

# Horsemanship Scorecard – Colorado 4-H Competitive Trail Ride Horse Program

(adapted from NATRC Horsemanship Scorecard in NATRC Rider's Manual)

Rider

Name of Ride \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Judges' Comments & Scoring

50  
pts.

**Grooming**  
 Brushing  
 Horse free of: dirt, sweat marks, ext. parasites, & foreign material  
 Clean feet & proper shoeing

**In-Hand Presentation**  
 Good control of horse  
 Safe handling, turning, and use of lead rope  
 Responds to directions  
 Consideration of others

**Tack & Equipment**  
 Clean & proper fit of tack  
 Adjusted & in good repair  
 Trail gear - properly placed & secure

**Stabling**  
 Secures feed & water containers  
 Blankets when necessary  
 Uses proper tie (height-length-quick release knots-secure).  
 Cleans & puts away tack / gear & trash  
 Shows knowledgeable horse care

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pts.

**On the Trail - Care**  
 Correctly adjusted cinch, saddle, blanket, and / or pad  
 Proper care of feet  
 Uses safety in tying and at water stops  
 Properly paces and cools down horse

**On the Trail - Safety and Courtesy**  
 Allows space between horses & riders  
 Responds to directions  
 Has good consideration of others  
 Considers & avoids potential dangers to horse / self/ others

**On the Trail- Equitation**  
 Shows balance / lightness  
 Good body & leg position, control of hands  
 Aids horse on ascending/descending & level terrain  
 Skill in mounting, dismounting and crossing obstacles  
 Good control of horse

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Score