

**Pacific Area Civil War Reenactors (PACWR) Equine Safety Test**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Written Test**

**1. A surcingle is required:**

- A. With every saddle if sabers are to be used
- B. With every saddle unless a breast collar is used
- C. When a breast collar and croupier are not used
- D. With military and civilian single billeted saddles, except artillery team valise saddle
- E. With any saddle if a breast collar or croupier is used

**2. No more than two (2) revolvers may be carried by any reenactor, and each must be in the appropriate holster.**

- A. True
- B. True; with the exception of mounted cavalry; they can carry four (4) pistols with two (2) in pommel holsters on the mount
- C. False

**3. Picketing:**

- A. The picket line may be loose
- B. Stock may be picketed anywhere
- C. Picket pins are not allowed
- D. The picket line shall be kept taut and stock will be securely tied to the picket line in such a way that they cannot get tangled
- E. Picket lines are not used

**4. The equine safety test determines:**

- A. That all stock at events are accepting of small arms and artillery fire as well as close contact saber fighting
- B. That those riding, driving, plowing, etc. have the basic skills to handle and control their stock both on and off the battlefield
- C. That all stock has safe and serviceable tack and shoes (if shod) and is in sound health
- D. All of the above

**5. If it is necessary to pursue runaway stock, you should:**

- A. Never do so
- B. Do so directly behind the runaway animal
- C. Circle wide to get ahead of the runaway stock and not pursue from behind
- D. None of the above

**6. ALL animals must be restrained for their safety and the safety of other individuals and/or animals in the area.**

- A. True
- B. False

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- 7. Only dry material of the following can be utilized for loading pistols and revolvers: Cream of Wheat (Instant) or with “crumbling” floral foam. All other wadding and grease are prohibited.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- 8. In ALL matters of horse safety, the final say is with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in that order:**
- A. Company Commander, Equine Safety Officer
  - B. Brigade Commander, Horse Owner
  - C. Equine Safety Officer, Company Commander
  - D. Horse Owner, Equine Safety Officer
- 9. Long arms are reloaded on the field with:**
- A. With powder flasks
  - B. Only prepared cartridges
  - C. Either way is acceptable
  - D. Never
- 10. All riders and mounts must pass the Equine Safety Test (Written and Ground) and at least the General Safety Test. They will be tested by the Equine Safety Officer of each brigade of the organization or their designee for their riding ability. It should be noted that each mount to be used by a member must be tested individually for that rider.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- 11. A general safety zone separating the public and live weapons is:**
- A. 5 yards/15 feet
  - B. 10 yards/30 feet
  - C. 15 yards/45 feet
  - D. 20 yards/60 feet
- 12. For the sake of safety, mounted cavalymen should only take hits as wounds, so as to retain control of their mounts.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- 13. The only participants allowed to call for a cease fire are:**
- A. Any officer in either army
  - B. The commanding officers of each army
  - C. Any NCO or officer who witnesses a safety violation
  - D. Any participant who witnesses a safety violation

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**14. Mounted cavalry can engage in hand to hand combat with:**

- A. Dismounted Cavalry
- B. Infantry
- C. Only other Mounted Cavalry
- D. All of the above

**15. To capture an artillery piece or hitch team:**

- A. Cavalry may do so whenever they want
- B. Only when it is part of a pre-approved scenario
- C. Approval from the chief of piece and stock cannot approach within 20 feet of the piece
- D. Both "B" and "C"
- E. None of the above

**16. When loading, only the powder will be placed in the musket or shotgun barrel, no paper or other substances.**

- A. True; with the exception of when cigarette paper or equivalent is used for breech loading long arms
- B. False

**17. Which is the correct answer:**

- A. Stock may be touched or handled by anybody, including the public
- B. Picket guards or owners must keep watch on picketed stock throughout public hours
- C. Those in charge of picketed horses or mules ensure that members of the public approach the animals from the front or side only, not from the rear and only with permission
- D. Both "B" and "C"

**18. Which of the following apply to the use of the saber on the battlefield:**

- A. Never use excessive force to attempt to bend the opponents blade
- B. The tip of the blade must always be elevated above the hilt by approximately a 45 degree angle
- C. No thrusts or swings by the rear quarter of the mount
- D. Bladed weapons shall not be either drawn or used on the battlefield and must be secured in the scabbard or sheath, unless at the direction of the cavalry officers.
- E. All of the above

**19. The minimum distance for aimed fire at horses or other livestock is:**

- A. 10 yards/30 feet
- B. 15 yards/45 feet
- C. 20 yards/60 feet
- D. 25 yards/75 feet

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**20. How many long arms or shotguns may be carried by an individual on the battlefield at one time:**

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

**21. If using a carbine, hard-cased ammunition, if used, is sealed with:**

- A. Blue Painters Tape
- B. ‘Crumbling’ Floral Foam
- C. Both of the above in combination
- D. Either of the above, but not in combination

**Your Signature Here:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Pass** \_\_\_\_ **Fail** \_\_\_\_

**You need at least 17 correct answers (80% or more) to pass**

**Print Unit Commander’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Unit Commanders Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BE CAREFUL AND BE SAFE!!!**

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**Equine Ground Test**

This test is taken under the supervision of the Equine Safety Officer or their designee. It will require the firing of weapons, riders to mount and dismount and additionally, perform some maneuvers while mounted.

**1. General Inspection**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. All tack is inspected for dry rot, wear and general serviceability.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. The animal is checked for visible defects or injury.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. The animal is brushed and curried to smooth matted hair, no caked on dirt, especially where the saddle and girth contact.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. The hooves are checked for loose shoes or other health compromising defects and clean of dirt and stones.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ e. Saddle and blanket are placed correctly. Blanket is smooth and the saddle is placed so that it does not apply pressure to the animal's withers or shoulders.
- \_\_\_\_\_ f. Cinch/girth is securely fastened and adjusted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ g. If applicable, surcingle is fastened around the horse and saddle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ h. Headstall and bit are properly adjusted and fastened.

### **2. Mounting**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. The rider checks cinch/girth before mounting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. The rider mounts and dismounts under normal battlefield conditions (a leg up may be given).
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. The horse remains relatively still while being mounted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. The rider settles in the saddle correctly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. The horse seems steady with rider in the saddle

### **3. Riding**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Rider has control of the horse at all times and in all gaits. (Walk, Trot & Lope)
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Rider can stop horse on command.

### **4. Working with the off horse (Mounted Artillery: If Applicable)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. The rider/driver has control of both horses/mules at all times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. The animals change from one gait to another without difficulty.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Rider/driver can stop horse/mule on command.

### **5. Reaction to Weapons (For military and civilian horses/mules ridden on or near the battlefield during the battles)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Rider maintains control of the horse/mule while moving towards gunfire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Rider maintains control of the animal during artillery fire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. The horse/mule will stand while linked to other horses during close weapons fire. (*If Applicable*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. The horse is not panicky during or after gun or artillery fire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. The horse does not panic when approached by riders waving sabers and flags.
- \_\_\_\_\_ f. The rider maintains control of the horse/mule while firing the pistol while mounted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ g. The rider maintains control of the horse/mule while firing the carbine while mounted. (*If Applicable*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ h. The rider maintains control of himself and the horse/mule while using the saber.
- \_\_\_\_\_ i. The horse/mule remains relatively steady when drawing and returning weapons.

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Pass \_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_

**Rider's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

You need 100% correct to pass

**Equine Safety Officer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Equine Safety Officer's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Commander's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Company Commander's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_