



**Ranch Horse Novice
Level I
Riding Test**

Check One

____ Passed

____ Retest

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

Rider's Name _____ Age _____ Rater's Name _____

Address _____ Rater's Phone # _____

Club _____ County _____ Date _____

Directions: To pass this level, the **4-H** member must score 8 points out of 10 for each section of the test. Level I should emphasize correct and safe principle of handling and riding. Riders must use legal tack and equipment for the Ranch Horse division.

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

Riding Test: Ranch Horse Novice, Level I Name:	Score: 10 Points Max	Rater's Comments
*Basic handling		
A. Properly halter, lead and tie horse		
B. Simple Grooming; correct use of tools; pick up feet and clean properly		
C. Bridling and saddling; safe and proper adjustment of equipment, wrapped horn, back cinch (see pg. 89 in rulebook)		
D. Safety around the horse		
E. Lead horse through gate without cattle present		
Showmanship		
A. Demonstrate walk, trot and stop for inspection		
Riding		
A. Mount, dismount (mounting block may be used if necessary)		
B. Correct seat, body position and balance at the walk, jog and lope		
C. Proper use of reins: hand position and action		
D. Control at the walk in both directions		
E. Control at the jog in both directions		
F. Control at the lope, both directions, demonstrating correct leads		
G. Demonstrate balanced, gradual stop from the walk, jog and lope on a straightaway		
H. Equipment, dress and overall attitude		
I. Build a loop, swing and recoil a rope while on the ground		
J. Quietly walk into and out of a herd of cattle (min. 3 head). Horse must remain quiet and under control.		

*If size or physical strength prevents the 4-H member from actually performing the skill, verbal explanation will suffice.