



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Roping Competency Test

Roping
_____ 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 ability to enter the arena in a safe manner.		
B. Demonstrate ability to enter and stand in the box in a safe manner.		



C. Demonstrate ability to build a loop while at a walk and trot.		
D. Horse and rider are familiar with the barrier and scores cattle (displays cow sense).		
E. Rider must repeat D while demonstrating the ability to build a loop while handling the rope safely.		
F. Demonstrate the ability to track and rate a cow 100 feet in two directions without building a loop. Demonstrating being in position to rope.		
G. Rider must rope a cow using a head or horn loop, safely dally and stop their horse, keeping the horse facing the cow to release the breakaway hondo. If member fails to catch additional attempts will be at the discretion of the evaluator/rater. (quality of cattle should be considered)		
H. Equipment, dress and overall attitude.		