



**Western
Level II
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 II asks the rider to show confidence, control and more advanced horsemanship skills. Riders must use legal tack and equipment including a standard western bit with shanks or, if riding a junior horse, snaffle or bosal (two hands to be used).

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

	Score: 10 Points Maximum	Judge's Comments
Basic handling		
A. Properly halter, lead, and tie horse		
B. Fitting, grooming, clipping; use of tools on mane, tail, body, legs and feet		
C. Bridling and saddling: proper adjustment of equipment		
D. Showmanship skills: walk, trot, stop, turn on hindquarters, back and setups		
Riding		
A. Demonstrate the aids for the following upward transitions: 1) walk to jog 2) jog to lope 3) walk to lope		
B. Demonstrate the aids for the following downward transitions: 1) lope to jog 2) lope to walk 3) jog to walk		
C. Show a balanced stop from walk, jog and lope on the straightaway		
D. Back 3 to 4 steps in a straight line		
E. Demonstrate figures of 8 at the lope, with sufficient loops to show lead changes through the jog in both directions. Begin the maneuver from a stop or walk.		
F. Show simple changes of lead on a straightaway. Do a minimum of 3 changes, each dropping to a jog. More than one straightaway may be used to provide sufficient room for the changes to occur.		
G. Turns on the forehand of 180 degrees, in both directions		
H. Turns on the hindquarter of 180 degrees, in both directions		
I. Overall riding ability: body position, hands and legs, knowledge of leads		
J. Poise and Attitude		