

LEVEL 1 4-H Horsemanship Skills



EVALUATION SHEET

Rider's Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Age) _____
 Address _____
 Club _____ County _____ Check if Production _____
 Horse's Name _____ Seat/Discipline _____ Date _____

Handling	Pass or Retest		E*	Examiners' Comments
	P	R		
1-1 Approach and catch horse safely (tied and loose)	P	R		
1-2 Properly halter horse	P	R		
1-3 Lead, turn, and back horse safely and correctly	P	R		
1-4 Lead a horse into and out of a stall	P	R		
1-5 Practice safety rules when turning a horse loose	P	R		
1-6 Safely tie horse (correct level, length, location, knot, etc.)	P	R		
1-7 Demonstrate simple grooming of the horse	P	R		
1-8 Pick up feet and clean properly	P	R		
1-9 Bridle horse—check fit and make basic adjustments	P	R		
1-10 Saddle horse—check fit and make basic adjustments	P	R		
1-11 Demonstrate safety around the horse while handling	P	R		
Riding	Test <i>must</i> be ridden one or two handed as correct for seat/discipline			
1-12 Mount and dismount properly (may use mounting block)	P	R		
1-13 Describe and discuss safely riding in a group	P	R		
1-14 Use proper basic seat, leg, and body position with balance	P	R		
1-15 Proper use of reins; hand position and action	P	R		
At a walk with control and proper position:				
1-16 start and stop (gradual and balanced)	P	R		
1-17 check and release (demonstrating control of horse)	P	R		
1-18 turn while walking and walk in both directions	P	R		
1-19 ride a circle both directions and do a figure 8	P	R		
At a jog or trot with control and proper position:				
1-20 start and stop (gradual and balanced)	P	R		
1-21 check and release (demonstrating control of horse)	P	R		
1-22 turn while jogging or trotting both directions	P	R		
1-23 ride a circle both directions and do a figure 8	P	R		
1-24 Drop and regain stirrups while at a halt	P	R		
1-25 Emergency stop	P	R		
1-26 Emergency dismount	P	R		
1-27 Equipment, clothing, helmet (fit, condition, suitability, etc.)	P	R		
1-28 Overall attitude and confidence	P	R		

*Check only if exceeds standards.

Level 1 emphasizes basic, correct, and safe principles of handling and riding.
 To pass this level, the 4-H member must have *mastered* each skill of the test.
 Retest will be by section (handling/riding) in Level 1.

Handling:	Riding Skills:
Passed _____	Passed _____
Retest _____	Retest _____

EXAMINERS' SIGNATURES 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

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YELLOW—Member

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