

# LEVEL 3 4-H Horsemanship Skills



## EVALUATION SHEET

Rider's Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Age) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Check if Production \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Seat/Discipline \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Handling	Pass or Retest		E*	Examiners' Comments
	P	R		
<b>3-1</b> Proficient in Levels 1 and 2 skills	P	R		
<b>3-2</b> Fitting and turnout of the horse—high quality and appropriate for breed and type	P	R		
Ground-handling skills:				
<b>3-3</b> 360-degree turn on the hindquarters	P	R		
<b>3-4</b> turn on the forehand—both directions	P	R		
<b>3-5</b> Display confidence, safety, and knowledge around the horse	P	R		
<b>3-6</b> Safely lunge a horse at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions	P	R		
<b>3-7</b> Practice safety in handling skills—at all times	P	R		
<b>Riding</b>	Test may be ridden one or two handed; prefer as correct for seat/discipline according to industry standards			
<b>3-8</b> Mount and dismount properly (may use mounting block)	P	R		
Using proper aids (hands, legs, seat, and voice), ride with a secure form keeping the horse's head and neck quiet.				
Demonstrate upward and downward transitions:				
<b>3-9</b> from a walk—jog or trot and then halt	P	R		
<b>3-10</b> from a walk—lope or canter and then halt	P	R		
Demonstrate use of reins at a walk and jog or trot:				
<b>3-11</b> on a loose rein	P	R		
<b>3-12</b> using a light rein	P	R		
<b>3-13</b> riding with contact	P	R		
<b>3-14</b> Drop and regain stirrups at a canter	P	R		
<b>3-15</b> Back 8–10 steps in a straight line	P	R		
<b>3-16</b> Demonstrate a balanced halt from all gaits	P	R		
<b>3-17</b> Leg yield at a trot/jog—both directions	P	R		
<b>3-18</b> 180-degree turn on the forehand—both directions	P	R		
<b>3-19</b> 180-degree turn on the hindquarter—both directions	P	R		
<b>3-20</b> Counter canter—complete circles—both directions	P	R		
<b>3-21</b> Equipment, clothing, helmet (fit, condition, suitability, etc.)	P	R		
<b>3-22</b> Overall attitude and confidence	P	R		

\*Check only if exceeds standards.

**Level 3 uses foundation skills to learn intermediate horsemanship skills.**

To pass this level, the 4-H member must have *mastered* each skill of the test.

Retest will only be on specific skills—not the entire test.

Passed _____
Retest _____

EXAMINERS' SIGNATURES 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

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YELLOW—Member

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