

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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C-2 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-2 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 secure hunter seat equitation position and progress toward an independent seat and coordinated use of aids. The candidate should begin to initiate free forward movement, establishing balance and rhythm while developing a light contact. Please refer to USEF Rulebook, subchapter EQ-2 Hunter Seat Equitation sections.

<p>RIDING ON THE FLAT-WARM UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate warm-up for flat work including rider exercises. Discuss candidate's warm up for rider and mount. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<p>MOVEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work mount at walk, trot, and canter, changing directions at least twice in each gait, using coordinated aids, maintaining even rhythm, balance, impulsion, and smooth transitions. Demonstrate circles, half-circles, figure eights, and serpentine to develop suppleness and straightness. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate a free walk on a long rein, returning to a walk on contact. Demonstrate a halt and stand quietly for five seconds. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride mount without stirrups at all gaits 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss aids for and demonstrate a rein-back of 2-3 steps. Discuss aids for and demonstrate moving mount away from leg laterally. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a hand gallop from a canter and return to canter smoothly. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with examiner including the rider's position, and whether mount was moving forward in balance and rhythm. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

MS = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

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RIDING OVER FENCES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride over fences using Riding Expectations. Discuss reasons for adjusting stirrups for different types of work. Perform simple gymnastic grid exercises of 4 to 5 fences set at <u>appropriate distances</u> for mount's stride at trot, finishing with an ascending oxer set at 3'. Fences not to exceed 3'. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a plan of how to ride a hunter seat equitation course. Course to consist of 8-10 jumps. The majority of fences should be set at, but not exceed 3'. Ride course according to plan. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner, including rhythm maintained throughout the course. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should demonstrate a correct hunter seat equitation position over fences, maintaining control and rhythm throughout the course. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
RIDING IN THE OPEN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride in a group at the walk, trot, and canter on a suitable mount outside of ring. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner, including 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: _____