

Level II..... Skills Test

4-H Member's Name: _____ Horse's name _____
Date _____

(Horse must be the member's 4-H project horse and be identified on a current ID sheet.)
The rider must show proficiency at all skills listed below to pass the Intermediate Horseman Level.

Note: The entire riding portion of Level II must be done with a single horse and be ridden one-handed on the reins (Western riders) or two handed (English riders). Exception: Horses 5 years or younger, if ridden with a snaffle bit or bosal as described in the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide, may be ridden two-handed.

I Basic Horse Handling Pass (P) No Pass (NP)

A. The horse should be groomed to be shown at halter and/or showmanship appropriate to its breed and style. **For the purpose of this test, horse must be groomed for halter/showmanship**

1. Is the horse clean? _____
2. Trimmed muzzle, jaw, bridle path, fetlocks (clipped ears are not required) appropriate for the breed. _____
3. Hooves in good condition, trimmed/and or shod. _____
4. Mane/tail combed and styled appropriate for the breed. _____

B. Demonstrate the proper technique to pick up and clean a horses foot.

1. Front foot _____
2. Hind foot _____

C. Exhibit correct showmanship skills.

1. Demonstrate the proper training of the horse to be shown in hand. This includes horse's foot placement, leading at a walk and trot, pivots of 180 degrees and 360 degrees and back up. **Considered a work in progress, need not be perfect but has to get at least two pivot steps** _____
2. Display correct presentation of the horse as described in the Nebraska 4-H Horse show and Judging Guide for its breed and type. _____

III Equipment

- A. Discuss & identify the basic difference between a snaffle & curb bit. _____
- B. Discuss differences in the use of snaffle bits and curb bits. _____
- C. Demonstrate correct tying of the following knots:
 1. Cinch knot _____
 2. Manger tie _____
 3. Bowline _____ **optional** _____

Level II Riding.....Name_____date_____

- A. Display greater master of riding skills than given in Beginning Horsemanship, Level I.
1. Demonstrate correct use of soft hands riding one-handed (Western riders), and two-handed (Western and English riders)._____
 2. Demonstrate basic control and correctness of position of upper body and legs when riding at walk, jog/trot and lope/canter (line through ear, shoulder, hip and heel)._____

- B. Discuss and demonstrate the proper use of the basic aids required for riding at the following gaits in a straight line and circle.
1. Walk
 - a. Line_____
 - b. Circle_____
 2. Jog/Trot
 - a. Line_____
 - b. Circle_____
 3. Lope/Canter
 - a. Line_____
 - b. Circle_____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

(Correct leads, both directions, must be used)

- C. Complete a collected, balanced stop from each of the following gaits. Horse should stand without excessive rein pressure until asked for the next gait.
1. Walk_____
 2. Jog/Trot_____
 3. Lope/Canter_____

D. Back your horse four to six steps in a straight line. Explain cues required to back a horse in a straight line._____

- E. Emphasis on 4-H'er's horsemanship skills while performing the following tasks:
1. Light hands_____
 2. Balance_____
 3. Use of aids, hands, seat and legs_____

IV Personal Dress and Gear

A. Member dress in appropriate Western/English 4-H attire for the riding test. Head gear, English or Western - and appropriate boots along with clean jeans or breeches and shirts are recommended._____

Yes (has).....No (has not)

Based on this examination, the 4-H member_____ passed Beginning Horseman Level II.

Date_____ Examiner_____