



# Novice Riding Certificate

(applicable to athletes not yet able to achieve the riding certificate for their appropriate class)

**I certify that:.....Pentathlon-GB Membership No..... has satisfied the following requirements and is able to :**

- Lead a pony/horse in-hand, walking, trotting and turning.
- Tack up a pony/horse with saddle and snaffle bridle.
- Check tack for safety before mounting.
- Mount and dismount correctly.
- Hold the reins & whip correctly.
- Alter stirrups when mounted.
- Tighten and loosen girth when mounted.
- Demonstrate correct position at walk, trot and canter.
- Use legs and hands as aids to increase and decrease pace.
- Perform simple turns and circles at walk, trot and canter.
- Use correct aids for canter on a named leg on a circle.
- Understand the rules and the etiquette of the warm up arena.
- Walk a show jumping course correctly.
- Greet/salute the judge and understand the rules and the penalties of the collecting ring and the competition arena.
- Demonstrate competence when riding over a show jumping course of 9 obstacles including a double at the following heights on at least 2 unknown ponies/horses of different type and temperament:
  1. 70cm Yes / No
  2. 85cm Yes / No
  3. 90cm Yes / No
  4. 1m Yes / No

**Signed:.....**

**Date:.....**

**Name in full:.....**

**Contact No.....**

**FBHS/BHSI/BHSII/BHSAI/Pentathlon-GB APPROVED ASSESSOR (delete as necessary).**

**Equestrian Centre & contact address of Assessor:\_\_\_\_\_**

**This certificate will not be valid unless all of the above details are completed clearly. Please note that we reserve the right to request proof of the qualification held by the assessor.**

**I, .....(athlete)**

- Will show care and consideration to the horse/pony, their owners & grooms at all times.
- Understand that spurs may only be used under exceptional circumstances and only with the express permission of the horse/pony owner.
- Understand that Pentathlon-GB has the right to revoke the Certificate or force a re-test if in the opinion of the Riding Director or Collecting Arena Director you have not reached the standard required. There is no right of appeal.

**Signed:.....**

**Date:.....**