

2022 Grant County 4-H Horsemanship Skills 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 Performance Western Games

Bareback [must be able to show competency & control when riding with saddle before being considered ready for bareback]

Leader Signature*: _____

Leader Email _____ Leader 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 Next to each item please check and date when it was passed. If the 4-H member did not pass it...then do not check it off.

Location, date and situation of evaluation: _____

4-H Knowledge

Recites 4-H Pledge Knows 4-H Motto Knows 4-H Colors Describes 4-H 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 horse from the ground
- Demonstrates proper way to fit and wear safety riding helmet
- Demonstrates safe mounting appropriate to size of rider
- Can respond to practical ground safety exercise
- Can explain proper foot wear for the 4-H members and its importance

Riding Skills Related to Control, Transitions, and Seat*

- Walking Jog/Trot Lope/Canter
- Stopping Emergency Stop/One Rein Stop

*Those in Western Games must also demonstrate horsemanship skills and **control** related to changes in speed and direction. Only reigns used in western gaming are roping reins or closed reigns. When split reins are used in other disciplines, no finger between the reins is allowed.

Mounting/Dismounting/Unsaddling/Unbridling

- Demonstrates the ability to clearly explain safe mounting areas and ability 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 be taken down. The romal part may be looped behind the horn. Both split reins, or the near rein only, may be taken down, never let go of the reins.)
- Demonstrates safe dismounting appropriate to size of rider
- Demonstrates proper and safe unbridling of horse
- Demonstrates proper and safe unsaddling of horse (bringing up of the irons if in English riding)

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 when asked by a technician
- Can provide a correct response to an "arena scenario"

Technician Positive Comments identified for this horse and rider combination:

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

Other Comments (both positive and/or concerns):

Pass the Safety Check Tack Check

Comments or Concerns during Tack Check, if any:

Riding Division Approval:

- Walk/Trot Only** **Performance** **Western Games** **Bareback**

Skills Technician Signature: _____ Date: _____