

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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C-1 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 C-1 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 use of natural aids. The candidate should begin riding mount freely forward in balance and rhythm while developing a light contact. Please refer to USEF Rulebook, subchapter EQ-2 Hunter Seat Equitation.

<p>RIDING ON THE FLAT - WARM UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate mount's warm-up routine for everyday work. • Demonstrate suppling exercises for rider without stirrups at walk. • Discuss candidate's warm-up for both rider and mount with Examiner. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<p>MOVEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<p>RIDING OVER FENCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <u>appropriate distances</u> for mount's stride. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner, including steadiness of pace and how ride could be improved. 		___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should demonstrate a correct hunter seat equitation position over fences, maintaining control throughout the course. 		___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS
<p>RIDING IN THE OPEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride safely with control in a group, on a suitable mount, at the walk, trot outside the ring. 		___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner giving reasons for any problems encountered. 		___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

Examiner sign here: _____ DATE: _____

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: _____

Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of two)

A candidate may be re-tested as follows:

- Retest to cover not more than two 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 and the original Examiner has recommended the candidate to retest.
- 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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