

Horse's Name _____
 Coat color _____ Gender _____
 Obvious markings _____

**Western Novice
 Level I
 Riding Test**

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| <u>Western</u> Check One <input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Retest | <u>Gymkhana</u> Only _____ (due to tack) |
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Rider's Name _____ Age _____ Rater's Name _____
 Address _____ Rater's Phone # _____
 Club _____ County _____ Date _____

Directions: To pass this level, the **4-H** member must score 8 points out of 10 for each section of the test. Level I should emphasize correct and safe principles of handling and riding. Riders must use legal tack and equipment, a standard western bit with shanks or, if riding a junior horse, a snaffle or bosal (two hands to be used).

Rater: Forms must be filled out the day of the riding exam and mailed or faxed to the member's county Extension Office within two weeks of the test.

| Riding Test: Western Novice, Level I | Score: 10 points max | Judge's Comments |
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| *Basic handling | | |
| A. Properly halter, lead and tie horse | | |
| B. Simple Grooming; correct use of tools; pick up feet and clean properly | | |
| C. Bridling and saddling; proper adjustment of equipment | | |
| D. Safety around the horse | | |
| Riding | | |
| A. *Mount, dismount, mount (mounting block may be used if necessary) | | |
| B. Correct seat, body position and balance at the walk, jog and lope | | |
| C. Proper use of reins: hand position and action | | |
| D. Control at the walk in both directions | | |
| E. Control at the jog in both directions | | |
| F. Control at the lope, both directions, demonstrating correct leads | | |
| G. Demonstrate a balanced, gradual stop from the walk, jog and lope on a straightaway | | |
| H. Equipment, dress and overall attitude | | |

*If size or physical strength prevents the 4-H member from actually performing the skill, an adequate verbal explanation will suffice.
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