

DTD MEASUREMENT EXAM SCORING RUBRIC

Points as outlined below have been assigned to the various components of the Measurement Evaluation Form:

Level Surface (3 points)

Points to consider:

- Did the examinee locate an appropriately level surface by using their measuring stick in the correct manner?
- The correct method is to utilize the long arm of the stick with the bubble levels arm laying on top of the long arm.

Assigning points:

- 3 pts. - The examinee located an appropriately level surface by using their measuring stick in the correct manner.
- 1-2 pts. - The examinee checked the area with the correct method (utilization of the stick) but only checked one small area, not allowing that the animal might move around and a larger area might need to be recognized in advance.
- 0 pt. - The examinee did not check for a level area or checked with an incorrect method.

Greeting (3 points)

Points to consider:

- Did the examinee greet the member, introduce themselves and explain the measuring process?
- Did the examinee ask if the animal was ready to be measured at this time?

Assigning points:

- 3 pts. - The examinee greeted the member, introduced themselves, explained the measuring process, and asked if the animal was ready to be measured at this time.
- 2 pts. – The examinee left out one element of the above or the clarity and information was not as thorough as it could have been.
- 1 pt. - The examinee left out two elements of the above or the clarity and information was not as thorough as it could have been.
- 0 pts. - The examinee did not cover this component at all or the coverage was extremely weak.

Completion of the Top of the Form (5 points)

Points to consider:

- Did the examinee review the top of the measurement form with the person presenting the equine?
- Did the examinee ask who filled out the form, ascertaining their age, USEF membership of owner, equine's USEF number, that the equine has an entry number, and that the appropriate USEF member is presenting the equine and has signed the form?
- Is the person signing the Measurement Form the same person who signed the entry blank as the trainer?

Assigning points:

- 5 pts. - The examinee reviewed the top half of the form to insure that it is complete and correct. They were able to provide correct answers for what to do if the owner was not a member, if there was missing information or the person providing the information was not 18 years old. Their demonstrated knowledge of this component is very thorough.
- 2 pts. - The examinee did not demonstrate as solid a level of apparent knowledge of this component. Answers as to how to handle the situations presented could be stronger but all the necessary information on the form was there.
- 1 pt. - The examinee could not answer some of the questions asked and left some elements out, such as the animal's entry number.
- 0 pts. - This component was not completed in a satisfactory manner with lack of knowledge of how to

do this or vital information was left off the form. Key elements that would equate to a 0 score are leaving out the signature of the person providing the information.

Additional Measurement Requirements (14 points)

Points to consider:

- Did the DTD remember to request the jog?
- Did the DTD handle the situation correctly if lameness was detected?

Assigning points:

- 14 pts. – The DTD made sure the animal was jogged. The SBT handled the situation correctly if lameness was detected during the jog.
- 7 pts. – The DTD missed one of the components, the jog, the signature on the form and handling a lameness correctly.
- 0 pts. – The DTD missed more than one of the components listed above.

Actual Measurement (48 points)

Points to consider:

- The measuring stick was assembled correctly.
- The animal was standing correctly and quietly in order to ensure the DTD was able to accurately find the highest point of the withers.
- The DTD accurately obtained the same measurement the MFE obtained prior to the exam including reading the stick and recording that information properly on the Measurement Form.

Assigning points:

There are three things in the measurement exam that will lead to an automatic failure.

- Sixteen (16) points will be deducted for each of these errors:
 - The examinee failed to assemble the stick correctly, including insuring that it was locked.
 - The examinee did not place the stick on the actual highest point of the withers, which would cause the height measurement to be incorrect.
 - The examinee did not read the stick correctly and arrives at and records an incorrect height measurement due to this.

Markings (10 points)

Points to consider:

- Is the written description of the markings correct and legible?

Assigning points:

- Completion of the Markings Section is a crucial component of the measurement process, i.e. the markings must be clearly indicated, done correctly, legibly, and concisely.
- If all element of this component were successfully accomplished, maximum points would be given.
- Some points (1-2) would be taken off for each of the following issues:
 - The markings are correct but legibility is problematic.
 - The cowlicks are not on the written description.
- More points (3-5) would be taken off for each of the following issues:
 - The markings or cowlicks are present but are not indicated in the written description.
 - The markings and/or description are reversed, i.e. markings are indicated on incorrect legs.

Safety (12 points)

Points to consider:

- Did the steward conduct the measurement exam in a safe manner?
- Did the steward display correct horsemanship skills?

Assigning points:

- 12 pts. – Completed the exam in a safe manner with excellent horsemanship skills
- 0 pts. – Walked or stood around the horse/pony in a dangerous location, e.g. behind the hindquarters without accounting for a safe distance, spooked the horse/pony with the stick and did not acknowledge their nervous demeanor, etc.

Final Explanation of the Form (3 points)

Points to consider:

- Did the examinee explain how the USEF member:
 - Should utilize the copy of the form;
 - How long the form is good for;
 - When to contact USEF if their card is not received; and
 - The circumstances surrounding a measurement for competition purposes only form?

Assigning points:

- 3 pts. – All aspects of the final explanation of the form were covered with confident thoroughness.
- 2 pts. – Most of the elements of this final explanation were covered well but one was left out, e.g. an explanation of how long the form is good for, or when to call USEF to inquire about the card.
- 1 pt. – Some of the elements of this final explanation were covered well but the explanation could have been more thorough.
- 0 pt. - This component has not been completed in a satisfactory manner.
 - The drawing is complete but the written description does not reflect the drawing and is incomplete.