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"D-3" HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION TEST SHEET

Candidate's name _____

Address _____

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-3 Hunter Seat Equitation Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for D 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. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in a hunter seat equitation position with control at the walk, trot, and canter. Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences. Please refer to USEF Rulebook, subchapter EQ-2 Hunter Seat Equitation sections EQ109–EQ110.

RIDING ON THE FLAT

- Demonstrate correct mounting (using mounting block if necessary).
- Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt.

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WARM UP

- Demonstrate mount's warm-up routine for everyday work under examiner supervision.
- Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot.
- Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot.
- Discuss at least three reasons for doing balancing/suppling exercises.

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MOVEMENTS

- Ride mount on the flat demonstrating circles showing correct hunter seat equitation position in both directions at all gaits.
- Demonstrate increase and decrease of speed either alone or with others, as appropriate.
- Demonstrate passing others safely while riding in an arena at the walk and trot.
- Demonstrate a halt, followed by a simple step back.

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- Rider should show a correct hunter seat equitation position through the flat work. Discuss performance with examiner, including rider's position, and whether or not circles were round and natural aids correctly influenced the mount.

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KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

MS = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

RIDING OVER FENCES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider over small gymnastic grid of trot poles followed by a cross rail, then a vertical set at, but not to exceed, 2'3" set at appropriate distances for mount's stride. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jump a simple stadium course of 8 obstacles. The majority of fences should be set at but not to exceed 2'3". Discuss performance and reasons for any problems or disobedience. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should show correct hunter seat equitation position over fences, applying natural aids consistently. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
RIDING IN THE OPEN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride safely with a group, at the walk and trot, outside the ring. Discuss ways to control mount in the open Discuss performance with Examiner. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

SIGNATURE: _____

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Sections requiring retesting: (not more than 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 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.

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
 (Examiner for portions retested)