

# HARMONY *Level 2* OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT

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Assessor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Lv2 NCAA  
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- Lv2 Advanced

### Freestyle

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# LEVEL 2 ONLINE ASSESSMENT

**Items Needed: 22 foot Line, Carrot Stick and string, 2 Poles, 5 Cones, Pedestal, 2 Barrels, jump, ball, Trailer** (most tasks will be required at a distance of at least 18 feet)

**OL1. Touch it: touch two objects with your horse at the end of the 22' line, changing sides after the first object.**

Level 2

Horse touches the object with its nose or front feet. Horseman directs the horse to the next object but on the way yields the hindquarters and pushes the front end to change to the other side of the horse and continue to the next object. It's obvious that the horseman is directing the horse's nose towards the object. Horseman is standing 18 feet away from the horse.

Pre-Level 2

Horse avoids objects; horseman is leading in zone 1 rather than directing the horse from zone 2 or 3; horseman has insufficient control of zone 1. Horseman is not holding the end of the rope, but keeps shortening it up.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
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**OL2. Weave through cones at walk or trot**

Level 2

Horseman stays on one side and directs the horse through the weave, driving and drawing using the stick and the rope as needed.

Pre-Level 2

Horseman walks through the weave, the horse does not weave or misses one of the cones.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
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**OL3. Sideways over a pole.**

Level 2

Horse has front feet on one side, hind feet on the other, and goes sideways over the pole from one end to the other. Horseman directs horse's zones appropriately and corrects forward or backwards movement if needed. Horseman can walk with the horse for the task (vs staying at one end of the pole).

Pre-Level 2

Horse crosses the pole with hind feet or front feet; does not go down the whole pole sideways.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**OL4. Step on a pedestal with two feet (or piece of plywood 3 x 3 max)**

Level 2

Horse confidently steps on to the pedestal.

Pre-Level 2

Horse avoids the pedestal and can't stay on it.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**OL5. Helicopter Stick & String**

Level 2

Horse stands confidently still while rope passes over the horse's head and neck.

Pre-Level 2

Horse is afraid of the helicopter and moves away

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
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**OL6. Transitions on a circle between walk & trot.**

Level 2

The horse sends off in a circle at the trot and, after one lap, makes a transition to walk and up to trot again

Pre-Level 2

Horse does not back out for the send; cannot circle without coaxing to stay at the trot; does not slow to the walk or go back up into the trot unless phase 4 used.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
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**OL7. Traveling circle as you walk from Point A to Point B, with a pole to cross on the way. (Note: Point A and B are approx. 100' apart from each other.)**

Level 2

*Horse continues circling as the horseman walks towards point B (100 feet away) and crosses a line of poles on the way. Horseman focuses on Point B, instead of the horse, and walks at a regular pace*

Pre-Level 2

*Horse does not maintain gait or stops at the pole. Horseman is not focused on the destination, walks very slowly or very quickly; keeps looking at the horse.*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
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**OL8. Circle one lap and show two changes of directions after 1/2 lap, still at the trot. Ask your horse to stop by disengaging the HQ.**

Level 2

*The horse continues for one lap, then the horseman asks for a change of direction, then half a lap later another change of direction. Horse maintains trot throughout. Disengage to a halt to finish this task.*

Pre-Level 2

*Horse breaks gait more than once; resists change of direction; breaks gait into walk or canter when changing direction. Could not disengage the horse without shortening the rope.*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
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**OL9. Send the horse over barrels, stop, turn, face and wait. Repeat in the other direction.**

Level 2

*Standing near the barrels, send your horse over, then stop, turn, face and wait for a few seconds then repeat in the other direction.*

Pre-Level 2

*Horse resists the 'send', avoids or refuses the barrels, will not stop and wait. Horseman does not keep feet still.*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**OL10. Send the horse over a jump. Stop, turn, and face and do 3 friendly game tosses of the carrot stick string (Friendly flogs) over the horse's back.**

Level 2

*Horse goes over the jump. Stops. As the horseman approaches, the horse stands quietly and confidently as the stick & string are tossed over his back three times.*

Pre-Level 2

*Horse refuses the jump, does not stop. Can not stand still as horseman approaches or for Friendly game with stick & string*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**OL11. Yo Yo backwards over a pole, stand for 7 secs and bring forwards.**

Level 2

*Horse backs over the pole, some hesitation is okay but he should not walk forward away from the pole. Stands still until asked forwards. Line is reasonably straight.*

Pre-Level 2

*Horse does not cross the pole, does not stand still, does not come forward, and leans against the rope.*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
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**OL12. Lift one front foot with the rope and hold it up for 7 seconds.**

Level 2

*Put one wrap from the end of the rope around the fetlock and ask the horse to yield and lift his foot. Hold it for 7 seconds.*

Pre-Level 2

*Horseman does not wrap the rope, is clumsy, horse does not lift his foot without a struggle, takes foot away.*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**OL13. Lead by the front legs**

Level 2

Loop the end of the 22' line around both front legs and bring your horse forwards for 10 steps, yielding from the rope.

Pre-Level 2

Horse is scared of the rope, resists it, and goes backwards. Horseman does not allow the horse to feel the rope.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
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**OL14. Standing in Zone 3 with your arm over your horse's back. Toss rope over the horse's head . Show both sides**

Level 2

Rope goes over the horse's head, and the horse stands calmly throughout.

Pre-Level 2

Clumsy handling of the rope, hits the horse on the side of the head or cannot get the rope over the horse's head. The horse is afraid.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
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**OL15. Stand in Zone 3 with your arm over the horse's back. Show lateral flexion for 7 seconds. Show both sides**

Level 2

With your arm draped over your horse's back, gently ask him to bend his neck and bring his head to you and hold for 7 seconds without moving his feet.

Pre-Level 2

Horse cannot stand still, does not flex, snatches his head away.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
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**OL16. Show how to change sides of the horse without moving your feet.**

Level 2

Horsemen can keep their feet still while the horse changes sides by putting hand under the jaw and gently pushing him to the other side.

Pre-Level 2

Horseman walks around the horse to change sides.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
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**OL17. Bounce or dribble a ball while leading your horse.**

Level 2

Horseman moves the ball along in front of him as the horse follows calmly.

Pre-Level 2

Horse is afraid of the ball; Horseman cannot control the ball and the horse at the same time.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
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**OL18. Ask the horse to touch the trailer with nose and stand for 10 seconds.**

Level 2

Send the horse to the trailer and ask him to touch it with their nose and stand there for 10 seconds calmly and confidently.

Pre-Level 2

Horse avoids the trailer, afraid to touch it; cannot stand still for 10 secs.

- Pre-Level 2
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# LEVEL 2 FREESTYLE ASSESSMENT

**Equipment Needed: Saddle Snaffle Bridle or Hackamore, Horseman's Reins, Carrot Stick, Pedestal or 3x3 Plywood**

**FS1. On the ground, send your horse out to trot a circle. Change directions and do one more lap, then send him to touch the saddle.**

Level 2

*Rider can stand still as the horse circles at the trot, sends the horse to the saddle and waits for him to touch it.*

Pre-Level 2

*Rider's feet are moving constantly; the horse is pulling out of the circle; the horse won't go forwards, and does not complete laps without two or more corrections. Rider does not send the horse accurately (zone 1 misses the target), the horse does not sniff/touch the saddle*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**FS2. Saddle your horse without tying (with the rope over your arm) and show how to tighten the cinch/girth with savvy.**

Level 2

*Horse stands quietly; rope is on the correct arm. Shows savvy in saddling – tosses it softly on to the horse's back, cinches up considerably (tightens the saddle in 3 stages, moving the horse in between each one).*

Pre-Level 2

*Horse cannot stand still; rider has to keep using the rope. Saddling process is clumsy, cinches up too fast, too tightly. Rope is on the wrong arm or tangled in the rope.*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**FS3. Mount your horse from both sides. (stepping up and down 3x)**

Level 2

*Horse stands still. Rider rocks the horse before putting foot in the stirrup, step up and down 3x before swinging their leg over. Proper hand positions. Rider can use mounting block.*

Pre-Level 2

*Horse does not stand still, keeps moving as the rider tries to mount, or tries to move off as soon as the rider is in the saddle. Rider mounts unsafely – hand and rein are not holding the mane, leaps onto a moving horse.*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**FS4. Rub your horse with the Carrot Stick – neck, rump, sides, front legs.**

Level 2

*Horse is calm and trusting*

Pre-Level 2

*Horse is worried about the stick – head up, nervous, can't stand still, attacks the stick.*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**FS5. Show lateral flexion to the right and then the left for 7 seconds.**

Level 2

*Rider and horse are safe and in control. Horse yields without moving feet*

Pre-Level 2

*Rein positions are quick and harsh, or not correct – Horse moves around, won't bend neck*

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
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**FS6. Show Indirect Rein to Direct Rein, 360 degree turn on both sides.**

Level 2

Rider and horse are safe and in control. Rider uses the correct hand and leg positions.

Pre-Level 2

Rein positions are quick and harsh, or not correct – Indirect rein is not towards belly button, Direct rein has downward motion. Rider is unbalanced and leaning forward, not safe.

- Pre-Level 2
- Lv2 NCAA
- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**FS7. Show Follow the Rail at trot**

Level 2

Horse stays close to the rail with minimal corrections.

Pre-Level 2

Horse is rushing and breaking gait into the canter

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- Lv2
- Adv. Lv2

**FS8. Ride 2 Figure 8 Patterns at the walk**

Level 2

Rider focuses on the pattern with eyes, rotates their shoulders to make the turns, uses reins as needed to guide.

Pre-Level 2

Rider looking down, shoulders turning in the opposite direction (or not at all), is rough and fast with the reins.

- Pre-Level 2
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**FS9. Transition from trot down to a halt and stand still for 7 seconds.**

Level 2

Horse stops with rider's seat or minimal use of reins . Horse stands still and relaxed on a loose rein.

Pre-Level 2

Rider has to use a one-rein stop; the horse won't stand still, and is agitated.

- Pre-Level 2
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**FS10. Back your horse 12 feet using the "9 Step Back Up"**

Level 2

Horse backs up with minimal resistance. Rider uses 9 Step Back Up, and may wiggle feet.

Pre-Level 2

Horse does not back up or keeps stopping. Horse throws his head in the air, nose up. Rider is pulling strongly, bumps the horse strongly with feet.

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**FS11. On a casual rein, stand your horse's front feet on a pedestal.**

Level 2

Horse is calm, connected... maintains a relaxed walk. Horse steps up confidently and stands quietly

Pre-Level 2

Horse is anxious, can't maintain walk, keeps trying to leave the area. Rider has to hold horse back, repeatedly redirect or shorten reins.

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**FS12. Open and close a gate**

Level 2

Rider can ask the horse to step sideways and to stand confidently at the gate while opening, and the horse walks quietly around and out. Rider can ask the horse to step sideways to close the gate.

Pre-Level 2

Horse is impatient at the gate. Horse can't stand. Rider doesn't show that they are in control of the gate.

- Pre-Level 2
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**FS13. Demonstrate a controlled catastrophe**

Level 2

Horse stays facing a person walking in front of it waving a flag on a stick.

Pre-Level 2

Rider loses control of the horse and the horse spins around and does not face the flag.

- Pre-Level 2
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**FS14. Ride a fast trot, then do a one-rein stop with an emergency dismount.**

Level 2

*Horse trots forward without much resistance, rider reaches down to bend the horse and, as it slows to a stop, rider jumps off the horse on the inside of the bend.*

Pre-Level 2

*Rider cannot bend the horse to a stop; Rider jumps off on the 'wrong' side of the horse (on the outside of the bend rather than the inside).*

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