

NCWC Driving Skills Test - v. 08.21.03 Final

Driver(s) (If multiple drivers for artillery team, indicate position of each driver-wheel, swing, lead.)

Horses (s) Names/Descriptions (indicate positions of horses in team)

Circle Type of Impression: Artillery Teamster Civilian Vehicle Type:

Name of Evaluator: Date:

The following must be read and signed by all drivers:

Even if I pass this Driving Skills Test, I understand that it is my responsibility, not the evaluator's, to ensure that the horse(s) I am driving are physically fit and sound for their intended use; that harness and vehicle are in good repair and structurally sound; and horses and equipment are used in accordance with the NCWC Safety Rules. I understand that no list of rules or guidelines can address all possible situations and that I must use my best judgement in driving horses at NCWC events. I understand that this passing this test does not certify me or my horses as "safe," but only indicates that I have the skills necessary to be able to participate in NCWC field events.

Signed _____ Date _____

I. Hitching and Mounting.

- A. The horses are harnessed and hitched correctly. Harness is in good repair and adjusted correctly. The horses stand quietly while being hitched.
B. The driver enters the vehicle or mounts his horse correctly.

PASS/FAIL
Evaluator's Comments

II. Driving test at the walk and working trot.

The following maneuvers are to be executed at the walk and working trot:

- SCORE: Walk Trot
A. 90 degree turns: left right left right
B. Oblique (45 degree turn): left right left right
C. 40 meter (120') circle: left right left right
D. Reverse direction: left right left right
E. Downward transitions: trot to walk walk to halt

F. Maneuver the vehicle between at least 3 gates with 1 foot of clearance on either side of the hubs at the walk and the trot. The gates should be positioned so as to require at least one right turn and one left turn between gates. Cones or other movable objects should be used for the gates.

Gate 1: Gate 2: Gate 3:

G. Civilian vehicles: Reinback at least 2, and no more than 4 steps.

TOTAL/22 = HORSE/TEAM SCORE

The average of the scores for each movement will be the HORSE/TEAM SCORE.

DRIVER SCORE: Drivers will be rated, using the scoring system above, in each of the following categories:

A. Control of horses.

Driver is in control of his horse(s) speed and direction at the walk and trot. The driver determines the pace, not the horses. The pace is appropriate for the walk and working trot. Drivers have no difficulty halting the team or performing downward transitions. Score x 3 =

B. Position of driver.

For artillery drivers, they should have a relaxed, secure seat with a straight line from shoulder to hip to heel, the heel positioned slightly lower than the toe. They should easily follow the motion of the horse at a sitting trot. Score x 2 =

C. Reinsmanship.

The driver holds the reins correctly and maintains contact with the horses (reins should not be allowed to become loose or slack; on the other hand drivers should not be hanging on their horse's mouths.)

Score x 2 =

D. Use of whip.

The whip is held and used correctly.

Score =

E. Correction of horse.

If the horse does not correctly execute a movement for any reason (for example, inattention, disobedience, or fear) the driver corrects the horse appropriately. Control is reestablished quickly. Score x 2 =

TOTAL/10 = DRIVER SCORE

III. Reaction to gunfire from others, and other stimuli.

Horse(s) do not show unreasonable fear of gunfire (both cannon and small arms), flags, tents, drums, ladies' dresses, etc.

PASS/FAIL

Evaluator's Comments

IV. Dismounting and unhitching.

A. Driver exits the vehicle (or dismounts) correctly.

B. Horse is disengaged from the vehicle correctly.

PASS/FAIL

Evaluator's comments

Rating System:

Advanced

- 10 Excellent
- 9 Very Good
- 8 Good (average score)**
- 7 Fairly Good
- 6 (nothing below) Satisfactory**
- 5 Sufficient
- 4 Insufficient
- 3: Fairly Bad
- 2: Bad
- 1: Very Bad
- 0: Not Executed

Intermediate

- 10 Excellent
- 9 Very Good
- 8 Good
- 7 Fairly Good
- 6 Satisfactory (average score)**
- 5 (nothing below) Sufficient**
- 4 Insufficient
- 3: Fairly Bad
- 2: Bad
- 1: Very Bad
- 0: Not Executed

Novice - Qualified

- 10 Excellent
- 9 Very Good
- 8 Good
- 7 Fairly Good
- 6 Satisfactory
- 5 Sufficient (average score)**
- 4 (nothing below) Insufficient**
- 3: Fairly Bad
- 2: Bad
- 1: Very Bad
- 0: Not Executed

OVERALL EARNED RATING:

Driver(s)	Horse/Team
Not qualified	Not qualified
Novice/Qualified	Novice/Qualified
Intermediate	Intermediate
Advanced	Advanced

Comments: (use additional sheet if required)

Evaluator's Signature _____ Date _____