

Horse's Name _____

Coat Color _____

Obvious Markings _____

**Western Novice
Level I
Riding Test**

Check one:

_____passed

_____retest

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 must be filled out the day of the riding exam and mailed or FAXed to the member's
Extension Office within two weeks of the test.

	Maximum Points	Rating Score	Judge's Comments
*Basic handling			
A. Properly halter, lead, and tie horse	10		
B. Simple Grooming; correct use of tools; pick up feet and clean properly	10		
C. Bridling and saddling; proper adjustment of equipment	10		
D. Safety around the horse	10		
Riding			
A. *Mount, dismount, mount (mounting block may be used if necessary)	10		
B. Correct seat, body position, and balance at the walk, jog, and lope	10		
C. Proper use of reins; hand position and action	10		
D. Control at the walk in both directions	10		
E. Control at the jog in both directions	10		
F. Control at the lope; both directions, demonstrating correct leads	10		
G. Demonstrate balanced, gradual stop from all gaits on a straightaway	10		
H. Equipment, dress and overall attitude	10		

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