



## HORSE PROJECT ENTRY LEVEL TEST

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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**

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



*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: [coastalresearch@gmail.com](mailto:coastalresearch@gmail.com), fax 805-239-5885. Please do not send the test itself, only the signed certification form.



# SLO COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT ENTRY LEVEL TEST CERTIFICATION



The *Entry Level Test* must be successfully completed with the **member's own project horse** and this certification form must 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 \_\_\_



## Certification

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has successfully completed the *4-H Horse Project Entry Level Test* with the above named project horse.

Project Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_