



4-H Horsemanship Skills

Are you ready to test Level 3 or 4?

Testing Information for Youth and Adults

Youth should practice and be prepared to properly demonstrate skills at testing for level 3 or 4. Work with your parent, trainer, 4-H leader or knowledgeable adult to help determine if you are ready to test *before* you request to be tested.

All youth must have passed Level 1 and Level 2 prior to testing Level 3. You should have mastered each skill and be able to complete each skill *without* multiple attempts at home *before* you are tested. You should be able to complete *all* skills within each level in no more than 45 minutes. If you are not able to complete all skills within this timeframe *and* without multiple attempts, then you are probably *not* ready to test.

Procedures to arrange testing:

When you are ready to test, please contact your county extension educator and submit the attached form (*see next page*) to the educator and/or the persons coordinating the testing. The county educator should be aware of your request for testing and may help you or your 4-H leader arrange testing by contacting Level 3-4 examiners in your district or the Penn State extension horse specialist.

Please Note: It takes time to coordinate schedules, examiners, locations, etc. for skills testing. It may take several weeks or more to arrange testing details. Please recognize that it is not always possible to arrange testing in your home county or local area. You may need to drive to a district or state location for testing Level 3 or 4. In addition, provide complete information on the attached form. These steps will help to ensure that you can be contacted as needed and tested as soon as possible.

Required paperwork:

1. Submit the attached information form to your county educator and/or the person coordinating testing.
2. If you are *retesting* skills in Level 3 or 4, please bring evaluation sheet from *previous* test in order to document the skills that you need to re-test.
3. **Verification of current negative EIA status (Coggins Test or any federal or Pennsylvania state recognized test) is required for all horses at some facilities and at the Penn State Ag Arena.**
Please bring EIA papers and other health information with you to the testing site.

What to bring to testing:

1. Horse or pony; clean and well groomed
2. All tack and equipment needed for the skills in this level.
3. Properly fitted protective headgear and appropriate footwear is required.
4. Tack and attire should be suitable for the seat/style that you ride. You may use show attire or neat, safe working attire, *providing* it is appropriate for the seat. Training equipment may not be used for testing.
5. A knowledgeable adult, parent or helper is highly recommended.
6. Positive attitude!

Testing Information Form

Level 3-4 Horsemanship Skills

Please review the attached information on page 1 to determine if you are ready to test Level 3 or 4. Please complete the information below if you have passed Level 1 and 2 and are prepared to test. This will help to coordinate testing schedules and arrange testing in a timely manner.

County _____

4-H Member Name _____

Parent or Adult Contact Name _____

Address _____

Parent/Adult Phone home _____ work _____

E-MAIL _____

Check all times and list dates that you are available to test:

<u>Times:</u>		<u>Dates able to test:</u>
Weekday mornings	_____	_____
Weekday afternoons	_____	_____
Weekend mornings	_____	_____
Weekend afternoons	_____	_____

Please return this form to your county extension educator or send to the person coordinating testing in your district:

If you have additional questions or are unsure who to contact about testing contact:

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Thank you for your cooperation and Good Luck!