

Wyoming 4-H Horse ID and Safety Certification



One form needs to be completed for each horse a youth intends to learn and compete with. Certification should be done by a trained key leader who is not the parent of the child. The process is progressive. Complete Section 1, then 2A, then 2B, then individual endorsements.

- SECTION 1 evaluates the safety of the youth around a horse and is to be completed by every youth.
- SECTION 2 evaluates the horse for safety interactions with the particular youth and is to be completed depending upon the extent to which a youth intends to learn and compete. Smaller sized youth may need assistance but should be able to explain the correct methods whenever possible.
 - 2A - is for groundwork learning for showmanship/halter competitions
 - 2B - is for mounted riding learning and limited riding competitions
- SECTION 3 evaluates advanced endorsements of the horse and rider for events such as roping, speed events, trail, and jumping.

Horse name/ID: _____	Youth name: _____
Breed: _____	_____
Description _____	_____
NOTE: Youth will need to attach a photograph of the horse.	

In terms of safety, can the youth ...		Yes	Evaluator comments	
Section 1 - Youth	... correctly identify, and explain, the following parts of the horse?	Ears		
		Muzzle		
		Throat latch		
		Withers		
		Girth		
		Chest		
		Back		
		Flanks		
		Pastern		
		Hoof		
	... correctly identify and explain the following parts of a bridle and saddle?	Bit		
		Headstall		
		Curb/chin strap		
		Front cinch		
		Back cinch		
		Breast collar		
		Stirrup		
		Stirrup leather keeper		
		Horn		
Cantle				
... show and explain the "safety zones" when being around a horse?				
... demonstrate and explain how he/she should move around a horse?				
... identify and explain safe locations to tie up a horse?				
... explain what is necessary and appropriate attire for safely working with and riding a horse?				
		Evaluator's name: _____	Date: _____	Initials: _____

In a <i>safe and appropriate</i> manner, can the youth...		Yes	Evaluator comments
Section 2A - Groundwork	... catch a horse?		
	... halter the horse?		
	... lead the horse properly?		
	... tie the horse up two times in safe locations using the correct quick release knot?		
	... pick up a foot?		
	... clean out the hoof using a pick?		
	... change sides while leading the horse?		
	... back the horse?		
	... turn the horse to face different direction?		
	... trot the horse?		
... pass through a latched gate by opening and closing it?		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Evaluator's name: <input type="text"/> Date: <input type="text"/> Initials: <input type="text"/> </div>	

Section 2B - Riding	... change from halter to bridle?		
	... clean the back and heart girth of horse to ensure safe saddling?		
	... demonstrate proper saddling of a horse with adjustments?		
	... properly adjust equipment for correct fit to the horse and rider? (Have them explain)		
	... mount and dismount? (Ask reasons for each of the two methods shown in the manual)		
	... ride horse at a controlled walk?		
	... ride horse at a controlled trot?		
	... ride horse at a controlled lope?		
	... ride the horse and make it stop?		
	... back the horse while mounted?		
... turn the horse to right and left?		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Evaluator's name: <input type="text"/> Date: <input type="text"/> Initials: <input type="text"/> </div>	

Section 3 - Endorsements

Trail	... open, pass through, and close a gate?		
	... cross a bridge?		
	... weave between and cross over poles?		
Speed	... demonstrate a controlled gallop?		
	... repeatedly demonstrate controlled turning of the horse while moving rapidly?		
	... repeatedly demonstrate a controlled stop from galloping?		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Evaluator's name: <input type="text"/> Date: <input type="text"/> Initials: <input type="text"/> </div>
Roping	... repeatedly throw loops at a target while mounted on the horse that is standing still?		
	... repeatedly throw loops at a target while mounted on the horse that is running?		
	... can properly demonstrate dallying using the saddle horn?		
Jumping	... repeatedly cue their horse to go over jumps while it's in motion?		
	... repeatedly retain proper body position when horse is jumping?		