

Horse's Name _____

Coat Color _____

Obvious Markings _____

Check one:

_____passed

_____retest

**Western Level II
Riding Test**

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 II asks the rider to show confidence, control and more advanced horsemanship skills.

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. Fitting, grooming, clipping; use of tools on mane, tail, body, legs and feet	10		
C. Bridling and saddling; proper adjustment of equipment	10		
D. Showmanship skills; walk, trot, stop, turn on hindquarters, back and setups	10		
Riding			
A. *Mount, dismount, mount (mounting block may be used if necessary)	10		
B. Demonstrate aid for the following upward transitions: 1)walk to jog 2)jog to lope 3)walk to lope	10		
C. Demonstrate aid for the following downward transitions: 1)lope to jog 2)lope to walk 3)jog to walk	10		
D. Show balanced stop from all gaits on the straightaway	10		
E. Back 3 to 4 steps in a straight line	10		
F. Show a figure 8 at the canter consisting of two large circles with lead changes through the jog in both directions. Begin maneuver from stop or walk	10		
G. Show simple changes of lead on a straightaway. Do a minimum of 3 changes, each dropping to a jog	10		
H. Turn on forehand; 90 and 180 degrees in both directions	10		
I. Turn on hindquarter; 90 and 180 degrees in both directions	10		
J. Overall riding ability: body position, hands and legs, knowledge of leads	10		
K. Poise and Attitude	10		

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