

UTAH 4-H - English Horse Program

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION SCORECARD

1. **Suitability** – Compatibility of horse and rider. Unsoundness shall not penalize a rider unless it impairs the required performance
2. **Appointments of Horse and Rider** – Horse, rider’s clothes and all equipment should be clean, serviceable and safe. Horse should be properly trimmed
3. **Seat** – Rider should maintain erect posture, correct center of balance and complete contact with saddle. Faults will include excessive body motion, poor posture, failure to maintain a secure seat.
4. **Hands** – Should be quiet and light, maintaining consistent control. Reins must be held correctly as determined by type. Faults will include failure to maintain consistent. Head position and rhythmic gaits, heavy hands, horse’s mouth gaping, constant bumping with reins
5. **Legs** – Should be quiet, secure in correct position and with proper weight in stirrups. Faults will include excess motion, uneven stirrups, insufficient weight in stirrups and loss of stirrups.
6. **Performance** – Should be accurately ridden with consistency within and between gaits. Circles and curves should be round. Lines should be straight. Horse should exhibit obedience throughout.

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