



● **BLACK LESSON LEVEL — MASTERY**

Training Emphasis: Strategy, Longevity & Leadership

Purpose of This Level

Black Level reflects advanced performance and responsibility. The focus is long-term soundness, adaptability, and leadership.

Teaching Focus (Instructor Guidance)

Instructors at this level act more as coaches:

- Refining strategy
- Supporting longevity
- Adjusting for different arenas
- Encouraging rider leadership

Instructor Evaluation Indicators

Riders at this level demonstrate:

- ☐ High-level precision at competitive speed
- ☐ Ability to adapt to varied arenas and conditions
- ☐ Strategic pattern execution
- ☐ Consistency across multiple events
- ☐ Leadership through example in training and competition
- ☐ Strong focus on horse longevity and management

Black Level reflects mastery, responsibility, and leadership within the shooting horse discipline.

Instructor note:

Advancement here is less about “moving up” and more about sustaining excellence.