

T. R. V. E. A. PARADE CHECKLIST

Rider's name: _____.

Horse's name: _____.

Date: _____

Qualified by: _____

. **Emergency contact name and phone number**, health ins. ID#, etc.

Food or bee allergies, ailments, etc:

Criteria for TRVEA parade unit members

- 1) Safety of horses/riders must be the first priority of each member of the unit; disrespect, or irresponsibility, will eliminate rider/horse from practices & parades.
- 2) Each member shall be on time for practices/parades, in proper attire, (jeans/shirt/hat/boots) & follow the instruction of the person(s) in charge.
- 3) The unit shall consist of no more than 6 regular riders. Alternates are required to attend 3 practices prior to participating in any parade.
- 4) Each rider/horse must pass the qualification test, before participating in their first parade, or any time 3 parades have been missed during the year.
- 5) Trailer loading will be demonstrated to the unit member in charge, at your location, or a trailer provided for the purpose of qualification.
- 6) Practices are open to the non-unit riders, however, participation as a replacement, or new member, of the unit is possible only by acceptance of **entire** existing unit members & rider must hold current TRVEA membership.
- 7) All riders must insure horses are worked consistently prior to an event.
- 8) If a rider voluntarily pulls his/her horse prior to, or during a parade, or is disqualified to participate for any reason by the person(s) in charge, a buddy system will be used to insure the affected rider/horse get safely back to the start area, & each will make public safety the primary issue in doing so.

Basic test (each item is pass/needs work)

- 1) All tack fits properly and is safe and in good repair.
- 2) Horse **MUST** stand quietly for 5 minutes with rider in saddle in noisy environment.
- 3) Back horse 10 feet in a straight line.
- 4) Demonstrate full control of the horse unassisted (ride to designated spot, walk on cue, trot on cue, stop on cue, etc.– non-negotiable).
- 5) Mount/dismount horse.
 - a) From horse's near (left) side
 - b) From horse's off (right) sideIf any rider needs assistance in mounting/dismounting the rider and helper must *fully* demonstrate
- 6) Horse stands quietly alone for at least 1 minute while rider goes out of sight.
- 7) Horse stand quietly or “settles” quickly when presented with several unusual and mildly scary objects at relatively close range - 5 feet). These may include Jingle Bells, beach balls, helium balloons, plastic bags, toy horns, strollers, traffic, etc. (The horse should remain calm while the tester walks around the horse with the object).

Additional skills:

- 1) Carry a flag, or passes quietly beside a flag.
- 2) Able to be “Ponied” or to “Pony” other horses while tacked
- 3) Able to go up and down street curbs, crosswalks, over manhole covers, lines.
- 4) Able to leave sight of the other horses and return to them calmly
- 5) Side pass

Other Skills your parade horse will need:

- 1) Horse must be able to stand **QUIETLY** for long periods of time tied to a solid object (trailer), and under saddle while waiting for the parade to start .
- 2) Horse must be well behaved around other horses, people, and in different parade positions.
- 3) Horse must reliably trailer. Horses cannot take more than 10 minutes to load in the trailer.

IMPORTANT!!!! NO lunging, trotting or cantering your horse at the parades. Horses must be worked continuously prior to a parade.