

Skillathon Test Details, BEGINNER SKILLS DIVISION

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- Markings (pg. 77, 174 project book)

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Skillathon Test Details, INTERMEDIATE SKILLS DIVISION

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- Plants
- Med labels

Skillathon Test Details, SENIOR SKILLS DIVISION

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- Parts of the bridle and saddle
- Plants
- Med labels
- Skeletal system
 - axis, atlas, cervical vertebrae, thoracic vertebrae, lumbar vertebrae, sacral vertebrae, coccygeal vertebrae, scapula, ribs, patella, tarsus, first phalanx, middle phalanx, distal phalanx, phalanges, stifle joint, distal sesamoid, carpus, mandible, orbit

Barn Judging Details, BEGINNER SKILLS DIVION

Project Grooming:

- Horse should be clean and exhibit regular grooming.
- Hooves should display regular care by member and farrier.
- Mane and tail should be clean and tangle free.

Poster:

- Neat, educational, and completed by member only.
- Poster subject must align with member's project book and report.

Tack:

- Tack should be clean and conditioned.
- Tack does not need to be new, but must not show wear that is a safety hazard.
- Bridle and bit should be clean, put together properly, and have no missing pieces.
- Saddle pad should be free of dirt and hair, either through washing or brushing.

Parts of the horse:

- Locate five parts of the horse from the Skillathon kit.

Ability to pick up horse's feet:

Front foot:

- Stand beside the horse's front leg, facing the tail.
- Run your hand down the back of the leg. Squeeze the tendons and say, "pick up." When the horse lifts the hoof, hold the hoof, not the pastern.
- When you are finished, put the hoof down gently.

Hind hoof:

- Stand beside the horse's hindquarters, facing the tail.
- Run your hand down the hindquarters and leg. Squeeze the tendons, pull forward gently, and say, "pick up."
- When the horse lifts the hoof, the leg will move forward first. Use your hand to guide the leg back until it is slightly behind the horse. Bend your knees and slide your thigh behind the horse's hind leg. Hold the hoof, not the pastern.
- When you are finished, put the hoof down gently.

Safety Knot:

- Tie only to a solid object.
- Horse's head should be about the same level as it's back, to prevent a hoof from getting caught in the rope.
- Quick release knot must be used.

Beginner Questions:

- What markings does your horse have? If none, describe one face and one leg marking and where it is located on the horse. (page 77, 174 project book)
- How do you approach and catch a horse? (page 21, 174 project book)

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Junior Questions:

- What are the five types of nutrients that are essential for your horse? (page 57, 174 project book).
- How much water should a horse drink in a day? (page 57, 174 project book).

Barn Judging Details, INTERMEDIATE SKILLS DIVISION

Grooming:

- Horse should be clean and exhibit regular grooming.
- Hooves should display regular care by member and farrier.
- Mane and tail should be clean and fingers should be able to run through them easily.
- Sheath or udder, eyes, nostrils, and under tail area should be clean.

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- Bridle and bit should be clean, put together properly, and have no missing pieces.
- Saddle pad should be free of dirt and hair, either through washing or brushing.
- Stirrups should be clean.
- Any silver on tack should be clean and polished.
- Tack should show attention to detail, with no rub marks, clean under flap areas, no soap or polish residue, and no mold or dirt on hard-to-reach areas.

Parts of the horse:

- Locate ten parts of the horse from the Skillathon kit.

Ability to pick up horse's feet:

- See Beginner Division for details.

Safety Knot:

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Intermediate Questions:

- While you have the horse's foot picked up, name five parts of the hoof. (page 104, 174 project book).
- Describe three reasons you would put shoes on a horse. (page 108, 174 project book).

Barn Judging Details, SENIOR SKILLS DIVISION

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Senior Questions:

- What is a parasite, what are the two basic classes of parasites and name two examples of each. (pages 130-141, 174 project book).
- How old is your horse? Would you expect to see the Galvayne's groove, and why or why not? (page 117, 174 project book).