

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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D-1 WESTERN 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 Level Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during test. 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 jog.

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.

TURN OUT

- Rider is to be in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the Standards of Proficiency (SOP).
- Mount neatly brushed; feet picked out (with assistance) and showing farrier care.
- Tack safe and neat (properly adjusted, with assistance if necessary).

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___ DNMS
___ MS

RIDING ON THE FLAT

- Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary.

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- Pick up and hold reins correctly at the halt.

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- Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt.

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- Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt and walk.

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- Drop and pick-up stirrups with feet while mounted at a halt.

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

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

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.

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Retest Examiner SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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