

## Mounted Skills (C-1 Hunter Seat Equitation)

*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 freely forward in balance and rhythm while developing a light contact.*

**The C-1 check-list is a valuable tool to evaluate a member's readiness to test. It is recommended that this check-list be used to evaluate a candidate no earlier than 90 days prior to the certification.** The evaluator should sign the "Signature" block when a candidate satisfactorily performs the necessary skills while demonstrating both horse management and riding expectations for the standard without instruction/coaching. If the member is not able to demonstrate the standard, the evaluator should provide detailed comments on what improvements the candidate needs to make in order to demonstrate the standard. An evaluator must be able to give an impartial evaluation of the candidate's proficiency at the standard. The "D-1 through C-2 Examiner's Handbook" and the last page of the "Standards of Proficiency" outlines the qualities of an examiner that is appropriate to use.

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### Riding on the Flat

- Ride test consistently demonstrating riding test expectations.
- Demonstrate mount's warm-up routine for everyday work.
- Discuss candidate's warm-up for both rider and mount with examiner.
- Work mount at walk, trot and canter, with smooth transitions, demonstrating correct bend, performing straight lines, circles, and figure eights with simple transitions at each gait. Develop a steady trot and canter in a rhythm. Demonstrate long rein, loose rein and light contact at walk and trot.
- Ride without stirrups at the posting trot.
- Demonstrate a rein back (2-3 simple steps back).
- Discuss performance with examiner discussing the following; the rider's hunter seat equitation position, whether or not mount was moving freely forward in balance and rhythm, and whether rider established a light contact.

Evaluator's Comments:

### Riding Over Fences

- Ride over fences using Riding Expectations.
- Ride over small gymnastic grid of three fences finishing with an ascending oxer set at, but not exceed, 2'9" set at appropriate distances for mount's stride.
- Ride over jump course of 8 to 10 obstacles; include a 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 combination should be adjusted for individual mounts.
- Discuss performance with Examiner, including steadiness of pace and how ride could be improved.

Evaluator's Comments:

### Riding in the Open

- Ride safely with control in a group, on a suitable mount, at the walk and trot outside of the ring.
- Discuss performance with Examiner giving reasons for any problems encountered.

Evaluator's Comments: