## Western Intermediate Rider Overview

Here is an overview of what can be expected of the rider in the Intermediate Rider Program.

The Western Intermediate Rider Program consists of a series of eight components that cover all aspects of Western Riding. It was developed for those individuals who wish to discover the many disciplines available in western riding, at the competitive level, from Western General Performance to Reining to Speed Events. This program was designed to follow objectives at the intermediate level to produce riders who are capable of competing at recognized competitions and to have an appreciation of the major scope of Western competition events. The Western Intermediate Rider program is offered bove and beyond the Learn to Ride Western Levels 1-4 program.

In order to participate in the Intermediate Rider Program, candidates must hold a current Alberta Equestrian Federation (AEF) membership and a Western Level 4 certificate. The Basic Training component of this program must be completed prior to any other components.

The Western Intermediate Rider Program covers the following rider levels:

- Basic Training (BT) (aka. old General Component): consists of a horsemanship riding test, lunging the green or problem horse, bandaging (including first aid) and a written test
- Western Pleasure
- Western Horsemanship
- Western Trail
- Western Riding
- Showmanship
- Barrel Racing
- Pole Bending

Please note that the Western Intermediate Rider Program Manual is under revision. Please inquire with our office if you wish to receive a copy. The General Component piece within the manual has been renamed to Basic Training (BT). A passing mark in the Basic Training rider exam is a pre-requisite to the Western Competition Coach Certification. Patterns are available in the Western Intermediate Rider Manual.



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