



2012 D1-C2 STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY

WHAT'S NEW IN THE STANDARDS

Global changes:

- Cover page is reformatted and includes new logo and colors.
- Horse Management standards appear before Riding Test Expectations.
- References to “pony” have been changed to “mount”.
- References to “rating” have been changed to “testing” or “certificates”.
- References to ASTM/SEI approved helmet has been revised to meet USPC Policy 0125A which recognizes other national & international safety bodies.
- All attire includes “medical armband”.
- Some references to “feet” or “foot” have been changed to “hooves” or “hoof”.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE D-1 STANDARDS HORSE MANAGEMENT

OLD

- **Stable Management:**
 - Bring stall card for own mount to test.

NEW

- *Moved to the Record Book section.*
- **Parts of Mount, Conformation & Lameness:**
 - Know color & breed of own mount.
- **Foot & Shoeing:**
 - Tell whether your mount wears shoes or not.



**THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE
D-1 RIDING EXPECTATIONS!**

WHAT'S NEW IN THE D-2 STANDARDS HORSE MANAGEMENT

OLD

- **Pony Parts, Conformation & Lameness:**
 - Name four horse or pony breeds.

NEW

- **Horse Sports (*new section*):**
 - Name two horse sports.
- **Parts of Mount, Conformation & Lameness:**
 - Name six horse or pony breeds.

OLD

- **Stable Management:**
 - Bring a stall card for own mount to show examiner.
Discuss what we put on a stall card.
- **Turnout/Tack:**
 - Apply (with assistance of examiner if needed) protective boots and bell boots, if appropriate, to mount's leg.

NEW

- **Record Book (*new section*):**
 - Bring a stall card for own mount to show examiner.
Discuss what is included on a stall card.
- **Bandaging:**
 - Demonstrate (with assistance of examiner) how to apply protective boots and bell boots, if appropriate, to mount's leg.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE D-2 STANDARDS RIDING EXPECTATIONS

OLD

- **Riding in the Open:**
 - Ride safely and considerately, on public or private property, in a group, at the walk and trot.
 - Jump a minimum of three simple and natural obstacles. The majority of fences should be set at, but not exceed, 18". No ditches, banks or water. May be jumped at the trot.

NEW

- **Riding on the Flat:**
 - Discuss how to pass others safely while riding in an enclosed area.
- **Riding in the Open:**
 - Ride safely and considerately, on a suitable mount, on public or private property, in a group, at the walk and trot.
 - Jump a minimum of three simple and natural obstacles. The majority of fences should be set at, but not exceed, 18" in height or 18" in width. No ditches, banks or water. All fences may be jumped at the trot.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE D-3 STANDARDS HORSE MANAGEMENT

OLD

- **Conditioning/Nutrition:**
 - Know vital signs of mount at rest.

NEW

- **Conditioning/Nutrition:**
 - Know vital signs of mount at rest and what TPR stands for.
 - Describe two indications a mount may not be fit enough for the work asked of him/her.
- **Parts of Mount, Conformation & Lameness:**
 - Name 6 horse breeds, four pony breeds, and five draft horse breeds.

OLD

NEW

- **Health Care & Veterinary Knowledge:**
 - Describe location of eye and how this affects the mount's vision.
- **Leading & Longing:**
 - Discuss longeing equipment and use.
- **Foot & Shoeing:**
 - Name three parts of the hoof.
 - Discuss signs of thrush and hoof abscess.
- **Boots & Bandaging:**
 - Describe a stable bandage and give two reasons they can be used.
 - Apply polo wraps with assistance.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE D-3 STANDARDS RIDING EXPECTATIONS

OLD

- **Riding on the Flat:**
 - Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot under direction of examiner.

NEW

- **Riding on the Flat:**
 - Shorten and lengthen reins at the halt, walk, and trot.
 - Demonstrate mount's warm-up routine for everyday work under examiner supervision.
 - Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot ~~under direction of examiner.~~

OLD

- **Riding on the Flat: (cont.):**
 - Ride mount on flat demonstrating 20 meter circles showing correct positioning in both directions at walk, at sitting and rising trot with correct diagonals and at the canter with correct leads.

NEW

- **Riding on the Flat (cont.):**
 - Ride mount on the flat at walk, rising trot with correct diagonals, sitting trot and at the canter with correct leads.
 - Demonstrate 20-meter circles showing correct riding position in both directions at all gaits.
 - Demonstrate passing others safely while riding in an arena or ring at the walk and trot.

OLD

- **Riding Over Fences:**
 - *All references to jump height were 2'6".*
 - Jump a simple stadium course of five to seven obstacles. The majority of fences should be set at, but not exceed, 2'6".
 - Discuss performance, reasons for any disobediences.

NEW

- **Riding Over Fences:**
 - *All references to jump height are now 2'3".*
 - In an enclosed area, jump a simple stadium course of five to seven obstacles, including a simple oxer. The majority of fences should be set at, but not exceed, 2'3".
 - Discuss performance with examiner and reasons for any disobediences.

OLD

- **Riding in the Open:**
 - *All references to jump height were 2'6".*

NEW

- **Riding in the Open:**
 - *All references to jump height are now 2'3".*



WHAT'S NEW IN THE C-1 STANDARDS HORSE MANAGEMENT

OLD

- **Conditioning:**
 - Discuss what is meant by conditioning and how to condition for a particular Pony Club activity of your choice.

NEW

- **Conditioning:**
 - Discuss the meaning and reasons for conditioning of mount.
 - Describe how to condition mount for a particular Pony Club activity of your choice.
 - Know the acceptable ranges for temperature, pulse and respiration for a mount at rest and the importance of these numbers.

OLD

- **Stable Management:**
 - Be able to put a blanket on mount safely.

NEW

- **Stable Management:**
 - Safely put a blanket on a mount.
 - Demonstrate proper adjustment of blanket/sheet and halter. (*moved from Turn Out/Tack*)
 - Discuss general barn safety procedures for your barn or where your horse is stabled.
 - Describe proper use of fire extinguisher and how to tell if it is fully charged.

OLD

- **Pony Parts, Conformation & Lameness:**

NEW

- **Breeds, Pony Parts, Conformation & Lameness:**
 - Name three to four types of teeth found in a horse's mouth.
 - Name five coat colors or patterns which include white on the body.
 - Name one breed that excels in each of these disciplines: racing, dressage, games, vaulting, eventing, foxhunting, hunter/jumper, endurance, driving and western.

OLD

- **Travel Safety:**
- **Health Care & Veterinary Knowledge:**
 - Discuss: Regular worming control for own mount; how and why to deworm new mounts in barn.
 - ~~– Measure and record pulse, temperature and respiration of own mount at rest with assistance of examiner. (in C2 Conditioning section)~~

NEW

- **Travel Safety:**
 - Discuss safety precautions for riding on a trail including additional precautions during hunting season.
- **Health Care & Veterinary Knowledge:**
 - Discuss: Regular worming control for own mount; how and why to deworm new mounts in barn and use of fecal test.
 - Know the reason for having a Coggins test done.

OLD

- **Foot & Shoeing:**

NEW

- **Foot & Shoeing:**
 - Discuss causes of thrush and prevention.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE C-1 STANDARDS RIDING EXPECTATIONS

OLD

- **Riding on the Flat:**
 - Ride test consistently demonstrating riding test expectations.
 - Discuss candidate's warm-up for both rider and mount with examiner.

NEW

- **Riding on the Flat:**
 - Ride on the flat test consistently demonstrating riding test expectations.
 - Discuss candidate's warm-up for both rider and mount with examiner using terms and understanding from the training pyramid.

OLD

- **Riding on the Flat: (cont.):**
 - Work mount at walk, trot and canter, with smooth transitions, demonstrating correct bend, performing straight lines on centerline, 20-meter circles, and figure eights with simple transitions at each gait.

NEW

- **Riding on the Flat: (cont.):**
 - Work mount at walk, trot and canter, with smooth transitions, demonstrating ~~correct bend, performing~~ straight lines on centerline.
 - Perform 20-meter circles, and figure eights with simple transitions at each gait demonstrating correct bend.

OLD

- **Riding on the Flat (cont.):**
 - Demonstrate a rein back (2-3 simple steps back).

NEW

- **Riding on the Flat (cont.):**
 - Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot.
 - Discuss aids for and demonstrate a rein-back of 2-3 simple steps back).
 - Discuss arena etiquette for riders at different gaits.

OLD

- **Riding Over Fences:**
 - Ride over jump course of 6-8 obstacles; include a two-stride combination set at an appropriate distance for mount's stride. The majority of fences should be set at, but not exceed, 2'9". Grid distances and two-stride combination may be adjusted for individual mounts.
 - Discuss performance with Examiner, including steadiness of pace and ways ride could be improved.

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- **Riding Over Fences:**
 - Ride over jump course of 6-8 obstacles; include a two-stride combination set at an appropriate distance for mount's stride. The majority of fences should be set at, but not exceed, 2'9". ~~Grid distances and two-stride combination may be adjusted for individual mounts.~~
 - Discuss performance with Examiner, including rhythm, tempo and balance ~~steadiness of pace~~ and ways ride could be improved.

OLD

- **Riding in the Open:**
 - Ride safely with control in a group, on a suitable mount, at the walk, trot, and canter.

NEW

- **Riding in the Open:**
 - Ride safely with control in a group, on a suitable mount, at the walk, trot, and canter over varied terrain, through shallow water and small ditches as occur in natural terrain when available.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE C-2 STANDARDS

HORSE MANAGEMENT

OLD

- **Turnout/Tack:**
 - Mount to be thoroughly groomed, reflecting regular care with a healthy coat; no sweat or dirt. Mane and tail brushed with no dandruff. Sheath or udder showing regular attention. Feet picked out and reflecting regular farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips, dock clean.

NEW

- **Turnout/Tack & Bits:**
 - Mount to be thoroughly groomed, reflecting regular care with a healthy coat; no sweat or dirt. Mane and tail brushed with little, if any, dandruff. Sheath or udder showing regular attention. Feet picked out and reflecting regular farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips, dock clean.

OLD

- **Conditioning:**
 - Measure and record pulse, temperature and respiration of own pony at rest in front of Examiner.

NEW

- **Turnout/Tack & Bits (cont.):**
 - Name three different snaffle bits.
 - Discuss the basic action of the snaffle bit.
- **Conditioning:**
 - Measure and record pulse, temperature and respiration of own mount at rest under supervision with assistance if necessary.

OLD

- **Nutrition:**

- **Stable Management:**

NEW

- **Nutrition:**
 - Look at feed label and identify sources of protein, carbohydrates, and fat (can bring own label).

- **Stable Management:**
 - Discuss emergency information that should be posted at all barns.

OLD

- **Pony Parts, Conformation & Lameness:**

NEW

- **Breeds, Pony Parts, Conformation & Lameness:**
 - Discuss angles of shoulder and hip of own mount.
 - Identify and/or describe parts of the horse's mouth to include bars, lips, incisors, molars, wolf teeth and canines.
 - Differentiate between: tobiano and overo; dun and buckskin; grey and cremello.
 - Discuss how conformation of own mount is related to breed.

OLD

- **Longeing:**
 - Longe own mount for exercise in an enclosed area with assistance.

NEW

- **Longeing:**
 - Longe own mount, with assistance if necessary, at walk and trot in both directions in an enclosed area while demonstrating the correct use of equipment, body position, posture and voice. ~~for exercise in an enclosed area with assistance.~~

OLD

- **Foot & Shoeing:**

- **Bandaging:**

NEW

- **Foot & Shoeing:**

- Discuss reasons for shoeing versus not shoeing.
- If shod, discuss features of own mount's shoes.
- Describe use of a foot poultice.

- **Bandaging:**

- Discuss possible effects of poor bandaging.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE C-2 STANDARDS RIDING EXPECTATIONS

OLD

- **Riding on the Flat:**
 - Discuss candidate's warm-up for rider and mount.
 - Discuss aids for and demonstrate a rein-back of 2-3 steps.

NEW

- **Riding on the Flat:**
 - Discuss candidate's warm-up for rider and mount using terms and understanding the training pyramid.
 - ~~– Discuss aids for and~~
Demonstrate a rein-back ~~of~~ (2-3 simple steps back).

OLD

- **Riding Over Fences:**
 - Perform simple gymnastic grid, exercises set at appropriate distances for mount's stride at trot or canter, finishing with an ascending oxer set at 3'. Fences not to exceed 3'.
 - Discuss performance with Examiner, including rhythm, maintained throughout the course.

NEW

- **Riding Over Fences:**
 - Ride over a simple gymnastic grid, exercises set at appropriate distances for mount's stride at trot or canter, finishing with an ascending oxer, set at but not to exceed 3' set at appropriate distances for mount's stride at trot or canter. ~~Fences not to exceed 3'.~~
 - Discuss performance with Examiner, including the quality of the canter maintained throughout the course and ways ride could be improved.

OLD

- **Riding in the Open:**
 - Ride in a group, at the walk, trot, and canter on a suitable mount.
 - Discuss performance with Examiner, including reasons for any disobediences.

NEW

- **Riding in the Open:**
 - Ride safely with control in a group, on a suitable mount, at the walk, trot, and canter ~~on a suitable mount.~~ over varied terrain, through shallow water and small ditches as occur in natural terrain.
 - Discuss performance with Examiner, giving reasons including reasons for any disobediences and suggested corrections.



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