



English Novice Level I Riding Test

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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.

Rater: Forms should be filled out the day of the riding exam 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 a horse		
B. Simple Grooming; correct use of tools; pick up feet and clean properly		
C. *Bridling and saddling; proper adjustment of equipment		
D. Safety around the horse		
Showmanship		
A. Demonstrate walk, trot and stop		
Riding		
A. Mount, dismount (mounting block may be used if necessary)		
B. Correct seat, body position and balance at walk, trot, and canter		
C. Proper use of reins; hand position and action		
D. Control at the walk; both directions		
E. Control at the trot with correct diagonals; both directions		
F. Control at the canter; both directions, demonstrating correct		
G. Demonstrate balanced gradual stop from all gaits on a straightaway		
H. Equipment, dress, and overall attitude		

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