

# 2019 Cowlitz County 4-H Horsemanship Skills Basic Checklist

## Club Leader to complete this section

4-H Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Division:  Junior  Intermediate  Senior Number of years in 4-H horse project: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Member with new horse (must complete everything on page 2)

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\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Ldr. 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 it was passed. If the 4H member did not pass it...then don't check it off!!**

### 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 for both new 4H horse members and returning members with a new horse**

**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—*English or Western*. [English-stirrup bars need to be down]
- Demonstrates proper way to bridle horse—*English or Western*
- Demonstrates safe mounting appropriate to size of rider
- Can respond to practical ground safety exercise

**Riding Skills Related to Control, Transitions, and Seat\***

- Walking
- Jog/Trot
- Lope/Canter

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

**Dismounting/Unsaddling/Unbridling—Either English or Western**

- Demonstrates safe dismounting appropriate to size of rider
- Demonstrates proper and safe unbridling of horse
- Demonstrates proper and safe unsaddling of horse

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**Arena Skills and Concepts: for new members only**

- 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”

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

Other Comments (both positive and/or concerns):

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

Skills Technician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***4H Leaders: You will be responsible for making copies and completing the information on the first page***

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