



GOLD PROFICIENCY TEST



Candidates must have held the Silver Award for at least 6 months and have been assessed for this standard by a BEV Level 3 Vaulting Coach. Vaulters must take the test at a venue organised by RDA National Office.

VAULTING:

1. The Examiner will be observing the candidate's awareness and consideration of the horse through tacking up and warm up.
2. The Vaulter will show their individual routine in walk or canter on two different, well-mannered horses
3. The Vaulter will show 1* compulsories in canter;
 - Mount
 - Basic seat
 - Flare
 - Stand
 - Forward Swing
 - Mill to Backwards
 - Backwards Swing
 - Dismount to the inside
4. The Vaulter will make up a Pairs routine with a Vaulter of the Examiner's choice. It must include 9 Vaulting moves and a mount and dismount.

HORSE CARE:

1. Know how to care for a fit, stable-kept pony/ horse.
2. Know how to recognise minor injuries, lameness and ailments and know when to call a vet.

3. Demonstrate or explain how to prepare a pony/horse for show ring presentation (may include plaiting)
4. Explain the management in a change of work routine for a pony/ horse
5. Explain the structure of the hoof and describe different shoeing methods
6. Describe a good stable (e.g. size, ventilation, drainage, shelter and warmth).
7. Talk about conformation of a given pony/ horse provided on the day
8. Discuss a well-fitting bridle, Vaulting pads and roller
9. Identify commonly used feeds and discuss feeding regimes and quantities

PASS MARKS:

Vaulting 85%, Horse Care 70%.

Examinations by RDA approved examiner not working with the Group.

Candidates may take either Vaulting and/or Horse Care and will receive an RDA certificate and badge for each section passed.

Further information is available on our website www.rda.org.uk and is held by the Group Organiser, County and Regional Instructors.

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