

Mounted Skills (D-2 Hunter Seat Equitation)

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without leading line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe hunter seat equitation position at the walk and trot, and should begin to develop the canter and jumping position. No need to canter over fences.

The D-2 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 on flat using Riding Expectations.
- Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary).
- Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk.
- Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and halt and discuss 1 or 2 reasons for doing this.
- Ride at the walk, performing simple turns and large circles.
- Ride without stirrups at the walk.
- Ride at the trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and large circles.
- Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads.
- Discuss performance with Examiner, indicating whether or not mount was on correct lead.

Evaluator's Comments:

Riding Over Fences

- Ride over fences using Riding Expectations.
- Maintain jumping position at the trot on the flat and over ground poles.
- In an enclosed area, ride a simple jumping course of four to eight obstacles of cross rails and verticals. The majority of fences should be set at, but not exceed, 18".
- Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride. .

Evaluator's Comments:

Riding In The Open

- Ride safely and considerately at the walk outside the ring.

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