

Level III Skills Test

4-H MEMBER'S NAME: _____

HORSE'S NAME: _____

Horse must be the member's 4-H project horse and be identified on a current ID sheet.

Horses used for Level III should be 3 years old or older.

The 4-H'er must show proficiency at all skills listed below to pass Level III.

Note: The entire riding portion of Level III must be done with a single horse and can be ridden with one hand on the reins (Western riders) or two hands on the reins (English riders).

Exception: Horses 4 years old 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	No
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A. The 4-H'er should demonstrate confidence and knowledge when working around their horse.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. While dismounted, the member should indicate their experience gained from working with their horse.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. While riding, the member should indicate their experience and confidence of having extensive horsemanship skills.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
II. Riding			
A. Display greater mastery of riding skills than given in Intermediate Horsemanship Level II.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Demonstrate proper position and use of the basic aids required for riding at the following gaits in a circle, both directions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	b. Jog/trot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	c. Lope/canter (Correct leads, both directions, must be used)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Complete a collected, balanced stop from a straight movement from each of the following gaits, with the horse standing without excessive rein pressure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	b. Jog/trot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	c. Lope/canter (Correct leads, both directions, must be used)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Complete a collected, balanced stop from a trot and lope/canter in a circle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Back the horse 4 to 6 steps in a straight line. Explain cues required to back a horse in a straight line.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. Demonstrate riding ability at each of the following gaits, starting each gait from a standstill.			
	1. Walk		
	2. Jog/Trot		
	3. Lope (Western riders) or Walk to Canter (English riders)		
C. Complete a simple change of leads in a Figure 8. Explain the cues required to execute this simple lead change.			
	1. Dropping to a jog/trot, both directions		
	2. Coming to a stop, both directions		
D. Complete a simple change of leads on a straightaway.			
	1. Dropping to a jog/trot, both directions		
	2. Coming to a stop, both directions		
E. Demonstrate a simple pivot/turn on the haunches, turning 180 degrees each direction. Explain the cues for your turns.			
	1. Right		
	2. left		
F. Demonstrate a forehand turn, turning 180 degrees each direction. Be able to explain the cues used.			
	1. Right		
	2. left		
G. Complete a side passage, at least four steps in each direction. Be able to explain the cues used.			
	1. Right		
	2. left		
H. Back the horse in a circle. Explain cues required to back the horse in the circle.			
I. Complete a flying change of leads in a figure 8. be able to explain the cues used.			
	1. Right		
	2. left		
J. Display correct and safe mounting and dismounting proceduces. (Riders may be asked to dismount off-side.)			
	1. Control of horse.		
	2. Position while mounting and dismounting.		
	3. Correct technique used.		

Based on this examination, the above 4-H member (has) (has not) passed the Skills Test of Horseman, Level III.

Date: _____ Examiner: _____

Comments and suggestions for improvement: