# BHSI – RIDE OBSERVATION SHEET (Dressage Pathway)

**SECTION 4. RIDE AND ASSESS 1 GREEN/YOUNG OR INEXPERIENCED HORSE**

(Session time approximately 30 mins. Including discussion with assessor.)

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| Assessor name: |  | | |
| Candidate name: |  | | |
| Date: |  | Centre: |  |

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| All red criteria and a minimum of **8** total criteria **must** be achieved  Maintain health, safety and welfare of horse, self and others.  Demonstrate competence to accurately assess young, green horses or inexperienced horses for potential participation in dressage competition.  Demonstrate competence to plan a ridden training session.  Demonstrate competence to develop skill levels in horses.  Demonstrate competence to work with empathy, effect, feel and understanding for the horse’s capacity to learn and their wellbeing.  Demonstrate and discuss the requirements of dressage riding for competition up to and including Novice.  Show clear and accurate communication skills when discussing horses.  Show understanding of systematic training of dressage horses  Be able to use the Training Scale as objective measurement criteria.  Demonstrate competence to discuss development and future planning.  Show ability to use a positive self-reflection process. |  |  |
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| **COMPETENT** | **NOT YET COMPETENT** |

**PTO for General Criteria**

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|  | **Achieved?** |
| Prioritise the wellbeing and welfare of the horse | Y N |
| Interact and communicate with people effectively | Y N |
| Read and empathise with all equines | Y N |
| Show practical competence when handling horses and equipment | Y N |
| Maintain composure, focus and self-control at all times | Y N |
| Recognise own limitations and remain receptive and perceptive | Y N |
| Show ability to work in a pressurised situation subject to time constraints | Y N |
| Understand the role of the BHS within the equestrian community | Y N |
| Understand the links between coaching and competition | Y N |
| Self-reflect and evaluate performance | Y N |

**GENERAL CRITERIA FOR THE BHSI RIDING CERTIFICATES**