

# Kansas 4-H Horse Standard of Excellence

## ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL IV

### Advanced Horseman Application

Participant's Name:	Horse (\$10) <input type="checkbox"/> Make checks payable to Kansas 4-H Foundation; send to 201 Umberger, Manhattan, KS 66506-3404.
Address:	
County:	

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ has completed the leadership requirements for Level I of the 4-H Horse Project.

(Participant Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(County/District Agent Signature)

#### Office Use Only (below)

Exam Date:	Score:	Paid
Horsemanship Skill Test Date:	Score	Paid
Level I Certification Date:		
State Authorization for Advancement: (4-H Extension Specialist-Horses) (Signature)		



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### General

The Kansas 4-H Horse Standard of Excellence consists of four achievement levels (I, II, III, IV), each of which contains three sections: knowledge, leadership, and horsemanship skill attainment. Once participants successfully pass the required sections, they will receive certification of achievements and be granted the right to advance to the next level. Participants that fail either the written exam, or skill test, can retake the exam at any time.

Level IV members will be given an oral knowledge exam at the time they take their horsemanship skill test. The skill examiner will ask five (5) questions from information, which will be taken from the Level III Kansas 4-H Standard of Excellence study manual; there is not a Level IV study manual. Horseless Horse members cannot be considered for certification at this level.

Horse Project members must pass the leadership requirements prior to taking the oral exam and skills test. Members must have a Level III completion certificate before scheduling the Level IV oral exam and skill test.

A **Horse Project Member** will be defined as a member who wishes to be eligible to fully participate in the project, including all classes at the district and state level. A **Horseless Horse Project Member** is not eligible for Level IV.

### District and State Contests and Show Participation

Senior (ages 14 to 18) youth who wish to participate in the District and/or State horse show must complete all three sections of Achievement Level II prior to the entry deadline for their District show. Showmanship and Halter class participants must pass the first two sections of Achievement Level II, plus the Groundwork portion of the Level I skill test prior to their District qualifying 4-H Horse Show entry deadline. Senior youth who wish to participate in the 2-year-old snaffle bit futurity and the 3-year-old futurity projects must be Achievement Level II certified prior to the May 1 nomination deadline.

Participants who wish to participate in the Level IV Horsemanship class at the State Fair must be Achievement Level IV certified prior to the entry deadline for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

### Expectations/Goals

Achievement Level IV participants are expected to have a basic understanding of horses in terms of equine reproductive physiology and management, nutritional management, and horse judging. Level IV members are expected to participate in educational and leadership activities. Horse project participants enrolling in the skill level section will be expected to be able to describe and illustrate the use of different training aids, perform patterns containing intermediate maneuvers while maintaining control and collection throughout the pattern.

## Procedures

The process for completion of Achievement Level IV requirements are as follows:

1. Use subject matter worksheets from Level III to prepare for the Achievement Level IV oral exam.
2. Complete Leadership requirements found in Section II.
3. Fill out the Application from the front page, including required signatures and return with \$10 exam fee to State 4-H Office, 201 Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-3404. Make checks payable to Kansas 4-H Foundation.
4. Upon receiving completed Application and fee, the state 4-H office will send a letter of receipt that you must show to your skill test examiner at the time of your oral and horsemanship exam.
5. To schedule a Level IV skill test, contact the Extension Assistant Youth Coordinator, Animal Sciences, 256 Weber Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506. (785-532-1264)
6. The skill examiner will score your oral and horsemanship exam and send it to the State 4-H Office. After successfully completing the oral and skill test, the participant will be sent a certificate indicating completion of Level IV.

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## REFERENCE MATERIAL

- National 4-H Council. 2000. *Horse Science and Horses and Horsemanship*. 4-H Sourcebook Catalog.
- Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rule Book* (S133). Kansas Cooperative Extension Service.
- Arns, M. J. *Kansas Youth Horse Judging Manual*. Kansas Cooperative Extension Service.  
([www.oznet.ksu.edu/pr\\_eyas/horseman.pdf](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/pr_eyas/horseman.pdf))
- American Youth Horse Council. 1993. *Horse Industry Handbook – A Guide to Equine Care and Management*.  
Lexington, KY: AYHC.
- Wood, C. H., A. Griffin, A. Parker. 1997. *Youth Leader's Manual – A Resource for Equine Educational Activities*.  
Lexington, KY: American Youth Horse Council.
- Evans, J. W., A. Borton, H. F. Hintz, L. D. Van Vleck. 1990. *The Horse*. New York: W. H. Freeman and Co.

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\*\*\* Note: These references should provide the information necessary to complete Level I material. This is by no means a complete list. There are many other resources available that would provide similar information. Breed association literature, local trainers and your veterinarian are other valuable sources of information.

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# Section I and III

## HORSEMANSHIP SKILL LEVEL IV – SCORESHEET

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Level IV Exam:            Points:                            Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**Section I:**

**KNOWLEDGE WORK ORAL QUESTIONS (50)**

Be able to correctly answer five questions taken from the Level III Study Manual.

(50) \_\_\_\_\_

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Section III:	Pattern Work A	Maneuver	Pattern Work B
	Maneuver		Maneuver
1. Walk	(4) _____	1. Walk	(4) _____
		Stop	(4) _____
		Back	(5) _____
2. Jog Trot Circle (posting)	(5) _____	2. Pivot right	(6) _____
3. Jog-Lope Transition	(5) _____	Jog Trot Circle (posting)	(5) _____
Lope/Canter right Lead	(4) _____	Jog-Lope Transition	(4) _____
		Lope/canter Right Lead Circle	(4) _____
4. Stop	(4) _____	3. Lead Change (simple or flying)	(5) _____
Back	(5) _____	Lope/Canter right Lead	(4) _____
5. Pivot Left	(6) _____	4. Lope/Canter Left Lead	(4) _____
Lope/Canter	(4) _____	Lope - Ext. Trot Transition	(6) _____
Lead Change (simple or flying)	(6) _____	Extended Trot (sitting)	(6) _____
6. Lope-Ext. Trot Transition	(5) _____	Stop	(4) _____
Extended Trot (sitting)	(6) _____	5. Sidepass Left	(6) _____
Stop	(4) _____	Sidepass Right	(6) _____
7. Sidepass Left	(6) _____	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>(70)</b> _____
Sidepass Right	(6) _____		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>(70)</b> _____		

**HORSEMANSHIP POSITION (30 POINTS)**

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Walk         | (10) _____        |
| 2. Jog          | (10) _____        |
| 3. Lope         | (10) _____        |
| <b>Subtotal</b> | <b>(30)</b> _____ |

**Pattern Exam Subtotal** (70) \_\_\_\_\_

**Knowledge Work** (50) \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total** (150) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX TO 785-532-5981, or mail immediately to: State 4-H Office, 201 Umberger Hall, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506-3404

Evaluator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section II**  
**LEADERSHIP LEVEL IV**

Participants enrolled in Level IV are required to participate in at least two 4-H, religious or community events annually, This event should reflect volunteerism to support his or her club, place of worship or community. In addition, Level IV participants are required to participate/attend three educational sessions annually, and provide leadership for three Level I/II/III activities, learning sessions. These events can include, but are not limited to quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking, demonstrations, horse judging, KSU Horseman’s conference, local clinics etc. Also, additional riding instruction from at least two different people on five different occasions, three of which cannot be from a family member are required.

**CLUB, RELIGIOUS OR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Date	Service	Participant Signature	Leader/Parent Signature
1. _____			
2. _____			

**EDUCATIONAL EVENTS**

Date	Service	Participant Signature	Leader/Parent Signature
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

**LEVEL I/II/III LEADERSHIP EVENTS**

Date	Service	Participant Signature	Leader/Parent Signature
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

**RIDING INSTRUCTION**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of  
Instructor \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of  
Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

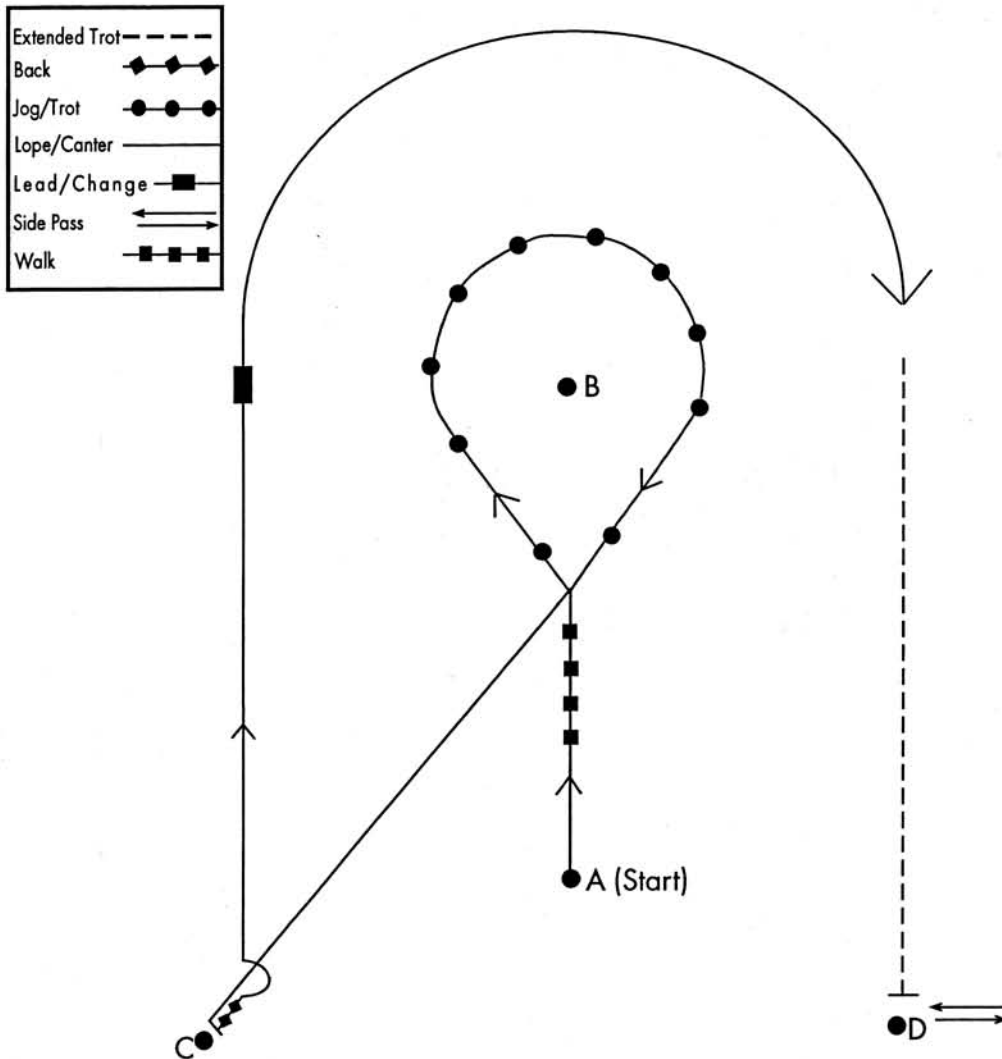
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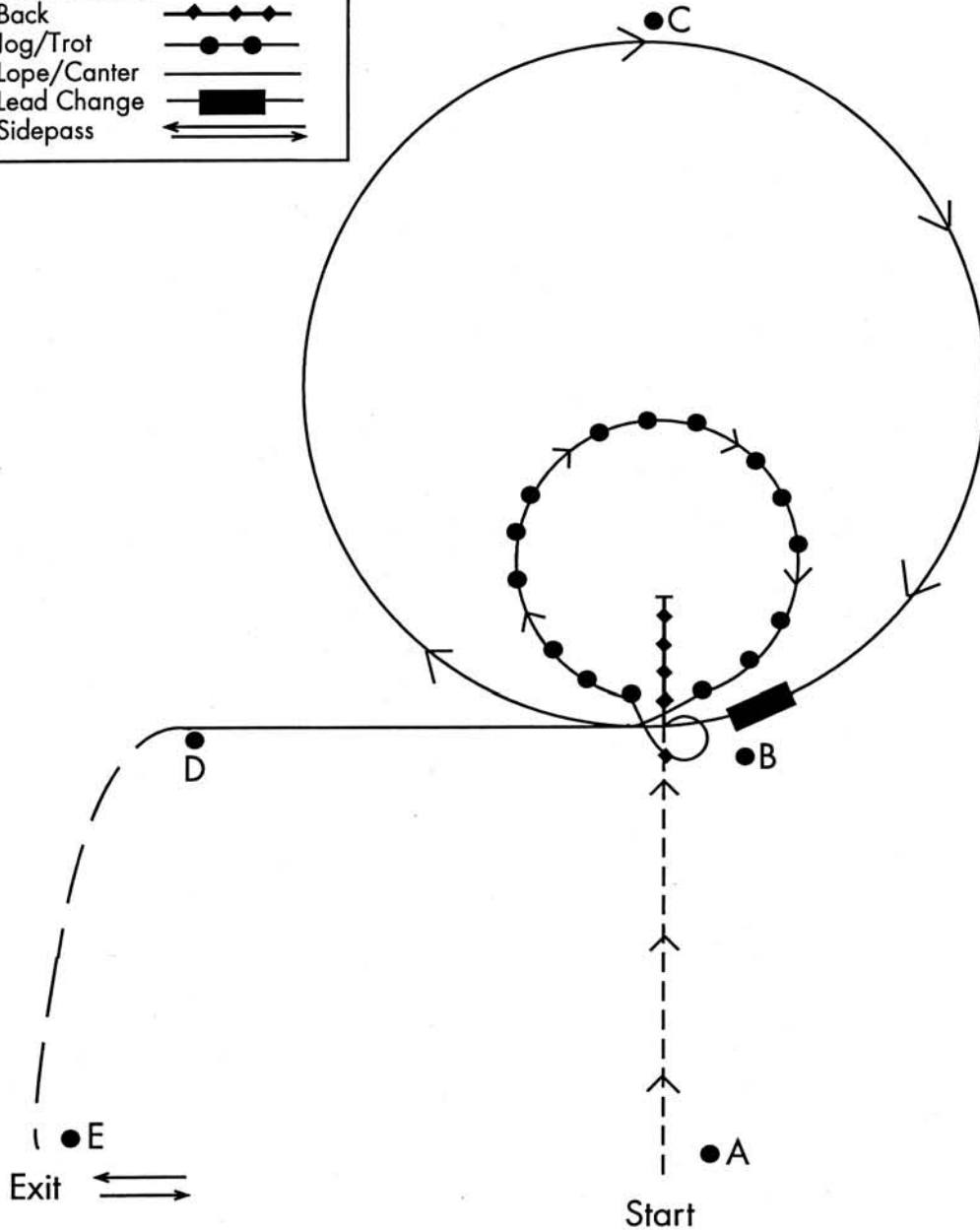
# Level IV Pattern A



1. Start pattern directly in front of Marker A and walk toward Marker B.
2. Jog/Trot (English - Posting Trot) a 30 ft. circle around Marker B.
3. Circle close and pick up right lead and Lope/Canter to Marker C.
4. Stop and back one horse's length.
5. Perform a left turn and Lope/Canter even with Marker B, on the left lead. When even with B change leads flying or simple.
6. When even with B pull down to an extended trot (English-Sitting Trot) to Marker D. Stop.
7. Sidepass left, sidepass right.

# Level IV Pattern B

Extended Trot	— — — —
Back	— ◆ — ◆ — ◆ —
Jog/Trot	— ● — ● —
Lope/Canter	— — — —
Lead Change	— ■ —
Sidepass	← — — — — →



1. Jog/ trot (English- sitting Trot) from Marker A past Marker B. Stop and back even with Marker B.
2. Turn 270° to the right and Jog/Trot (English- Posting Trot) a circle to the right at Marker B. At the close of the circle, pick-up right lead and Lope/Canter a circle bounded by Markers B and C.
3. At Marker B complete a change of leads, flying or simple, to the left lead.
4. Lope/Canter to Marker D, break to an extended trot (English-sitting Trot) to Marker E. Stop.
5. Sidepass left, Sidepass right.