

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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C-2 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-2 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 secure western balanced 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 appropriate to bit.

<p>RIDING ON THE FLAT-WARM UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the meaning of the Riding Expectations. Ride consistently demonstrating riding test expectations. Demonstrate warm-up for flat work including rider exercises. Discuss candidate's warm-up for rider and mount. Discuss warm-up schedule for three different activities of candidate's choice. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<p>MOVEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work mount at walk, jog, and lope, changing directions at least twice in each gait, using coordinated aids, maintaining even rhythm, balance, impulsion, and smooth transitions. Demonstrate large and small circles, figure eights, serpentine and work on the center or quarter lines to develop suppleness and straightness. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate walk to extended walk, jog to extended jog. Stop squarely 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 then demonstrate leg yield at walk. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

MS = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a hand gallop from a lope and return to lope smoothly. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform 2-3 simple-turn around (spins) in each direction. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<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. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
RIDING OBSTACLES AND PATTERNS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss reasons for adjusting stirrups and rein length for different types of work. Develop a plan of how to ride an obstacle course. Ride course according to plan. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance with Examiner, including whether control was maintained throughout the course. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should demonstrate secure Western basic balanced position over obstacles, showing control and use of aids. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop plan to ride a pattern Discuss performance with Examiner, including whether control was maintained throughout the pattern. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
RIDING IN THE OPEN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride in a group at the walk, jog and lope on a suitable mount. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate riding safely over varied terrain, as conditions allow. Discuss safety measures when riding over varied footing, (e.g., water, mud, rocks, ice, bog, hard ground, sand, pavement). 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride over five to seven obstacles. 		___ 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 three)

A candidate may be re-tested as follows:

- Retest to cover not more than three 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: _____