



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.



## C-2 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 progress toward an independent seat and coordinated use of aids. The candidate should ride mount forward, establishing balance, rhythm and elasticity while maintaining contact. Fences 3'. These Expectations are applied to each block of the test.

<p><b>RIDING ON THE FLAT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate and discuss warm-up for flat work for mount and rider, including rider exercises.</li> <li>• Work mount at walk, trot and canter, using coordinated aids, maintaining even rhythm, balance, elasticity and smooth transitions.</li> </ul>	<p>____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate circles, half-circles, figure eights, and serpentines to develop suppleness and straightness.</li> <li>• Demonstrate simple change of lead down center of ring.</li> <li>• Demonstrate canter on the counter lead.</li> <li>• Discuss aids for a flying changes.</li> </ul>	<p>____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate a halt and stand quietly for five seconds.</li> <li>• Demonstrate a rein-back of 2-3 steps.</li> <li>• Demonstrate half-turn on haunches through the walk on the rail.</li> <li>• Ride without stirrups at all gaits.</li> <li>• Discuss performance to include: the rider's position and contact, and mount's forward movement in rhythm, elasticity, and balance.</li> </ul>	<p>____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS</p>

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<p><b>RIDING OVER FENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform simple gymnastic grid exercises set at appropriate distance for mount's stride at the trot, finishing with an ascending oxer set at 3'.</li> <li>• Discuss grid performance to include: its influence on rhythm, suppleness and impulsion.</li> <li>• Discuss appropriate distances for grid and course.</li> <li>• Discuss different releases: short crest, long crest and following (automatic).</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss your developed plan for riding the assigned equitation course.</li> <li>• Ride over jump course of 8-10 obstacles to include related distances, 1 combination (1 stride), a single, a rollback, verticals and ramped oxers with a majority of fences set at, but not exceeding, 3'.</li> <li>• Ride course according to plan.</li> <li>• Discuss performance to include: rhythm, tempo, suppleness and acceptance of the aids maintained throughout the course and ways ride could be improved .</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </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 disobedience.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto;"> <p>___ ES</p> <p>___ DNMS</p> <p>___ MS</p> </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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