



**Ranch Horse  
Level III – Performer  
Riding Test & Oral Interview**

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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:** Maneuvers will be called at random. The 4-H member must score 8 points out of 10 for each section of the test, including the oral interview questions. Riders must use legal tack and equipment for the Ranch Horse Division

**10 points: Advanced.** If applied to specific maneuvers, the maneuver was consistently executed correctly and fluidly. If applied to an overall impression, the maneuver was correct and present during all parts of the test.

Questions: Accurate and detailed response, additional facts or explanation may be offered by rider.

**9 points: Proficient.** If applied to specific maneuvers, the maneuver was executed correctly most of the time and generally fluidly, with minor flaws. If applied to an overall impression, the maneuver was present correctly and consistently throughout the test with minor lapses.

Questions: Accurate, detailed response with minor errors or omissions.

**8 points: Proficient/Basic.** If applied to specific maneuvers, the maneuver was 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.

Questions: Response is generally correct but lacks detail, some minor errors/omissions.

**0 - 7 points: Not Yet Proficient.** 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 or definition of terms in oral questions.
- In a general impression or question response: one or more major flaws or omissions.

**Oral Interview Questions: Must answer all five questions with 8 points or better, 10 points possible.**

Questions:	Points
1. On a double rigged saddle, how tight should your back cinch be? Why?	
2. Explain how to dally correctly and give reasons why it is important to do so. Why do you dally with your thumb up?	
3. Define boxing and fence work and explain the purpose of each.	
4. Explain "pressure" on cattle and how it influences their movement.	
5. What are the point penalties when your horse steps out of the ground tie?	

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



<b>Riding Test: Ranch Horse, Level III - Performer Name:</b>	<b>Score: 10 Points Max</b>	<b>Rater's Comments</b>
<b>Basic Handling</b> A. Display confidence, safety and knowledge with the horse and with the horse around cattle.		
B. Fitting and turnout of the horse should be of high quality. All equipment should be in good repair, clean and adjusted correctly.		
C. Demonstrate and name 3 different types of knots.		
<b>Riding</b> A. Back 3-cone, tub or barrel serpentine not to be spaced more than 9' apart		
B. Dismount: Ground tie and pick up each of the horse's hooves. Unbridle and rebridle. Remount.		
C. Sidepass left and right, a minimum of 10' each way. Explain the aids and how they influence the horse's movements.		
D. In both directions, lope into a balanced stop, perform a 180 degree turn on the hindquarters and lope off in the opposite direction, with the horse remaining quiet in the bridle.		
E. Demonstrate figures of 8 sufficient to show 2 flying lead changes in each direction, beginning from the lope. Changes do not have to be accomplished consecutively and multiple circles may be used.		
F. Demonstrate a safe dally and drag a log through a serpentine of at least 4 cones, placed no more than 30' apart. Stop, perform a 180 degree turn on the forehand. Stop, undally. (Suggest a log 8' long, 6" in diameter or other log weighing at least 35 lbs.)		
G. Ride into herd quietly and demonstrate, with a breakaway honda, a head shot and catch on live cattle. Dally and pop your honda off.		
H. 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'.		
I. Box a cow on the short end of the arena, drive it down the arena, box at the other end, drive the cow back to the other end of arena past the halfway point and stop.		