**GRADING OF RIDING FOR RIDING WITH THE LIGHT CAVALRY HAC**

Complete Beginner

* Learn to groom, tack up, and lead a horse
* Learn to mount from a block
* Learn the aids to communicate with your horse
* Learn to be in control of your horse at walk
* Learn to do rising trot

Beginner

* Be able to mount from a block
* Have a basic knowledge of the riding position
* Be able to maintain rising trot
* Be in full control of horse in walk
* Learning to adjust stirrups and girth
* Learning to have full control in trot
* Learning to canter

Novice

* Be able to mount from a block and adjust girth and stirrups for comfort
* Be able to walk, trot and canter and ride on both reins, showing changes of direction, turns and circles
* Show an understanding for riding position both with and without stirrups, and when working in a forward seat over poles and in canter
* Be able to ride in a group and show some individual work with awareness and respect for other riders
* Be assessed on your ability to recognise diagonals in rising trot and canter leads, applying aids to move around the arena and between paces
* Be aware of the horse’s needs and comfort when dismounting and returning to the stable
* Be able to ride outside in an open space, jump single fences and a small course of 75 centimetres

Intermediate

* Have an understanding of respecting other users while applying aids to work the horse
* Start to evaluate your own riding and the way the horse goes both in flatwork and jumping
* Understand the scales of training
* Jump single fences and a course of 90cm

Advanced

* Understand the training of horses from birth to riding away and further to competition at Elementary level
* Understand how to train horses to show jump to 1.10m and novice horse trials
* Be able to prepare for, ride and assess horses to develop their way of going, including:
  + Inexperienced horses
  + Trained horses up to Elementary level to develop their way of going
  + Trained horses over a course of show jumps up to 1.10 metres/3 feet 7 inches and over a cross country course up to 1 metre/3 feet 3 inches