



● **BLUE LESSON LEVEL — PREPARATION**

Training Emphasis: Consistency & Preparation

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
- Composure & responsiveness during sound exposure

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:

- Balanced, controlled lope in both directions
- Predictable transitions without loss of rhythm
- Intentional lines through basic patterns
- Accurate single-gun shooting exercises
- Rider can correct errors without escalating pressure
- Horse maintains confidence through repetition

Blue Level sets the stage for increasing speed without sacrificing accuracy or confidence.

Instructor note:

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