

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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## D-1 TEST SHEET

### (Traditional, Dressage, Hunter Seat Equitation)

Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Pony Club/Riding Center \_\_\_\_\_

District Commissioner/Center Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Before beginning test, Examiners must read "Guidelines for Club/Center Certifications- D-1 through C-2" and the D Level Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during test to include Grid and Jumping Exercises chart. Comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase.

**RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS:** Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating basic balanced position at the halt and walk, and control at the walk and trot.

**HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS:** The candidate is a beginning-level horse manager, willing to learn the simple routine necessary for safe handling of quiet, well-trained horses. His or her knowledge will vary widely depending on age, educational level, and experience.

<p><b>TURN OUT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider is to be in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the Standards of Proficiency (SOP).</li> <li>Mount neatly brushed; feet picked out (with assistance) and showing farrier care.</li> <li>Tack safe and neat (properly adjusted, with assistance if necessary).</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<p><b>RIDING ON THE FLAT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pick up and hold reins correctly at the halt.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt and walk.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drop and pick-up stirrups with feet while mounted at a halt.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride at the walk and trot, with control, keeping mount on rail.</li> <li>Demonstrate simple change of direction at the walk and trot.</li> <li>Perform gradual transitions from walk to trot and walk to halt.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider should demonstrate basic balanced position at the walk.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<p><b>RIDING OVER FENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk over poles on the ground in jumping position.</li> <li>Discuss with Examiner the reason for different positions when riding on the flat and over fences.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider should ride over poles demonstrating basic balanced position.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<p><b>CONDITIONING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Know one reason for cooling out mount after exercise.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<p><b>NUTRITION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Know how to give water, grain, hay, and tidbit to a mount safely.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<p><b>STABLE MANAGEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groom mount with brush and curry comb, pick out feet, with assistance.</li> <li>Tack up and untack mount, with assistance.</li> <li>Name any 10 parts of saddle and bridle.</li> <li>Know two reasons for cleaning tack.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<p><b>BREEDS, PARTS OF MOUNT, CONFORMATION &amp; LAMENESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name any 10 parts of the mount (such as mane, tail, leg, eye, etc.)</li> <li>Know color and breed of own mount.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>

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<p><b>TRAVEL SAFETY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Know basic rules of safe riding in a group, in an enclosed area.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<p><b>RECORD BOOK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring a stall card for own mount to show examiner.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<p><b>HEALTH CARE &amp; VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss what a veterinarian is.</li> <li>Give one reason a vet might treat your mount.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<p><b>LAND CONSERVATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbally list three different places in your area where horse activities take place. Include where you have your Pony Club mounted meetings.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<p><b>LEADING &amp; LONGEING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approach mount safely, put on halter, lead, and turn correctly and safely.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<p><b>FOOT &amp; SHOEING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give one reason to pick out hooves.</li> <li>Tell whether your mount wears shoes or not.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<p><b>VOLUNTEERISM (Pony Club Horsemasters Only)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss what being part of a volunteer organization means to you.</li> <li>Explain two ways you might be able to volunteer for the club/center you belong to.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>
<p><b>SAFETY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name two pieces of clothing or equipment that you should wear, for your safety, when you ride.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES          ___ DNMS          ___ MS</p>

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**COMMENTS** (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

When ALL sections have been tested, final Examiner sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

ES \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ DNMS \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Sections requiring retesting:

(up to total of five; not more than two riding)

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**A candidate may be re-tested as follows:**

- Retest to cover not more than five sections of the test (not more than two riding sections).
- A candidate may retest only if the candidate qualifies for a retest by passing the minimum number of sections stated on the test sheet and the original Examiner has recommended the candidate to retest.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking the entire test.
- Those testing during the current year have until December 1st of the following year to retest. Candidates must arrange for retests through their DC/CA.

ES \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Retest Examiner SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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