

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.



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TRADITIONAL “C-3” TEST SHEET

National Examiners will use this form when conducting a Traditional C-3 Rating. The candidate will receive a copy of the completed form following the examination. The original is sent to the National Office within four days of the test and returned in due course to the candidate. A copy will be sent from the National Office to the Regional Supervisor and District Commissioner. To achieve the rating, candidates must meet the standard in each section. **Examiners must have a copy of the appropriate Standard to use with the test sheet.**

Candidate's name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Name of Pony Club _____

District Commissioner _____ Region _____

Riding Test Expectations: *The candidate should maintain a basic balanced position that is developed through an independent seat, and is demonstrated by the coordinated use of the aids on the flat, over fences, and in the open. The candidate should initiate and maintain free forward movement with smooth transitions and a steady, light feel of the mount's mouth. The candidate should discuss and evaluate the aids used. The candidate should show confidence and control at all gaits on the flat, over fences, and in the open.*

Presentation of Horse and Rider		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correct formal or informal attire - Effective presentation and control - Mount well groomed: ears, nose, eyes, dock, sheath/udder, mane and tail - Tack clean and safe - Discuss purpose and fit of mount's equipment 		_____ES _____DNMS _____MS
Bandaging		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stable and shipping bandage - Discuss purposes and dangers involved with shipping and stable bandages 		_____ES _____DNMS _____MS
Dressage		
Warm Up		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate warm up for dressage - Evaluate warm up; discussing organization and reasons 		_____ES _____DNMS _____MS
Required Movements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 and 20 meter circles - Half circles - Straight lines - Demonstrate moving mount away from the leg (sideways) at walk or trot - Demonstrate increase & decrease of speed at each gait - Discuss difference between increase of speed and lengthening of stride - Maintain a basic balanced position with and without stirrups - Evaluate performance (bend, forward motion, accuracy of transitions) 		_____ES _____DNMS _____MS

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard	MS = Meets Standard	DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard
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Switch ride

- Demonstrate ability on different mount, initiating free forward movement at each gait, showing confidence and control
- Evaluate performance and differences from own mount

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Riding over fences

Gymnastics

- Discuss reasons for different lengths of stirrups and the affect on position for different types of work
- Demonstrate warm up for jumping, using exercises appropriate for own mount, including simple gymnastic grid, not to exceed 3'3"
- Demonstrate work without stirrups through simple gymnastic grid on own mount (not to exceed 2'9")
- Evaluate exercises used, including distances, in simple gymnastic grid

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Stadium

- Ride over stadium course not to exceed 3'3"
- Evaluate performance and ways ride could be improved

___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS

Switch Ride

- Ability on different mount over stadium fences (not to exceed 2'9")
- Evaluate performance and how mount differs from own

___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS

Riding in the Open *(must be done)*

- Ride at a gallop in the open, alone and in a group
- Demonstrate a knowledge of pace while riding in a galloping position. Ride at 240 meters per minute, developing 350-400 mpm
- Ride over cross-country obstacles at height (3'3") and pace (350-400 mpm) appropriate to terrain
- Evaluate performance, pace and reasons for any disobediences
- Evaluate mount's condition (vital signs)

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Longeing

- Supervision is required in the testing of longeing
- Demonstrate proper fit of equipment, including bridle or cavesson, saddle or surcingle (side reins are allowed if appropriate)
- Longe own mount, appropriate to mount's ability, demonstrating safe longeing techniques and proper use of aids (voice, body position, etc) at the walk, trot, and/or canter, while initiating free forward movement and smooth transitions, making horse appropriate for the C-3 rider

_____ ES _____ DNMS _____ MS

GENERAL REMARKS

Attitude and maturity for level of testing

Security and confidence for level of testing

Suggestions for improvement

_____ Meets Standards _____ Withdraw Date Tested _____	_____ Does Not Meet Standard	Signature of Examiners PIP _____ _____ _____
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A candidate may be retested ONLY on bandaging and/or longeing.

- Retest must take place within **the calendar year** and must be completed over a one-day period.
- Failure of either section on retest day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
 (Examiner for portions retested)