



BLUE LESSON LEVEL — PREPARATION

Training Emphasis: Consistency & Readiness

Purpose of This Level

Blue Level prepares the horse and rider for more intentional work. Skills must be repeatable, not occasional.

Teaching Focus (Instructor Guidance)

Instructors should focus on:

- Predictable transitions
- Intentional lines
- Repetition with minor variations
- Consistency before adding speed

Single-gun work may be introduced, but only when it does not disrupt rhythm or communication.

Instructor Evaluation Checklist

A rider is generally ready to move beyond Blue Level when:

- ☐ Horse maintains balance at the lope in both directions
- ☐ Transitions remain predictable without rushing
- ☐ Rider rides lines intentionally, not reactively
- ☐ Shooting exercises remain accurate at controlled speed
- ☐ Rider corrects mistakes without increasing pressure
- ☐ Horse remains confident through repetition

Instructor note:

If consistency drops between sessions, return to Blue priorities before advancing.