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HANOVERIAN TRAINING IDENTIFICATION OVERVIEW

The following provides an overview of areas that will be evaluated for each category. This listing will be further developed over time.

FACILITY SAFETY CHECKLIST

This checklist will cover general safety issues. It will include checks on secure stall construction, hay and feed quality and storage, availability of turnout, secure and safe fencing, water accessibility in stalls and turnout, bedding material and manure disposal and/or storage. It will also address aisle size and general overall neatness, wash stall availability, hot and cold water access, secure tack area and bathroom facilities and/or shower. The size of the indoor and/or outdoor arenas and round pen and/or exerciser and their footing will be noted and whether there is an arena conditioner or drag. It will also address security issues such as an on site owner or manager, intercom and/or closed circuit television, night watchman, fire alarm system and/or extinguishers. The facility should have reasonable trailer access.

FREE JUMPING/SHOWJUMPING CHECKLIST

This checklist concerns the safety and availability of materials to be able to properly train horses to jump. The facility should have plenty of standards, poles, jump cups and pins in good condition, and enough extra standards and poles to construct a safe chute if free jumping is offered. The size of the indoor and/or outdoor arenas, their footing and depth will be noted. The on site Training Leader must be experienced and have sufficient experienced supplemental help as whip and horse handlers.

CATEGORIES

- 1) **YOUNG HORSE RAISER** – The premises must pass the Facility Safety Checklist, except there is no requirement for riding areas. It must have good sized fields to accommodate small groups of youngsters, in groups of up to eight horses, with very secure fencing, good water access, and protection from the weather in run-in sheds large enough to offer protection for every horse. Gender separation is preferred. An established feeding and health care program must be in place, including veterinary care and farrier work. Daily checks and handling is important. Those facilities that would be available for colt raising should have double fencing.
- 2) **RUDIMENTARY BREAKING** – The premises must pass the Facility Safety Checklist, with safe enclosed working areas and very experienced riders and groundspeople. Cavalettis should be available.
- 3) **MARE INSPECTION IN-HAND PREPARATION** – The facility must pass the Facility Safety Checklist, with safe enclosed working areas for lunging and work on the triangle. An experienced and successful in-hand handler is required.
- 4) **MARE PERFORMANCE TESTING PREPARATION** – The facility must pass the Facility Safety Checklist, and the Free Jumping/Show Jumping Checklist. It must have experienced and successful riders and free jumping handlers.
- 5) **FREE JUMPING TRAINING** – The facility must pass the Facility Safety Checklist and the Free Jumping/Show Jumping Checklist.
- 6) **STALLION LICENSING PREPARATION** – The facility must pass the Facility Safety Checklist and the Free Jumping/Show Jumping Checklist. A separate stallion barn for the stallions is preferred. Experienced stallion handlers must be on site at all times. The Training Leader is required to list stallion-handling experience.

- 7) **DRESSAGE TRAINER, YOUNG HORSE AND USEF LEVEL PREPARATION** – If on site training and/or boarding is offered, the premises must pass the Facility Safety Checklist. Trainers must have a solid fundamental knowledge and experience in dressage through at least Second Level, but preferably through Fourth Level, and must list their experiences and successes. A Young Horse training program must be in place.
- 8) **DRESSAGE TRAINER, FEI LEVELS** – The same conditions apply as above, but Trainers must have a solid knowledge of dressage to its highest level, Grand Prix, and must list their experiences and successes.
- 9) **JUMPER TRAINER, YOUNG HORSE AND USEF LEVELS** – The premises must pass the Facility Safety Checklist and the Free Jumping/Show Jumping Checklist. The materials needed for free jumping would not be required, but could be beneficial. Trainers must have a solid fundamental knowledge and experience in training on the flat and introducing low level jumps to the young horse. Trainers must list their experiences and successes. A Young Horse training program must be in place.
- 10) **JUMPER TRAINER, FEI LEVEL** – The same conditions apply as above, but Trainers must have a solid knowledge of jumping to its highest level, Grand Prix, and must list their experiences and successes.
- 11) **HUNTER TRAINER** – The same conditions apply as for USEF Level Jumper Trainer, but Trainers must have knowledge, experience and success in the Hunter Divisions.
- 12) **EVENTING TRAINER** – The premises must pass the Facility Safety Checklist and the Free Jumping/Show Jumping Checklist. The materials needed for free jumping would not be required, but could be beneficial. There should be sufficient equipment for stadium jumps in good condition, indoor and/or outdoor arenas with sufficient safe footing. Appropriate terrain for galloping and for a variety of cross country obstacles for the level of training offered are required. Trainers must have a solid fundamental knowledge and experience in training on the flat and in introducing stadium and cross country jumping to horses of all ages and backgrounds, and must list their experiences and successes. A Young Horse Training program should be in place.
- 13) **SALES AND CONSIGNMENT** – The facility must pass the Facility Safety Checklist, it would need to declare the targeted market by discipline and have help experienced in presenting horses most favorably to prospective clients. The facility should have liability contracts. A website and advertising program must be in place and they should present a record of successful sales.
- 14) **FOALING AND/OR MARE BREEDING/TEASING** – The facility must pass the Facility Safety Checklist and possess monitoring equipment and experienced personnel for foaling, breeding and/or teasing. The availability of the facility veterinarian should be noted. They must declare how long they have been in the business and their successes.
- 15) **STALLION COLLECTION, FRESH COOLED OR FROZEN** – The facility must pass the Facility Safety Checklist. It should have an on site laboratory, indoor collection area with good footing, a safe collection dummy and experienced personnel. The availability of the facility veterinarian should be noted. A successful history of shipping fresh cooled or frozen semen is paramount.