

Horse's Name _____

Coat Color _____

Obvious Markings _____

**Western Performer - Level III
Riding Test & Oral Interview**

Check one:

_____ passed

_____ retest

Rider's Name _____ Age _____ Rater's Name _____

Address _____ Rater's Phone # _____

Club _____ County _____ Date _____

Directions: Maneuvers will be called at random with no set patterns. The response and willing attitude of the horse to the rider's commands will have bearing on evaluating the rider's achievements. The 4-H member must score 8 points out of 10 for each section of the test, including questions in the oral interview.

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. Display confidence, safety and knowledge around the horse	10		
B. Fitting and turnout of the horse should be show ring quality	10		
Riding			
A. *Mount, dismount, mount (mounting block may be used if necessary)	10		
B. Demonstrate and explain the aids as they influence the horse's movements	10		
C. Demonstrate a jog to an extended sitting trot, back to a jog in both directions	10		
D. Two-track to the right and left at the walk and jog	10		
E. Side pass to the left and right, minimum of 10'	10		
F. Prompt, balanced stop from all gaits on the straightaway or circle	10		
G. 360 degree turn on the hindquarters in both directions; must be performed in the open	10		
H. 360 degree turn on the forehand in both directions; must be performed in the open	10		
I. Demonstrate a counter lead, for 1/2 to 3/4 of a large circle, both directions	10		
J. Demonstrate a figure 8 sufficient to show 2 flying lead changes in each direction beginning from the center	10		
K. Back 6 to 7 steps	10		

Oral questions for raters to ask 4-H members may be received from your County Extension Agent