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

**Complete Beginner – Not currently accepting**

* 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 – Not currently accepting**

* 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 1**

* 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
* 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 starting to work without stirrups
* Be starting to work over poles and singles fences
* Be aware of the horse’s needs and comfort when dismounting and returning to the stable

**Novice 2**

* 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 outside in an open space, jump single fences and a small course of 50 centimetres
* Be learning the scales of training
* Be able to ride a variety of horses off the leg and establish bend
* Starting to evaluate own riding and assess horse

**Intermediate**

* Have an understanding of respecting other users while applying aids to work the horse
* Evaluate your own riding and the way the horse goes both in flatwork and jumping
* Understand the scales of training
* Be learning lateral work.
* Jump single fences and a course of 75- 85cm

**Advanced**

* Understand the training of horses and be established schooling a variety of horses on the flat and over fences
* Understand lateral work
* 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
* Be confident jumping a variety of horses up to 90cm.