

# 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.	

<b>In terms of safety, can the youth ...</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>Evaluator comments</b>			
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?						
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In a <i>safe and appropriate manner</i> , can the youth...		Yes	Evaluator comments
<b>Section 2A - Groundwork</b>	... 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?			
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<b>Section 2B - Riding</b>	... 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?			
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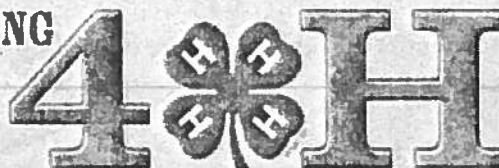
<b>Section 3 - Endorsements</b>			
<b>Trail</b>	... open, pass through, and close a gate?		
	... cross a bridge?		
	... weave between and cross over poles?		
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<b>Speed</b>	... demonstrate a controlled gallop?		
	... repeatedly demonstrate controlled turning of the horse while moving rapidly?		
	... repeatedly demonstrate a controlled stop from galloping?		
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<b>Roping</b>	... 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?		
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<b>Jumping</b>	... repeatedly cue their horse to go over jumps while it's in motion?		
	... repeatedly retain proper body position when horse is jumping?		
			Evaluator's name: <input type="text"/> Date: <input type="text"/> Initials: <input type="text"/>

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## Horse Safety Certification - Frequently asked questions

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### 1. I have been in the 4-H horse project for many years; do I need to do anything different?

Yes. You need to fulfill all items on the safety certification form for each horse with which you plan to compete. At the discretion of your certifying leader, Section 1 may be "grandfathered" but you'll need to pass off sections 2A and 2B for each horse. An official, completed form must be on file in the office before competing at a Wyoming 4-H sponsored or endorsed horse show which includes County Fair and the Wyoming State Fair.

**2. I am new to the 4-H horse project. What do I need to know?**

You will want to connect with the 4-H volunteer leaders that can help you get started. You can stop by the UW Extension office as a starter as well. They will help guide you through the safety certification process for horses with which you will be learning.

**3. What do I need to do to identify my horse since the old 4-H Horse ID's are not being used?**

The safety certification that you will do with your horse will be your horse ID. Part of the certification request is for a picture of your horse to be provided.

**4. Where do I fill out forms for a horse I am leasing?**

You don't need to anymore. We are encouraging you to have documentation for yourself with the legal owner of the horse on such an agreement, but the Extension Office will no longer be collecting or requiring them.

**5. What is different about the new 4-H Safety Certification and what was Level 1?**

The biggest difference is there is no written test to take. To pass the safety certification, you'll need to demonstrate to your county key horse leader all the items listed on the safety certification form with each horse with which you plan to compete.

**6. Can I certify multiple horses?**

Absolutely! You will need to fulfill a safety certification form for each and every horse that you will be riding and intend to compete with. You won't be able to compete in a 4-H sponsored/endorsed with a horse with which you have not fulfilled the safety certification form.

**7. Can I be certified safe on horses that I don't own?**

Yes! This allows you to learn how to be safe riding and competing. You do NOT need to own a horse to learn how to be safe riding one. However, you will need to complete a *4-H Safety Certification and ID Form* for EACH horse with which you plan to compete.

**8. By when do I need to have the safety certification completed?**

By the time the competition in which you are planning to enter occurs. Check with the show information for particulars, but usually they have an entry deadline. This applies to county fair and state fair shows that are sponsored/endorsed by the Wyoming 4-H Program.

**9. They gave me a card showing I passed the safety certification and which endorsements I have on each horse I am learning with but I lost it. Where can**

**I get another?**

Give your local UW County Extension office a call and they can help you get a new one.

**10. I am pretty good on my horse; can I compete with it in action events or roping?**

If you have fulfilled the safety certification for that horse AND have obtained the proper endorsement on the form, then the answer is YES.

**11. How do these changes affect the Levels program?**

The Levels program will be revamped over this next year and will reflect graduated horsemanship skills and knowledge. There probably won't be significant differences from what you currently are used to, but making them more contemporary.

**12. How does this affect my goal to pass off Level 3 this year?**

None. Please continue to advance. Your accomplishment will not be negatively impacted by any revisions. Congratulations on working toward such a lofty goal!

**13. Where do raters fit into the changes?**

Certified raters are still used to advance youth for recognition of their horsemanship skills. If you are a certified rater, please feel free to continue advancing youth. However, being a certified rater does not automatically allow you to certify youth as being safe. Please check with your county 4-H Educator to see how you can help youth.

**14. I am a certified rater for Level 1, can I help youth with this certification process now or do I need additional training?**

Depends. In each county, the county 4-H Educator identifies which of all the volunteer horse leaders are the county "key" leaders. If you are one of your county's key horse leaders that have been identified as being such by your county 4-H Educator, then yes you can help. If not, talk to your county 4-H Educator.

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