



HORSE PROJECT ENTRY LEVEL TEST Revised 11/1/17



In order to participate in any *county wide mounted horse event* (e.g., Horse Field Day, Mounted Level Testing) each 4-H Horse Project member must first: 1) successfully complete an *Entry Level Test* (score of 85% correct), and 2) have on file in the 4-H office an *Entry Level Certification Form* completed by the Horse Project Leader to verify successful completion of that test. **NOTE:** The *Entry Level Test* is horse and 4-H member specific. If you plan to use more than one project horse, you must successfully complete an *Entry Level Test* and have on file in the 4-H office an *Entry Level Certification Form* for *each* horse/4-H member combination prior to using that horse in a county wide mounted event.

NAME	CLUB
REGISTERED NAME OF EQUINE	
NICKNAME OF EQUINE	DATE

## **GROUND SAFETY**

The 4-H Member:

- 1. Holds lead with right hand approximately 6 inches below fastener
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Holds folds of excess rope in the left hand
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Leads horse on near side
- 4. When leading the horse, keeps his/her body slightly in front of the horse's shoulder
- 5. Keeps horse under control and does not get tangled in the rope
- 6. Turns horse away from self when turning around
- 7. Is able to move the horse's hindquarters over from the ground
- 8. Is able to move the horse's forequarters over from the ground
- 9. Ties horse safely (16-18 inches) with a slip knot or approved clover hitch on pole or bowline on hitching post
- \_\_\_\_10. Does NOT tie on cross fence
- \_\_\_\_11. With the horse tied, is able to pick both the front and rear hooves
- 12. Completed the above without instruction or coaching

## **MOUNTED SAFETY**

- 1. Checks bridle or hackamore for proper fit prior to mounting
- 2. Checks cinch and breast collar (if present) prior to mounting
- 3. Mounts safely while maintaining hold of the reins (may use a mounting block)



- 4. Horse stands calmly before, during, and after mounting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Rides horse at a walk on a loose rein
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Can circle (turn) the horse to both the left and right
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Stops the horse with only *mild* use of the bit or hackamore
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Backs the horse (at least five steps)
- 9. Rider appears to be relaxed and in control while in the saddle
- \_\_\_\_\_10. Horse appears to be calm and attentive to the rider
- \_\_\_\_\_11. Safely dismounts while maintaining hold of the reins
- \_\_\_\_\_12. Horse stands calmly during and after dismounting
- \_\_\_\_\_13. Completed the above without instruction or coaching

## **ORAL QUESTIONS**

- 1. If your horse really tries to pull away from you, what should you do?
- 2. When should you wear an equine safety helmet?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Should you ride your horse bareback at a 4-H activity?
- 4. What should you do if your horse is limping?
- 5. Can you ride your horse in a halter at a 4-H activity?
- 6. If it's a hot day, can you wear a short sleeved shirt at a 4-H horse show?
- 7. If your horse is used to being ridden double, can you ride it double at a 4-H project meeting?
- 8. Is it OK to tie your horse by the reins?
- 9. What kind of shoes should you wear when riding a horse?
  - \_\_\_\_10. If your horse often kicks at other horses, what do you need to do extra at 4-H activities?

## ENTRY LEVEL TALLY

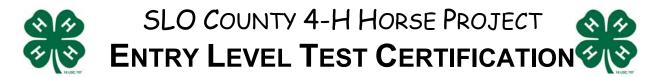
Section	Number Correct	<u>Total Possible</u>	Red D
Ground Safety		12	•
Mounted Safety		13	
Oral Questions		10	
	TOTAL:	35	

4-H member must score 85% or 30 points to pass

**PROJECT LEADERS - PLEASE!** Complete an *Entry Level Certification Form* and email or fax to the Horse Resource Leader: <u>coastalresearch@gmail.com</u>, fax 805-239-5885. Please do not send the test itself, only the signed certification form.



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The *Entry Level Test* must be successfully completed with the *member's own project horse* and this certification form <u>must</u> be on file in the 4-H office prior to participating in *any county wide mounted horse event*. **NOTE:** If using more than one horse in county wide 4-H events, the *Entry Level Test* must be successfully completed with *each* horse, and the corresponding *Entry Level Test Certification Forms* must be on file in the 4-H office.

Club:		
Member's Name:		
Horse's Registered	Name:	
Horse's Nickname:		
Date:	Location:	
Score:	_ Pass? Yes No _	
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· · -	Entry Level Test with the above	
Project Leader S	ignature:	
P	rint Name:	