

# 4-H Trail Ride Judge's Score Sheet

Turn 180 on narrow trail:

- Unable 3
- Turned the wrong direction 2
- Turned to too fast or excited 1

Backing on trail:

- Unable 3
- Too fast and excited or reluctant 2

Leading through obstacles or on the trail:

- Coiled lead rope around hand 3
- Not safely related to the obstacle 2
- Poorly done 1

Mount / dismount on trail, relative to trail conditions: (Judges Discretion)

- Generally safe and in control 1 2 3

Additional Deductions:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 2 3
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### General Trail Sportsmanship:

Bonus point examples:

- Helping others in need + 1 + 2 + 3
- Demonstrating independence /abilities + 1 + 2 +3
- Extra effort in being prepared + 1 + 2 + 3
- Warn other of dangers (wire, holes, etc.) + 1 + 2 + 3
- Pass safely – letting others know + 1 + 2 + 3

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Starting Points: 50

Total Point Deductions: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Bonus Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Comments:

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Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Points - 50

Faults - Subtract 0- 3 points for each requirement

Bonus Points - Add 1-3

\* Judges will allow rider an opportunity to fix infractions. If not fixed member will not be allowed to ride.

\* A minimum of 3 judges will make all determinations on No Rides.

Circle point deduction

### Records:

- Did not bring Assessment Sheet 3

### Equipment:

Hoof Pick:

- Does not have one 3
- Inadequate 2

Knife adequate for cutting rope or leather:

- Does not have one 3
- Inadequate 2

Rain Gear, carried or worn:

- Does not have 3
- Poor condition or inadequate 2
- Improperly carried or worn 1

Long sleeve shirt, carried or worn:

- Does not have one 3
- Poor condition or inadequate 2
- Improperly worn 2

Boots appropriate for stirrups:

- Does not have boots \*No Ride

ASTM Certified Riding Helmet:

- Does not have one \*No Ride

**Tack:**

## Halter and 12' Lead Rope

- Improper length 3
- Poor condition 2
- Improperly, carried, used or type 1

## Saddle Pad:

- Inadequate or unacceptable 3
- Dirty or matted 2
- Doesn't fit the saddle well 1

## Bridle &amp; Bit:

- Doesn't meet 4-H regulations \*No ride
- Doesn't fit the horse properly 2
- Poor condition 1

## Saddle:

- Doesn't fit the horse 3
- Poorly adjusted 2
- Poor condition 1

**Cinch/Girth:**

- Poor condition \*No ride
- Dirty or matted 2
- Improperly fit 1

## Latigo &amp; billets:

- Split or dangerously close to breaking \*No ride
- Poor condition or rubbing 2
- Too long or dragging 1

**Horse:**

## Overall health and appearance: (Inspected by 3&lt; Judges)

- Sick, coughing, runny nose \*No Ride
- Too thin or too heavy 3
- Poorly groomed 2
- Lameness (determination by 3 judges) \*No Ride

## Hooves must be healthy and in good condition:

- Poorly trimmed, shod or cared for 3

**Safety and Trail Courtesy:**

- Did not tie red ribbon in tail of horse that kicks 3

- Galloping in group at anytime 3
- Allow branches to snap back at others 3
- Lag too far behind or ride too far ahead 1
- Cut across switchbacks 1

**Equitation/Horsemanship Faults:** (Done repeatedly)

- Bouncing in saddle 1 2 3
- Not sitting in saddle properly 1 2 3
- Heavy handed 1 2 3
- Excessive spurring 1 2 3
- Toe often lower than heel 1 2 3
- Horse not under control 1 2 3
- Following too close behind another horse 1 2 3
- Horse and rider not paying attention 1 2 3
- Horse shies or refuses to go 1 2 3
- Rider not using good judgment 1 2 3
- Rider not handling horse properly 1 2 3

**Trail Obstacles:**

## Creek crossing:

- Complete refusal 3
- Needs help crossing 2
- Worked through with reason 1

## Gate: (Level 2 and above)

- Complete refusal 3
- Needed help 2
- Poorly done 1

## Bridge crossing:

- Complete refusal 3
- Needed help crossing 2
- Worked through with reason 1

## Tie horse at camp or trail:

- Did not use a safety/ quick release knot 3
- Tied to dangerous object or place 3
- Tied too long or too short 1

## Log crossings:

- Complete refusal 3
- Needed help crossing 2
- Worked through with reason 1