

LEVEL 1 4-H Horsemanship Skills Evaluation Sheet

(All Riding, Driving & Miniature Horses)

Member's Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (DOB) _____

Address _____

Club _____ County _____

Horse's Name _____ Date _____

Basic Handling	Pass or Retest	Examiners' Comments
1-1 Properly approach a horse safely and correctly	R P E	
1-2 Properly halter a horse	R P E	
1-3 Lead, turn, and back horse safely and correctly	R P E	
1-4 Lead a horse into and out of a stall	R P E	
1-5 Practice safety rules when turning a horse loose	R P E	
1-6 Tie a horse at appropriate level and length	R P E	
1-7 Tie a quick release knot	R P E	
1-8 Perform simple grooming on the body of a horse	R P E	
1-9 Pick-up feet and clean properly	R P E	
1-10 Showmanship skills: walk/trot/stop/turn on hindquarters back and set up (prepare horse appropriate for discipline)	R P E	
1-11 Present horse properly fit, groomed and clipped - mane/tail/body/legs/feet for their discipline	R P E	
1-12 Saddle & bridle horse—check fit and be able to make basic adjustments. Properly adjust stirrups	R P E	
1-13 Demonstrate proper fit, adjustment, and safety of equipment	R P E	
1-14 Mount and dismount properly (may use mounting block)	R P E	
1-15 Describe and discuss safely riding/working in a group	R P E	
1-16 Equipment, dress, overall attitude, and confidence	R P E	

Level 1 emphasizes basic, correct, and safe principles of handling, tacking and mounting a horse.

Is this a Declared Project Animal? Yes No

To pass this level, the 4-H member must have mastered each section of the test.
Mastery is considered to be receiving a score of P (passed) or E (exceeds requirements)
Youth needing to be retested must be retested on the entire level one.

Last Revised Dec. 2022
Retain records for 5 years.

A print or digital copy should remain with the Evaluators, 4-H member, Ext. Agent, and Leader.

Passed _____ Retest _____

EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE: _____