

Mounted Skills (D-3 Hunter Seat Equitation)

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in a hunter seat equitation position with control at the walk, trot, and canter. Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences.

The D-3 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.
- Demonstrate correct mounting (using mounting block if necessary).
- Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt.
- Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot under direction of examiner.
- Ride mount on flat demonstrating circles showing correct positioning in both directions at walk, at sitting and rising trot with correct diagonals and at the canter with correct leads.
- Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot.
- Demonstrate an increase and decrease of speed either alone or with others as appropriate.
- Demonstrate a halt followed by a simple step back.
- Discuss performance with examiner including the effectiveness of rider's hunter seat equitation position, and whether or not circles were round and natural aids were used correctly

Evaluator's Comments:

Riding Over Fences

- Ride over fences using Riding Expectations.
- Ride over small gymnastic grid of trot poles followed by a cross rail, then a vertical set at, but not to exceed, 2'3" set at appropriate distances for mount's stride.
- Jump a simple jumping course of eight obstacles. The majority of fences should be set at, but not exceed, 2'3".
- Discuss performance, including reasons for any problems or disobediences.

Evaluator's Comments:

Riding in the Open

- Ride safely with a group at the walk and trot outside of the ring.
- Discuss ways to control a mount in the open.
- Discuss performance with Examiners.

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