

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.



A National Organization to Teach Riding, Mounted Sports, and Care of Horses and Ponies to Those Under Twenty-One

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## “C-1” TEST SHEET

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pony Club \_\_\_\_\_

District Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Before beginning test, Examiners must read “Guidelines for Club Rating Tests – D-1 through C-2” and the C-1 Standard, including “Information for Candidates,” “Testing Information,” and “Examiners.” Comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests. *The test will follow, as far as possible, the order given below.***

### RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS

**Candidate should ride with confidence and control on the flat and over fences, demonstrating a basic balanced position and use of natural aids and should begin to initiate free forward movement and begin to establish a light feel of pony’s mouth.**

#### RIDING ON THE FLAT

#### COMMENTS

Warm up for everyday work, to include some warm up exercises.

ES \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss value of warm up exercises.

MS \_\_\_\_\_

Ride at walk, trot and canter, with smooth transitions,  
performing circles and figure 8’s at each gait.

DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Demonstrate long rein, loose rein, and  
light contact at the walk.

Discuss performance, including whether  
or not pony was moving freely forward.

ES \_\_\_\_\_

Perform suppling exercises, for rider without stirrups:  
walk, sitting trot.

MS \_\_\_\_\_

DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Demonstrate aids to move pony away  
from the leg at halt (sideways).

Describe three artificial aids and their use.

ES \_\_\_\_\_

Perform emergency dismount at trot.

MS \_\_\_\_\_

DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Rider should show firm basic  
balanced position, using natural  
aids and control in initiating free  
forward movement with a light feel  
of pony’s mouth.

ES \_\_\_\_\_

MS \_\_\_\_\_

DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard**

**M = Meets Standard**

**DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard**

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**C-1 TEST SHEET (Continued)****RIDING OVER FENCES****COMMENTS**

Perform gymnastic exercises for rider over trotting poles, followed by small fence (max. 2'3"), developing into small grid (three fences max., not to exceed 2'3").

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Ride over stadium course, six to 8 obstacles, including a two-stride combination, no obstacle to exceed 2'9".

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss performance, pace and ways ride could be improved.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

**RIDING IN THE OPEN**

Ride safely with a group, at the walk, trot and canter.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss and/or demonstrate, if time available, riding safely over hills, ditches, low banks, flat open areas, streams.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Ride over cross-country obstacles not to exceed 2'9".

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss performance, giving reasons for any disobediences.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

Rider shows firm basic balanced position over fences while riding with control.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

**C-1 TEST SHEET (Continued)**

**HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS**

The candidate should show a developing awareness of cause and effect in the care of own pony. He/she should be familiar with local common horse terms. Assistance is recommended in demonstration of bandaging.

**TURN OUT**

**Attire:** Correctly formal or informal, or as designated by DC.

**Pony:** Well-groomed, reflecting regular care.

**Tack:** Safe, clean and well adjusted, reflecting regular care.

**COMMENTS**

ES \_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_

**CONDITIONING**

Discuss conditioning and how to condition for Pony Club activity of candidate's choice.

ES \_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_

**NUTRITION**

Describe how feeds are measured and weighed; know amount and type of feed for own pony; describe characteristics of good and bad feed, watering, and pasture.

ES \_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_

**STABLE MANAGEMENT**

Discuss bedding appropriate to area. Describe conditions which foster internal & external parasites, procedure for parasite control, in pasture and stall management, ways to control flies, but eggs.

ES \_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_

Discuss types and causes of stable vices. Describe and give reasons for three types of clipping. Put a blanket or sheet on pony.

ES \_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_

**CONFORMATION & LAMENESS**

Identify good and bad points of basic leg conformation. Describe five common unsoundnesses (location and outward appearance).

ES \_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL SAFETY**

Discuss basic equipment needed for pony's safety and comfort during trailer travel. Demonstrate knowledge of Trailer Safety Checklist.

ES \_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_

**RECORD BOOK**

Review candidate's Pony Health Maintenance Record Book (A minimum of 6 months prior to testing, to include immunizations, worming schedule, teeth, shoeing, etc.).

ES \_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_

**C-1 TEST SHEET (Continued)**

**HEALTH CARE / VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE**

Describe how to treat minor wounds.  
Discuss regular working routine for own pony,  
how and why to de-worm new horses in barn.  
Know health care schedule for own pony  
to include dates of inoculations (tetanus,  
encephalomyelitis, etc.) deworming,  
shoeing, and teeth floating.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

**INTRODUCTION TO HORSE SPORTS**

List all the horse sports  
offered in USPC.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHING**

Under direct supervision, perform and explain  
reasons for a safety and tack inspection for  
a D Pony Club member.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

**LONGEING**

Discuss reasons for longeing, necessary  
equipment and safety procedures.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

**FOOT & SHOEING**

Discuss five steps in shoeing.  
Recognize farrier tools and use.

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

**BANDAGING**

Apply a shipping bandage (with assistance  
of examiner, if needed).

ES \_\_\_\_\_  
MS \_\_\_\_\_  
DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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ES \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ DNMS \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Sections requiring retesting:  
(up to total of eight; not more than four riding)

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

- This test has a total of 26 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* eight sections of the test (not more than four riding sections).
- Retest must take place within one month and must be completed in one day.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

ES \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Examiner for portions retested)