

# **Tape-4**

## **Tacking Up Handout**

### **Steps when putting on the saddle.**

1. Put on the saddle pad
2. Put on the saddle.
3. Check to make sure that the saddle fits.
4. Attach the saddle pad to the saddle.
5. Hook the stretchy side of the girth to the saddle on the horse's left side.
6. Put the girth cover on the girth.
7. Tighten the girth to the saddle on the horse's right side.
8. Finish tightening the girth on the horse's left side before mounting.

### **Steps when putting on the bridle.**

1. Put the reins over the horse's head
2. Buckle the halter around the horse's neck using the buckle on top of the halter and secure cross ties to halter.
3. With your right hand, hold the cheek pieces and the horse's nose (you should be facing the same direction as the horse and your right elbow should be under the horse's head.)
4. Use your left hand to guide the bit into the horse's mouth.
5. Push the horse's right ear through and then the left ear.
6. Slip the nose band on the inside of the cheek pieces.
7. Adjust the bridle to fit the horse.
8. Buckle the noseband.
9. Buckle the throatlatch.
10. Adjust the browband so that it goes straight across the horse's forehead.
11. Remove cross ties and halter.

### **Bridle Adjustment Guidelines:**

- \* **Noseband-** Allow two fingers between the noseband and the cheek bone.
- \* **Bit-** Allow one to two wrinkles in the corner of the horse's mouth. (Snaffle bit only.)
- \* **Throatlatch-** Allow four fingers between the throatlatch and the horse's throat.
- \* **Curb Chain-** Allow two fingers between the chain and the horse's chin.