

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

English Performer
Hunter Seat– Level III
Riding Test & Oral Interview

Jump Option

____ Passed
 ____ Retest

No Jump Option

____ Passed
 ____ Retest

Rider's Name _____ Age _____ Rater's Name _____
 Address _____ Rater's Phone # _____
 Club _____ County _____ Date _____

Directions: Maneuvers will be called at random. The 4H 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, it was correct/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 three out of five with 8 points or better.)

Questions, Answer source: Current United States Equestrian Federation Rulebook @ www.usef.org	Points
1. How long is a typical hunter horse's stride on an outdoor hunt course? How many strides would be appropriate for two fences set 48' apart?	
2. Explain the differences between these two fences: a vertical and an oxer. Explain a "courtesy circle", when it is used and when it is not legal.	
3. What are "ground lines" and why are they necessary? Explain how they should be placed.	
4. What are the legal bits for a hunter seat rider? In competition, what happens to a rider that is using an "unconventional" bit? What kinds of martigales are legal for over fences classes? Are they legal in flat classes? What are legal types of cavessons for hunter seat riders?	
5. Describe a rider's body position, including their vision, before, during and after a jump. Describe the terms "Jumping Ahead" and "Left Behind" and the dangers of each.	

Rater: Forms must be filled out the day of the riding exam and mailed or emailed/scanned to the member's Extension office within two weeks of the test.

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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.		
Riding A. *Mount, dismount, mount (mounting block may be used, if necessary) .		
B. Half turn on the haunches at the walk, in both directions.		
C. Leg yielding to the right and left, at the walk and sitting trot.		
D. Demonstrate a canter to a hand gallop, using a 2-point position, then returning to a canter.		
E. Show a balanced halt from walk, trot and canter on the straightaway.		
F. Using a 3-loop serpentine, show changes of diagonal at the trot; flying changes of lead at the canter.		
G. Demonstrate lengthening of the walk, trot (posting) and canter. Show transitions to and from working gaits.		
H. Jump in both directions, a combination of two fences, 2 feet 3 inches in height, set for 3 strides.		
I. Rein back 4 steps in a straight line		