



Horse Competency Test Beginner Over Fences

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Competency

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Retest

Horse's Name: _____

Coat Color: _____ Sex: ___ Obvious Markings: _____

Rider's Name: _____ Age: ___ Rater's Name: _____

4-H County: _____ Rater's Phone Number: _____

4-H Club: _____ County: _____ Date: _____

Directions: To pass this test, the 4-H member must pass for each section of the test. The test is progressive and must be given in order. The 4-H member must receive Met Expectation or higher on each part of the test. If Rider does not pass a part of this test, the test is over. Each requirement cannot be skipped or given in any other order.

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.

	Score: Excellent, Proficient, Met expectations, Not yet proficient.	Rater's Comments
A. Demonstrate control while maintaining a safe and balanced position at the walk, trot, and canter.		
B. Warm up circle to poles with the correct diagonal on approach with reins short enough for control.		



C. Warm up circle to poles with the correct lead on approach with reins short enough for control.		
D. Maintain jumping position through a cavaletti with a minimum of 3 elevated poles 3-4' apart.		
E. Maintain jumping position over a minimum of 3 pile of poles 3-4' apart.		
F. Trot over ground pole followed by a cross rail set at 18" exit at a canter. (60 ft. or 4 strides apart)		
G. Canter line cross rail to cross rail with rails set to 18". (60 ft. or 4 strides apart)		
H. Maintain a secure lower leg and jumping position (over poles) throughout the test.		
I. Demonstrate a balanced stop after the last jump.		
J. Demonstrated correct rein release over fences and rein length throughout test.		
K. Equipment, dress and overall attitude.		