



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.



## C-1 HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION 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 to include Grid and Jumping Exercises chart. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase.

**RIDING EXPECTATIONS:** Candidate should ride with confidence and control on the flat and over fences, demonstrating a hunter seat equitation position and use of natural aids. The candidate should begin riding mount forward in balance and rhythm while developing a light contact. Fences 2'9". These Expectations are applied to each block of the test.

### RIDING ON THE FLAT

- Demonstrate and discuss warm-up routine for everyday flat work for both rider and mount.
- Work mount at walk, trot, and canter with smooth transitions, incorporating straight lines and circles, with correct bend and simple transitions at each gait. Include a canter figure 8 with a simple change of lead through the trot.

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- Discuss and demonstrate indirect rein, direct rein, and leading rein (opening) rein.
- Develop a hand gallop from a canter and return to canter smoothly.
- Discuss aids for and demonstrate a rein back (2-3 simple steps back).

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- Demonstrate half-turn on forehand from the halt.
- Ride without stirrups at the walk, sitting and rising trot, and canter.
- Discuss performance to include: rider's position and light contact, and mount's forward movement in a consistent rhythm.

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<p><b>RIDING OVER FENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride over small gymnastic grid of 3 fences finishing with an ascending oxer set at, but not exceeding, 2'9" and set at appropriate distances for mount's stride (adjust for individual mounts).</li> <li>Discuss appropriate distances for grid and course.</li> <li>Discuss your plan for riding the below course.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">       ___ ES                  ___ DNMS        ___ MS     </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride a jumping course of 8 –10 obstacles to include 1 halt, 1 trot fence, related distances, verticals, ramped oxer and a combination (2 strides) with a majority of fences set at, but not exceeding, 2'9", with appropriate distances for individual mounts. Course will contain 2 changes of direction.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">       ___ ES                  ___ DNMS        ___ MS     </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss performance to include: consistency of pace, rhythm, tempo, relaxation, balance, and how ride could be improved.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">       ___ ES                  ___ DNMS        ___ MS     </div>
<p><b>RIDING IN THE OPEN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride safely with control in a group at the walk and trot outside of the ring.</li> <li>Discuss performance including reasons for any problems encountered.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">       ___ ES                  ___ DNMS        ___ MS     </div>

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**COMMENTS** (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

Examiner sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ES \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ DNMS \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of two)

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**A candidate may be re-tested as follows:**

- Retest to cover not more than two sections of the test.
- A candidate may retest only if the candidate qualifies for a retest by passing the minimum number of sections stated on the test sheet.
- 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.

ES \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Retest Examiner SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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