other riders or assistants |  |  |  |
| Walk beside the rider through the movements of an Assisted Walk test | * Except in an emergency the Assistant should be positioned at the horse’s shoulder
* Except in an emergency the Assistant should not be positioned at or in front of the line of the head or behind the girth line of the horse/pony.
* The Assistant must be able to keep up with the horse/pony walk to ensure they can stay in a safe position alongside the rider and don’t interrupt the rhythm, tempo and/or balance of the athletes.
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| Run beside the rider through the trot movements of an Assisted Walk/trot test | * As for walk, the Assistant should run beside the shoulder of the horse/pony during trot work.
* The Assistant must be able to keep up with the horse/pony trot to ensure they can stay in a safe position alongside the rider and don’t interrupt the rhythm, tempo and/or balance of the athletes.
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| Change sides of the horse from the halt | Allow, the rider to stop the horse, after 3 seconds (rider must control the halt for 3 seconds) change to the opposite side using either approved method after which the rider will initiate the next test movement. |  |  |  |
| Demonstrate the Emergency Stop Procedure | Emergency Stop Procedure 1 without a lead rein is used to support a rider when they may potentially lose their balance or control of the aids. The procedure allows the Assistant to stop the horse/pony and help the Rider to reposition themselves before continuing the test.  |  |  |  |
| Emergency Stop Procedure 2 with a lead rein is used to support a rider when they may potentially lose their balance or control of the aids. The procedure allows the Assistant to stop the horse/pony and help the Rider to reposition themselves before continuing the test. |  |  |  |
| I have observed this candidate perform the tasks above and recommend that they be endorsed as an Assistant for the following Equibility Assisted Rider events. | ASSISTED WALK ONLY |  | ASSISTED WALK TROT |  |
| ASSESSOR NAME: |  |
| ASSESSOR SIGNATURE: |  |
| DATE OF ASSESSMENT: |  |
| LOCATION OF ASSESSMENT: |  |
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