



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.



D-3 EVENTING COMBINED TEST SHEET

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 Standards of Proficiency (SOP). Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during test. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not meet Standard in any phase. PASS/FAIL SIGNATURE BLOCKS ARE PRESENTED AFTER EACH PHASE (HM, RIDING ON THE FLAT AND RIDING OVER FENCES).

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS: The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills without assistance, and to discuss care of the mount, beginning to use common horse terms.

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate rides in a basic balanced position with control at the walk, trot, and canter. Candidate is developing a secure base of support, balance, and a steady position over fences. Fences to 2'3". These expectations are applied to each block of the test.

PRESENTATION/TURNOUT AND TACK

- Rider in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the Standards of Proficiency (SOP).
- Mount to be well brushed (no sweat), clean (no dirt), with feet picked out, showing farrier care. Mane and tail brushed and eyes, nose, lips, and dock wiped off.
- Tack to be safe, especially stitching on stirrups/girth and clean. No jockeys or dust, stress points clean, stirrup pads (if used) clean, and bit clean. All tack must be properly adjusted.
- Groom and tack up independently.
- Describe the bit your mount is wearing and its adjustment.
- Describe 4 ways to correctly fit your mount's bridle so its is safe and comfortable for your mount.

___ ES
 ___ DNMS
 ___ MS

LEADING

- Lead safely from both sides at the walk.
- Demonstrate correctly jogging a mount in a bridle and turning your mount in the correct direction which is away from you. (Whip may be carried and, if necessary, used to move mount forward.)

___ ES
 ___ DNMS
 ___ MS

BANDAGING

- Describe 5 critical areas protected by shipping bandages or boots.
- Describe the area a stable bandage covers and what materials are used.
- Under direct supervision, apply 1 protective boot and 1 bell boot to a mount's leg and apply 1 polo wrap to a front leg with assistance if needed.

___ ES
 ___ DNMS
 ___ MS

FOOT AND SHOEING

- Name 3 parts of the hoof.
- Describe 3 obvious signs of a foot needing shoeing or trimming.

___ ES
 ___ DNMS
 ___ MS

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MS = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

<p>BREEDS, PONY PARTS, CONFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate and name 20 parts of the mount. • Name 10 equine breeds. • Know 1 common conformation fault for each of the following: head, neck, shoulder, back, and pasterns. • Describe the eyes' location and how this affects the mount's vision. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<p>HEALTH AND MAINTENANCE RECORD BOOK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a hard copy (in a folder/binder or stapled) of mount's Health and Maintenance Record Book that contains records for at least 3 months prior to the test. In addition to the information from the previous level, records must contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Dated list of routine care (vaccinations, deworming, shoeing, dentistry). ◇ Daily schedule of care which may include grooming, riding, clinics etc. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<p>STABLE MANAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss steps and reasons for cleaning a stall. • Demonstrate and discuss the proper methods of hanging a water bucket and hay net/hay bag at a proper height for your mount, at either a trailer or stall. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<p>TRAVEL SAFETY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss safety rules for riding on public roads. • Describe the proper steps to load and unload a mount. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<p>NUTRITION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give 5 basic rules of feeding. • Describe how feeds are measured and weighed. • Discuss the amount of roughage and the amount of concentrates per ration for own mount. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<p>LAND CONSERVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name 3 important rules when riding across privately or publicly owned land. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>

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CONDITIONING

- Describe care of mount after strenuous work, to include cooling out, checking legs, watering, and feeding.
- Describe 2 signs that a mount might not be fit enough for the work asked.
- Describe the normal range of vital signs (TPR) of a mount at rest.

___ ES
___ DNMS
___ MS

HEALTH CARE AND VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE

- Name 3 symptoms of a sick or injured mount that would cause you to seek help.
- Name 3 diseases your horse can be vaccinated against.

___ ES
___ DNMS
___ MS

TEACHING

- Describe how you assisted at 1 unmounted Pony Club activity.

___ ES
___ DNMS
___ MS

RIDER SAFETY

- Name 2 items of rider equipment that are required when you ride in a Pony Club mounted lesson.
- Give 2 examples of when a riding helmet needs replacing.

___ ES
___ DNMS
___ MS

Horse Management Comments (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

Examiner sign here: _____ DATE: _____

ES ___ MS ___ DNMS ___ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: _____

Sections requiring retesting: up to 4 HM sections

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

Retest Examiner SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

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Candidates name: _____

RIDING ON THE FLAT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate correct mounting, using mounting block if necessary. • Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt. 		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
WARM UP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot. • Demonstrate mount's warm-up routine for everyday work . • Ride mount at walk, rising trot with correct diagonals, sitting trot, and correct canter leads. 		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
MOVEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate 20 meter circles showing correct bend in both directions at all gaits. 		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot. 		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and demonstrate arena etiquette for riders at different gaits and traveling in different directions. 		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a halt. • Discuss aids for and demonstrate a simple step back of 1-2 steps. 		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss performance including rider's basic balanced position, whether or not circles were round, and if natural aids correctly influenced the mount. 		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

Riding on the Flat Comments (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

Examiner sign here: _____ DATE: _____

ES ____ MS ____ DNMS ____ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: _____

Sections requiring retesting: up to 2 Flat sections

_____ ES ____ MS ____ DNMS ____

Retest Examiner SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

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Candidates name:

<p>RIDING OVER FENCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride over small gymnastic grid of trot poles followed by a cross rail, then a vertical set at, but not exceeding, 2'3". Grid to be set at appropriate distances for mount's stride. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride a simple stadium course at the canter consisting of 5–7 obstacles, including a simple oxer in an enclosed area. The majority of fences set at, but not exceeding, 2'3". 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss reasons for adjusting stirrups for different types of work. Discuss performance and reasons for any disobediences. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<p>RIDING IN THE OPEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss ways to control mount in the open. Ride safely with a group on a suitable mount, at the walk and trot, over varied terrain, through shallow water and small ditches as occur in natural terrain, as local conditions allow. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride over 4-5 simple cross-country obstacles ranging from 2' - 2'3". The majority of fences set at, but not exceeding, 2'3". D-3 speed should not exceed 300 mpm, as appropriate for the size of the mount. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance and pace. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider demonstrates development of a secure base of support, steady position, and balance over cross-country fences. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
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Riding Over Fences Phase Comments (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

Examiner sign here: _____ DATE: _____

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: _____

Sections requiring retesting: up to 2 Jumping sections

_____ ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

Retest Examiner SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

General Rules on Retest

- A candidate may retest only if the candidate qualifies for a retest by passing the minimum number of sections stated on the test sheet.
- Those testing during the current year have until December 1st of the following year to **complete all retest**. Candidates must arrange for retests through their DC/CA.



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