



**English Horsemaster
Hunter Seat- Level IV
Riding Test and Oral Interview**

Jump Option

_____ Passed

_____ Retest

No Jump Option

_____ Passed

_____ Retest

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.

10 points: Advanced. If applied to specific maneuvers, they were 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 rider.

9 points: Proficient. If applied to specific maneuvers, they were executed correctly most of the time and generally fluidly with minor flaws. If applied to an overall impression, it 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, they were 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 questions with 8 points or better.)

Questions, Answer source: United States Equestrian Federation Current Rulebook @ www.usef.org	Points
1. Explain aids used in two tracking.	
2. In approaching a jump, how should the rider treat the speed and control of the pace? Describe the differences between speed and pace in the following situations: on level ground, going downhill and going uphill.	
3. Explain aids used for flying lead changes.	
4. Explain how jumper horses and jumper riders are scored by the judge.	
5. Explain the differences between hunter courses and obstacles and jumper courses and obstacles.	



Rater: Forms should be filled out the day of the test and submitted to the member's extension office within one week.

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Basic handling A. Display confidence, safety, and knowledge while working around the horse.		
B. Fitting and turnout of the horse should be show ring quality. Explain how to braid a hunter horse.		
C. Horse should demonstrate excellent show ring manners and a polished performance.		
Riding A. Demonstrate shoulder-in right and left, at the walk and the trot.		
B. Demonstrate leg yielding to the right and left, at the canter and trot across the diagonal of the arena.		
C. Demonstrate a correct, balanced halt from a rising and sitting trot, canter and hand gallop with and without stirrups.		
D. Perform a 3-loop serpentine at the trot showing correct changes of diagonals with and without stirrups.		
E. Perform a 3-loop serpentine at the canter demonstrating flying changes of lead.		
F. Demonstrate figures of 8 performing flying changes of lead, beginning on the correct lead. Show a minimum of 2 changes in each direction.		
G. Perform two 3-loop serpentine without a change of lead, one in each direction.		
H. Jump a combination of two fences, set at a one or two stride distance, appropriate for your horse. Fence height to be 2'9"-3', the first fence being a vertical and the second fence an oxer.		