

**RUSK COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT SAFTEY TEST
RIDING EXAM**

Name of Youth: _____ Date: _____

Horse: _____ Examiner: _____

Proper / Safe Equipment: YES / NO (circle one)

TASK	CONSIDERATIONS	POSSIBLE POINTS	PTS. EARNED/ COMMENTS
1) Groom the horse.	Does the rider groom the horse safely? Does rider check horse for injury or sores?	1	
2) Tack the horse.	Does the rider safely tack the horse? Does rider check over tack to make sure it's safe?	1	
3) Walk horse from point A to point B.	Is the horse calm? Does the horse respond when the rider asks? Is the rider asking correctly?	2 (1 for response and 1 for asking correctly)	
4) Trot the horse in a circle either direction.	Is the horse willing? Calm? Did they make a circle? Does it steer? Does the rider have steady hands (not pulling)?	2 (1 for the circle and 1 for the trot)	
5) Stop the horse completely & stand for 5 seconds.	Do the horse and rider stop safely? Does the horse stand still?	2	
6) Back the horse up at least 2 steps.	Does the horse try? Is it agitated? Is the rider safe?	2	
7) Walk the horse in a figure 8 pattern. (Between 2 markers)	Does the horse turn (guide) well? Does the pair stay between the markers?	2	
8) Dismount the horse and safely remount.	Is the horse standing still? Is the rider able to swing up without hanging on the horn?	2	

Youth must achieve a score of 12 out of 14 points to pass the exam! TOTAL POINTS _____

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