

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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C-1 WESTERN 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. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride with confidence and control on the flat and over obstacles and patterns demonstrating a basic western balanced position and use of natural aids. The candidate should begin riding mount freely forward in balance and rhythm while developing a light contact appropriate to bit and an independent seat.

<p>RIDING ON THE FLAT - WARM UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate suppling exercises for rider without stirrups at walk. • Demonstrate mount's warm-up routine for everyday work. • 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, jog and lope, with smooth transitions, demonstrating correct bend, performing straight lines on centerline, and quarter lines. Ride large and small circles and figure eights with simple transitions at each gait. • Demonstrate long, loose and light contact at walk. • Back 2-3 steps 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss aids for and then demonstrate a simple turn-around (spin) in each direction. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss performance with examiner on the following; the rider's basic western balanced position, whether or not mount was moving freely forward in balance and rhythm, and whether rider established a light contact (appropriate to bit) and use of natural aids. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<p>RIDING OBSTACLES AND PATTERNS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride through obstacles and patterns as per Riding Expectations. • Ride over small gymnastic grid of poles set at appropriate length for mount. Demonstrate proper hand position for mount over poles. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete an obstacle course of six to ten obstacles, to include poles (walk and jog over), halt, walk, jog, lope, back with a change of direction, turn, side-passing, a single-hand maneuver (such as a 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a simple pattern 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner, including steadiness of pace and ways ride could be improved. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<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 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss and demonstrate riding safely over varied terrain, incorporating as many of the following elements as local conditions allow: hills, small/shallow ditches, flat open areas and shallow streams as 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner giving reasons for any disobedience. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS

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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