

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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D-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 D Level 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.

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe basic balanced position at the walk and jog, and should begin to develop the lope.

<p>RIDING ON THE FLAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary) • Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk 		<p>___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at halt and walk and discuss one or two reasons for doing this. • Ride at the walk, performing simple turns and large circles. • Ride without stirrups at the walk. 		<p>___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride at the jog on correct diagonal performing simple turns and large circles with proper bend. 		<p>___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride at the lope in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads. 		<p>___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rider should demonstrate control while maintaining a safe balanced position at the walk and jog. 		<p>___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss performance with Examiner. Candidate should be aware of diagonals and mount's leads. 		<p>___ ES ___ MS ___ DNMS</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate emergency dismount at the walk. (<i>Pony Club Horsemasters-in lieu of performing emergency dismount, discuss conditions in which an emergency dismount is to be performed.</i>) 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss how to pass others safely while riding in an enclosed area. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<p>RIDING OVER OBSTACLES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a balanced position at the jog, on the rail, and over poles. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In an enclosed area, complete a simple obstacle course to include poles (walk and jog over), halt, walk, jog, backing turns, and navigation around cones or upright poles. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should demonstrate control while developing a safe basic balanced position through the obstacle course. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<p>RIDING IN THE OPEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride safely and considerately on public or private property, in a group, at the walk and jog. Ride with control, up and down hills at the walk and jog, if available. Discuss two or three things to do to show “good manners” or courtesy while riding on someone else’s property (e.g. regarding gates, planted rows in fields, etc.) 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigate several natural obstacles, to include logs (no more than 12”), trees, and small divots (lowered sections of ground), where available. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS

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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: _____

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