



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

C-2 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 C-2 Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride with confidence and control on the flat and over obstacles and patterns, demonstrating a secure western balanced position and progress toward an independent seat and coordinated use of aids. The candidate should begin to initiate free forward movement, establishing balance and rhythm while developing a light contact appropriate to bit.

RIDING ON THE FLAT-WARM UP

- Discuss the meaning of the Riding Expectations. Ride consistently demonstrating riding test expectations.
- Demonstrate warm-up for flat work including rider exercises.
- Discuss candidate's warm-up for rider and mount.
- Discuss warm-up schedule for three different activities of candidate's choice.

___ ES
 ___ DNMS
 ___ MS

MOVEMENTS

- Work mount at walk, jog, and lope, changing directions at least twice in each gait, using coordinated aids, maintaining even rhythm, balance, impulsion, and smooth transitions.
- Demonstrate large and small circles, figure eights, serpentine and work on the center or quarter lines to develop suppleness and straightness.

___ ES
 ___ DNMS
 ___ MS

- Demonstrate walk to extended walk, jog to extended jog.
- Stop squarely and stand quietly for five seconds.

___ ES
 ___ DNMS
 ___ MS

- Ride mount without stirrups at all gaits

___ ES
 ___ DNMS
 ___ MS

- Discuss aids for and demonstrate a rein back of 2-3 steps.
- Discuss aids for and then demonstrate leg yield at walk.

___ ES
 ___ DNMS
 ___ MS

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

MS = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

C-2 WESTERN TEST SHEET (Continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a hand gallop from a lope and return to lope smoothly. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform 2-3 simple-turn around (spins) in each direction. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner including the rider's position, and whether mount was moving forward in balance and rhythm. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<p>RIDING OBSTACLES AND PATTERNS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss reasons for adjusting stirrups and rein length for different types of work. Develop a plan of how to ride an obstacle course. Ride course according to plan. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner, including whether control was maintained throughout the course. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should demonstrate secure Western basic balanced position over obstacles, showing control and use of aids. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop plan to ride a pattern Discuss performance with Examiner, including whether control was maintained throughout the pattern. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<p>RIDING IN THE OPEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride in a group at the walk, jog and lope on a suitable mount. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate riding safely over varied terrain, as conditions allow. Discuss safety measures when riding over varied footing, (e.g., water, mud, rocks, ice, bog, hard ground, sand, pavement). 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride over five to seven obstacles. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner, including reasons for any disobedience. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

Examiner sign here: _____ DATE: _____

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: _____

Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of three)

A candidate may be re-tested as follows:

- Retest to cover not more than three sections of the test.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking the entire 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.
- 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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