



**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION**

**Limited 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 presented 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. Horns 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
Basic Handling		
A. Bridling and saddling; safe and proper adjustment of equipment, wrapped horn, back cinch. (Reference Ranch Class tack requirements in rulebook)		



Riding		
B. Mounted at a walk, build a loop and approach a roping dummy. Stop and rope the dummy.		
C. Open and ride through a gate where cattle (a minimum of 3 head) are within 50' of the gate, latch the gate. Ride through cattle.		
D. Demonstrate a safe dally and drag a heavy log weighing 35 lbs or more, in a right-hand circle*, stop and perform a 180 degree turn on the forehand and back 5 steps, undally. (Suggested an 8' post, 6" in diameter)		
E. Box a cow on short end of arena for 30 seconds. Drive down the fence toward the opposite end and box for 30 seconds.		
F. Demonstrate sorting out one cow and separating the cow quietly and successfully from the herd. Drive the sorted cow away from the herd a minimum of 30'.		
G. Take the sorted cow to the opposite end of the arena and put it in a pen.		

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