



**Western Horsemaster  
Western-Level IV  
Riding Test and Oral Interview**

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Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coat color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Obvious markings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Rater's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Rater's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Maneuvers will be called at random. The 4-H member must score 8 points out of 10 for each section of the test, including the oral interview questions. Rider must use legal tack and equipment including a standard western bit with shanks or, if riding a junior horse, a snaffle or bosal (two hands to be used).

**10 points: Advanced.** If applied to specific maneuvers, the maneuver was consistently executed correctly and fluidly. If applied to an overall impression, the maneuver was correct and present during all parts of the test. Questions: Accurate and detailed response, additional facts or explanation may be offered by the rider.

**9 points: Proficient.** If applied to specific maneuvers, the maneuver was executed correctly most of the time and generally fluidly, with minor flaws. If applied to an overall impression, the maneuver was present correctly and consistently throughout the test, with minor lapses. Questions: Accurate, detailed response with minor errors or omissions.

**8 points: Proficient/Basic.** If applied to specific maneuvers, the maneuver was executed correctly, but may be better on one side than the other, or execution was inconsistent. It's clear that the rider can apply the aids correctly. If applied to an overall impression, the basics are present, but elements may have been briefly incorrect or absent during the test. Rider may have needed prompting (*not teaching!*) from the rater. Questions: Response is generally correct, but lacks detail. Some minor errors/omissions.

**0 - 7 points: Not yet proficient.** One or more of these is true to a greater or lesser degree:

- Rider is unable to produce the maneuver in one or both directions.
- Aids are applied but ineffective at producing the desired maneuver.
- Horse repeatedly balks or misbehaves.
- Rider asks rater how to execute a maneuver or definition of terms in oral questions.
- In a general impression or question response: one or more major flaws or omissions.

**Oral Interview Questions: Must answer all five questions with 8 points or better, 10 points possible.**

Answer Source for questions: Current Colorado 4-H Member's Manual and Current Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rulebook	Points
1. Explain the rider's aids and the body position of the horse when two tracking.	
2. Explain the rider's aids and the body position of the horse when side passing.	
3. Explain the penalties for a missed flying lead change in western riding and in reining.	
4. Explain the differences between a score of "0" and a "no score" in reining or western riding.	
5. Why is a correct frame and collection necessary to perform the skills required in western riding and reining?	



Rater: Forms should be filled out the day of the test and submitted to the member's county Extension Office within a week.

<b>Riding Test: Western, Level IV p.2 of 2</b> Name:	<b>Score: 10</b> <b>Points Max</b>	<b>Judge's Comments</b>
<b>Basic handling</b> A. Display a high degree of confidence, safety and knowledge when working around the horse.		
B. Fitting and turnout of the horse should be of show ring quality.		
C. Horse should demonstrate excellent show ring manners and a polished performance		
<b>Riding</b> A. Two-tracking, right and left at the jog and lope across the diagonal of the arena.		
B. Perform two 3 loop serpentines at the lope with no change of leads. Each serpentine is to begin with a different lead.		
C. Perform flying changes of leads on a straightaway; a minimum of 2 changes for each lead. More than one straightaway may be used to provide sufficient room for the changes to occur.		
D. Perform left and right rollbacks from a lope (must be performed in the open). Horse must lower the hindquarters and roll back over the hocks.		
E. Spins - 2 revolutions in each direction, with speed, the front legs correctly crossing over in the spin.		
F. Demonstrate a correct sliding stop, with the back rounded and the haunches lowered, while remaining bridled and soft on the forehand.		