

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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## D-3 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 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 in a basic balanced position with control at the walk, jog and lope. Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while riding through obstacles and out in the open.

<p><b>RIDING ON THE FLAT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate correct mounting (using mounting block if necessary).</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES ___ MS      ___ DNMS</p>
<p><b>WARM UP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and jog under direction of Examiner.</li> <li>Ride without stirrups at the sitting jog.</li> <li>Demonstrate a simple step back.</li> <li>Discuss at least three reasons for doing balancing/ suppling exercises.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES ___ MS      ___ DNMS</p>
<p><b>MOVEMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride mount demonstrating large circles showing correct positioning of mount in both directions at walk, jog, and at the lope with correct leads.</li> <li>Demonstrate increase and decrease of speed either alone or with others as appropriate.</li> <li>Demonstrate emergency dismount at the jog in an enclosed arena. (<i>Pony Club Horsemasters-in lieu of performing emergency dismount, discuss conditions in which an emergency dismount is to be performed.</i>)</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES ___ MS      ___ DNMS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider should show a basic balanced position through the movements, and discuss performance with Examiner including rider's basic balance position, and whether or not circles were round and natural aids were used correctly.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES ___ MS      ___ DNMS</p>

**KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard**

**MS = Meets Standard**

**DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard**

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<p><b>RIDING OVER OBSTACLES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete a simple obstacle course of five to seven obstacles, to include poles (walk and job over), halt, walk, jog, backing, turns, side-passing, a single-hand maneuver and navigation around cones or upright poles.</li> <li>• Discuss performance and reasons for any disobedience.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES ___ MS      ___ DNMS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rider should show a base of support while developing balance and a steady position through the obstacle course and any disobediences.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES ___ MS      ___ DNMS</p>
<p><b>RIDING IN THE OPEN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rider safely with a group, at the walk and jog, over varied terrain, through shallow water and small ditches as occur in natural terrain, if available.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES ___ MS      ___ DNMS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rider should show a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position while in the open.</li> </ul>		<p>___ ES ___ MS      ___ DNMS</p>

**COMMENTS** (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

Examiner sign here: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ES \_\_\_ MS \_\_\_ DNMS \_\_\_ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of two)

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**A candidate may be re-tested as follows:**

- Retest to cover not more than two sections of the 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.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking the entire test.
- 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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