

# Wyoming 4-H Miniature 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 that is not the parent of the child nor the owner leasing the horse to the child. As progress occurs over time, additional "endorsements" can be added.

Section 1 evaluates the safety of the **youth** around a live horse and is to be completed by every youth in the 4-H Horse Project and

Section 2 evaluates the **horse** for safety interactions with the particular youth and is to be completed depending on the extent to which a youth intends to learn and compete.

2A- is for groundwork learning and showmanship/halter competitions

2B- is strictly for horses that will be used for carting competitions

Section 3 evaluates advanced and unique endorsements of **the horse** for competitive events such as trail and jumping.

Youth Name: _____	Horse Name/ID: _____
County: _____	Breed: _____
Evaluator: _____	Description/Picture: _____
Date: _____	Height: _____ Class A (34" & Under) Class B (35" to 38")

In a <i>safe and appropriate manner</i> , can the youth...			YES	Evaluator Comments
<b>Section 1 Youth</b>	...correctly identify, using correct terms, the following parts of the horse	Ears		
		Muzzle		
		Throat Latch		
		Withers		
		Girth		
		Chest		
		Back		
		Flanks		
		Pastern		
		Hoof		
	...show and explain the "safety zones" when being around a horse?			
	...demonstrate and explain how they should move around a horse?			
	...identify and explain safe location to tie up a horse?			
	...explain what is necessary and appropriate attire for safely working with a horse?			

Section 3- Endorsements				
<b>Trail</b>	...cross a bridge?			
	... cross over poles at a trot?			
	...siding? (min of 4 steps)			
	...cross over/through water?			
<b>Jumping</b>	...repeatedly cue their horse to go over jumps while in motion? (min of 3 jumps)			
	...repeatedly retain proper body position when horse is jumping? (min of 3 jumps)			

In a <i>safe and appropriate manner</i> , 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?			
	...make the horse back up?			
	...turn the horse to face different direction?			
	...trot the horse?			
	...pass through a latched gate by opening and closing it?			
Section 2B Carting	...correctly identify the following parts of a bridle	Bit		
		Headstall		
		Blinkers		
	...correctly identify the following parts of a harness?	Overcheck/ Side Check		
		Saddle/Belly band		
		Wrap strap		
		Shaft loop		
		Croup strap/ Crouper		
		Traces		
		Reins		
		Rein loops		
	...change from halter to bridle?			
	...clean the back and heart girth of horse to ensure safe harnessing?			
	...demonstrate proper harnessing of a horse with adjustments?			
	...properly adjust equipment for correct fit to the horse and driver? (Have them explain)			
	...mount and dismount? (Ask for reasons why the driver needs to be the first one in the cart)			
	...explain what a header is and what they are for?			
	...cart horse at a controlled walk?			
	...cart horse at a country trot?			
...cart horse at an extended trot?				
...cart the horse and make it stop?				
...back the horse while in the cart?				
...turn the horse to right and left while in the cart?				