



## The Blue Cross Horse and Pony Care Junior Championships

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Assessor:	

### Round 1 – TRAVELLING AND LOADING

	Marks Available	Marks Given
Select the equipment you would use to travel the pony in the winter. Say why you have chosen it.	10	
Put the tail bandage on a team member's arm.	10	
Give three checks you would make to the trailer before loading.	5	
Describe how you and a helper will load and unload the pony.	10	
What document must you take with you when you travel?	5	
Give some rules to follow at an event to keep you and your pony safe and healthy.	5	
Teamwork	5	
Total	50	

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### Round 2 – FIRST AID

	Marks Available	Marks Given
Name three types of wounds.	5	
How do you assess the seriousness of a wound?	5	
Give three instances where you would need veterinary attention for a wound.	5	
When and why does your pony have a tetanus vaccination?	5	
Identify the items in this first aid kit and say what they are used for.	10	
How should you treat a minor wound?	5	
Select the items you would need to poultice a foot. How do you prepare the poultice and what will it do?	10	
Teamwork	5	
Total	50	

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### Round 3 – FEEDING

	Marks Available	Marks Given
Name the rules of feeding.	5	
Give three ways of including forage in the diet.	5	
Assess and discuss this sample of hay.	5	
Why and how would you soak hay?	5	
Discuss the reasons for using a large holed hay net and a small holed hay net. Which would you be more likely to use for Haylage and why?	5	
Tie up a hay net safely.	5	
Choose from these feeds (naming what you choose) and feed bowls and explain how you would make up a feed for your pony. Your pony is ridden five times a week and competes at the weekend.	10	
Identify the samples that might not be suitable to feed to the pony.	5	
Teamwork	5	
Total	50	

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### Round 4 – TACK (Section A)

	Marks Available	Marks Given
Put this bridle together. (Then take apart )	10	
How do you know the bit is the correct height in the mouth and is the correct width for the mouth?	5	
How do you check the fit of the noseband and throatlash?	5	
Identify these three bits.	5	
Where does the snaffle bit act?	5	
Show how this curb chain should be done up.	5	
Which of these bits would not be safe to use?	5	
Choose materials for cleaning the bridle. What safety checks do you make when you clean your bridle?	5	
Teamwork	5	
Total	50	

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### Round 5 – TACK (Section B)

	Marks Available	Marks Given
Name these three types of saddle.	5	
Name the parts of the saddle.	10	
Show how you would make safety checks to this saddle before using it.	10	
Describe how you would know that the saddle fitted the pony.	5	
Identify these different types of numnah and say why you might use them. What should you consider when fitting a numnah?	5	
How do these girths differ and why might you choose the different types?	5	
Name these types of boots. What are they for and what should you check when putting them on?	5	
Teamwork	5	
Total	50	

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### Round 6 – THE FOOT AND SHOEING

	Marks Available	Marks Given
Name the external parts of the foot.	5	
Name the bones and some other structures that are inside the foot.	5	
Give reasons on why you might decide that the pony does or does not need to wear shoes.	5	
Identify the parts of a front and hind hunter shoe.	5	
How do you know that the pony needs reshoeing? If not shod, how often would it need to be trimmed?	10	
Identify the Farriers' Tools.	5	
Outline the order that the Farrier works in when reshoeing the pony.	10	
Teamwork	5	
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### Round 7 – HANDLING AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

	Marks Available	Marks Given
You are going to lead this pony out of the stable and onto the yard. What PPE should you wear and why? If you had to leave the yard to go onto a lane to the field, what should you put on the pony?	5	
What checks do you make around the yard before you take the pony out?	5	
Lead the pony away, turn round and lead back into the stable.	10	
What would you be looking for if you were assessing the pony for soundness? What paces would you use?	10	
If you are going out for a ride with a friend, what information do you need to give and to whom before you go?	5	
Which of these signs indicates that you can ride along the route? How would you pass people walking their dogs?	5	
Give three things you should do when riding on farmland.	5	
Teamwork	5	
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### Round 8 – THE PONY AT GRASS

	Marks Available	Marks Given
Give two things each that you would include in your perfect paddock.	5	
What daily checks should you make and why?	5	
Identify 6 poisonous plants.	10	
When would you expect to see ragwort appearing and what should you do about it?	5	
How do you assess your pony's condition? What things would you be aware of in a) summer and b) winter?	5	
How could you manage grazing to prevent Laminitis in spring and summer and lack of goodness in grass in winter?	5	
Describe what the following look like and suggest how you can prevent and manage them: a) Sweet Itch b) Sunburn c) Mud fever.	10	
Teamwork	5	
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### Round 9 – KNOW YOUR PONY

	Marks Available	Marks Given
Choose the correct equipment and then describe how you will approach this pony who is stabled at night and prepare it for turn out during the day in winter time.	10	
How would you know that the pony is in good health?	5	
What would you expect to see in the stable? (Fixtures and fittings)	5	
How will you prepare the stable for the pony for the night time?	5	
What are the signs and symptoms of? a, Laminitis b, Colic and c, Strangles? What action should you take?	10	
What checks will you make when you bring the pony in from the field?	5	
What checks will you make before leaving the pony for the night and when will you make them?	5	
Teamwork	5	
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### Round 10 – RUGS AND GROOMING

	Marks Available	Marks Given
During the winter, this pony is stabled at night and turned out during the day. It is blanket clipped and competes most weekends. Select which of these rugs you would need and name them.	10	
Explain how you would measure the pony. Explain how you would measure the rug. Explain how you would know that the rug was fitted correctly.	10	
Using a turnout rug to demonstrate, explain how you put on and take off a rug.	5	
Name the items in this grooming kit and select two each that you think you could use for this pony.	10	
What daily grooming would this pony require?	5	
What grooming and rugging will you do before and after a competition?	5	
Teamwork	5	
Total	50	

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