



**Western Novice  
Level I  
Riding Test**

<b>Western</b>
Check One
<input type="checkbox"/> Passed
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<b>Gymkhana Only</b>
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(Due to Tack)

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 principles of handling and riding. Riders must use legal tack and equipment, a standard western bit with shanks or, if riding a junior horse, a snaffle or bosal (two hands to be used).

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

<b>Riding Test: Western Novice, Level I</b>	<b>Score: 10 points max</b>	<b>Judge's Comments</b>
<b>Basic handling</b> A. Properly halter, lead, and tie 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		
<b>Showmanship</b> A. Demonstrate walk, trot and stop		
<b>Riding</b> 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 a balanced, gradual stop from the walk, jog, and lope on a straightaway		
H. Equipment, dress, and overall attitude		

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