

2020 Grant County 4-H Horsemanship Skills Assessment/Checklist

4-H Member Name: _____ Date: _____

Age Division: D Junior D Intermediate D Senior Number of years in 4-H horse project:
_____ New Member _____ Returning Member with new horse

Club Name: _____

Horse's Name: _____

Requesting Approval In: Walk/Trot Only Western Games Performance
 Bareback [must be able to show competency & control when riding with saddle before being considered ready for bareback]

Leader's Signature*: _____ Leaders Phone: _____

*Leader Signature certifies that this horse matches the horse certificate on file and that the leader is familiar with how the 4H member handles and rides the horse.

Leader's preliminary comments about horse and/or rider: **MUST BE COMPLETED BY LEADER PRIOR TO SKILLS CHECKLIST EVALUATION - if this section is not completed, then the skills technician will not do the skills checklist.**

Skills Technician to Complete Information Below

Location and situation of evaluation: _____

Next to each item....please check and date when assessment was completed. If the 4-H member needs a follow up assessment please note here:

4-H Knowledge

Recites 4-H Pledge Knows 4-H Motto Knows 4H Colors Describes 4H Emblem

Horse Science Knowledge

Can explain basic aspects of health care, for example:

Weight Hoof Care _ Parasite Control/Management _ Coat Condition _ Teeth

Horsemanship and Safety Skills

Ground Handling Skills:

- Demonstrates approach and haltering horse-including proper halter adjustment
- Demonstrates correct leading of horse both near side and off side
- Demonstrates setting up horse for showmanship
- Demonstrates quartering system
- Demonstrates manager/quick release knot
- Demonstrates safely working around horse and knows danger zones
- Demonstrates proper grooming including correct use of grooming tools
- Demonstrates safe way to pick up feet and cleans feet
- Demonstrates proper way to saddle horse
- Demonstrates proper way to bridle horse Demonstrates proper way to back a horse
- Can respond to practical ground safety exercise

Riding Skills Related to Control, Transitions, and Seat*

- Walking Jog/Trot Lope/Canter Stopping

*Those in Western Games must also demonstrate horsemanship skills and control related to changes in speed and direction

When using split reins, no finger between the reins is allowed.

Dismounting/Unsaddling! Unbridling

- Demonstrates safe dismounting appropriate to size of rider
 To mount with romal reins, double end in the left hand. After mounting, slide the bight under the rein hand to opposite side. For a brief dismount, romal reins need not to be taken down. The romal part may be loped behind the horn. Both split reins, or the near rein only, may be taken down. Never let go of the reins.
- Demonstrates proper and safe unbridling of horse
- Demonstrates proper and safe unsaddling of horse

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Arena Skills and Concepts

- Can demonstrate and/or explain arena courtesy concepts
- Can demonstrate and/or explain how to handle working with multiple horses in an arena
- Can explain emergency arena procedures
- Can provide a correct response to an "arena scenario"

Safety Tack Check is acceptable (note: _____)

Technician Comments for identified risks/challenges for this horse and rider combination:

Other Comments (both positive and/or concerns):

Riding Division Approval: Walk/Trot Only Western Games
 Performance Bareback

Skills Technician Signature: _____ **Date:** _____