

Pony Club Association of South Australia

Technical Criteria – Document August 2017

Patch: Horse Archery – Level 1 (WALK)

(This patch must be taught / tested by a recognised Horse Archery Instructor)

Candidate Name		Date	
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Item	How the Rider must Present	C	NYC	Examiner Notes
Wear pony club uniform	Pony club uniform as per pony club rules for rallies			
	Clean boots (as permitted by the rules)			
	The helmet must be of current standard and correctly fitted.			
	The rider must not be wearing any jewellery (except per the rules).			
	Long hair must tied back			
Turnout of Mount	Clean and tidy, hooves in good condition			
Safety Wear	Clean and well fitting with emphasis on comfort of horse. To comply with pony club rules as per rallies			
	Using a correctly attached reins safety strap (strap is stretchy)			Attached to d-rings, Velcro on saddle blanket or another safe area.
	Wearing correct archery safety equipment: string glove and arm guard.			
Item	What the Rider must know			
Rider must know the rules of the competition	Rider must know the scoring of an archery target			5 points: gold 4 points: red 3 points: blue 2 points: black 1 point: white
	Rider must know how to release the bow and arrows if in trouble			
	Rider must know the length of a standard tracked course			Korean, Australian, Qabac, Texas: 90 metres
	Rider must know the time allowed for a 90 metre Korean course under International Horseback Archery Alliance competition rules for canter			Korean 90ms: 14 seconds

Item	What the Rider must Demonstrate			
Rider must be able to show proficiency with the bow	Rider must be able to demonstrate how to correctly shoot a target 7 metres away with a bow and arrow unmounted			
	Rider must know the principles of desensitising their horse to the sound of the bow.			Firstly from the ground and then from horseback.
	Rider must demonstrate capacity to be balanced and safely ride without hands (either with the horse led or unaided).			
	Rider must be able to shoot a minimum of 1 arrow with correct form, from horseback either aided or unaided – at a WALK			
	Demonstrate correct safe handling of the weapon at all times.			Correct position of bow & arrow when not shooting (ie: with the arrow pointed towards the ground). Do not shoot the arrow if it has risen off of the bow (ie: incorrect form). Do not put arrows in boots.
Rider must have taken part in horse archery instruction	Rider must have attended at least one instruction day			

Examined by:		Date	
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