



### Advanced Ranch/Cow Horse Competency Test

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____ 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:** 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.

**Tack:** There are no horse's age restrictions for the types of bits or bridles used, however all chosen equipment must be used correctly. Saddle shall be of a western type with a double rigging and equipped with a cinch hobble. Exception: A center fire rigging may have a single rig. Horses shall be wrapped and designed for roping, either rubber wrapped or with an additional leather wrap. A breast collar is highly recommended.

	Rating: E, P, ME, NYP	Rater's Comments
A. Demonstrate the ability to build and swing a forehand loop and a backhand loop.		



<p>B. In three minutes, while mounted, throw any head shot at a dummy. Scoring: 5+ catches = Excellent, 3-4 catches = Proficient, 2 catches = met expectations, 0-1 catch = Not yet proficient.</p>		
<p>C. * Demonstrate a safe dally and drag a log at either a walk through a serpentine of at least 4 cones, placed no more than 30' apart. Stop, perform a 180 degree turn on the forehand and back; pulling the log to at least 15'. Stop, undally. (Suggest a log 8' long, 6" in diameter or other log weighing at least 35 lbs)</p>		
<p>D. Ride into herd quietly and demonstrate, with breakaway Hondo, a head shot and catch on 2 head of live cattle. Dally and pop your hondo off. Demonstrate the rebuilding of the loop between throws. 10 loops maximum.</p>		
<p>E. ^ Box a cow at one end of the arena, and after showing control, move the cow down the fence, past the midpoint turn the cow. Repeat in the opposite direction but you do not have to go past the midpoint for the second turn. Circle the cow in either direction to demonstrate ability and then if you choose to rope, rope the cow. If you do not plan to rope in competition, circle the cow the opposite direction to complete the maneuver.</p>		

\*Exception: Left-handed rider will circle to the left.

^ Clarification: If roping, in competition circle one time and then rope, if you're not roping then demonstrate that you can circle the cow both directions.