

**For: Candidate and Examiner**

**Guidelines For Longeing At The C-3 Testing**  
(Supplement to the USPC Examiner Handbook)

1. Use of Aids: Longeing is an equestrian skill; correct voice commands and body commands, as well as the use of line and whip, are essential to effective control of the horse. Candidates are expected to understand the reasons for and use of appropriate aids. Candidates are expected to longe in boots, breeches, gloves, approved helmet and wear a watch.
2. Equipment: To begin the progression as a trainer, the C-3 should know fit and use of the equipment. Candidates will use equipment (which may include side reins) appropriate to the horse and acceptable to the owner, as described in the USPC booklet Longeing. Minimum tack required will included: bridle or cavesson, a longe line with no chain, appropriate whip/lash length to be effective, and saddle or surcingle. Protective leg gear, if used and /or required by the owner, must be properly fitted. Candidates bring his/ her own equipment.
3. Horse's Performance on the Longe: Candidates will be expected to longe a capable horse that they provide on a circle appropriate for the horse. Candidates must demonstrate safe longeing techniques with proper use of voice, body position and equipment. It is expected that the horse will be longed safely and in control at the walk and trot. A canter may be demonstrated if appropriate to the horse's level of training, and sufficient control and balance are being achieved.
4. Borrowed Horse—A candidate does not have to longe his/her riding horse. S/he could bring a separate longeing horse, or borrow another candidate's horse. If borrowing another candidate's horse, the borrowed horse's condition must be considered for the duration of the testing. A candidate may only longe a horse that s/he is **familiar with** and **has practiced** longeing the horse **prior** to this portion of the testing.
5. Unsuitable Horse—If an examiner feels that a horse is unsuitable, the PIP (first among equals) has the authority to dismiss the mount from the longeing portion of the test and has the responsibility to explain why the horse is being dismissed. An "unsuitable" mount is defined as unsafe or dangerous to other riders or horses in the group, or is over faced by the nature of the test. When a candidate has the option to longe another horse, the decision of what to longe is made by the candidate and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian. See "Borrowed Horse" #4. An examiner may not suggest another horse.
6. Evaluation of Longeing Performance: Candidates will discuss how their own effectiveness influenced the horse's performance relating to safety and control

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USPC Guide to Longeing and Ground Training

USPC Manual of Horsemanship, Vol. II

USPC Guide to Successful Longeing Video