



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

**English (Advanced Mastery) Level 4  
Riding Test**

English Level 4

\_\_\_\_ Passed

\_\_\_\_ Retest

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H County: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Rater's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rater's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Coat Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_

Obvious Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Maneuvers may be called at random. The 4-H member must receive "met expectations" or higher for each section of the test. Rider must use legal tack and equipment.

**Excellent (E)** If applied to specific maneuvers, they were consistently executed correctly and fluidly. If applied to an overall impression, it was correct/present during all parts of the test.

**Proficient (P)** 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.

**Met Expectations (ME)** 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.

**Not Yet Proficient (NYP)** 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.

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

\*\*If the size or physical strength prevents saddling or bridling, someone may assist with instructions given by the member.

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<b>Basic handling</b> A. Display confidence, safety, and knowledge while working around the horse.		
B. Fitting and turnout of the horse should be show ring quality or the rider may explain the appropriate turnout.		



C. Horse should demonstrate excellent show ring manners.		
<b>Showmanship</b> A. Set-up and perform a 540-degree turn B. Back a half circle C. Perform a 180 degree turn and trot away		
<b>Riding</b> 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 irons.		
D. Perform a 3-loop serpentine at the trot showing correct changes of diagonals without irons.		
E. 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.		
F. Perform a canter from the halt on a straightaway. Complete a balanced stop, turn 180 degrees and canter in the opposite lead. Should canter off willingly.		
G. Back a round circle without markers		