

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

“A HAPPY CHILD ON A HAPPY HORSE” • “HORSEMANSHIP FOR YOUTH”

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“D-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 D-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.

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS

Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without leading line, demonstrating basic balanced position at the halt and walk, and control at the walk and trot.

RIDING ON THE FLAT

Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary.

COMMENTS

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

Hold reins correctly at the halt.

ES _____

Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt.

MS _____

Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt and walk.

DNMS _____

Ride at the walk and trot,
with control, keeping pony on rail.

ES _____

MS _____

DNMS _____

Demonstrate simple change of
direction at the walk and trot.

ES _____

MS _____

DNMS _____

Perform gradual transitions
from walk to trot and walk to halt.

ES _____

MS _____

DNMS _____

Rider should demonstrate basic
balanced position at the walk.

ES _____

MS _____

DNMS _____

RIDING OVER FENCES

Walk over poles on the ground in jumping position.

ES _____

Discuss with Examiner the reason for different
positions when riding on the flat and over fences.

MS _____

DNMS _____

Rider should ride over poles
demonstrating basic balanced position.

ES _____

MS _____

DNMS _____

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

M = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

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D-1 TEST SHEET (Continued)

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS

The candidate is a beginning-level horse manager, willing to learn the simple routine necessary for safe handling of quiet, well-trained horses. His or her knowledge will vary widely depending on age, educational level, and experience.

TURN OUT

COMMENTS

Rider in safe and neat attire	ES _____
Pony neatly brushed; feet picked out (with assistance) and showing farrier care.	MS _____ DNMS _____
Tack safe and neat (properly adjusted, with assistance if necessary)	

PARTS OF PONY / TACK

Name 10 parts of saddle and bridle (any).	ES _____
Know two reasons for cleaning tack	MS _____
Name any 10 parts of the pony (such as mane, tail, let, etc.).	DNMS _____

STABLE MANAGEMENT

Groom pony with brush and currycomb, pick out feet, with assistance.	ES _____ MS _____
Give one reason to pick out feet.	DNMS _____
Tack up and untack pony, with assistance.	

LEADING / LONGEING / CONDITIONING / NUTRITION

Approach pony safely, put on halter, lead and turn correctly and safely.	ES _____ MS _____
Know one reason for cooling out pony after exercise.	DNMS _____
Know how to give water, grain, hay and tidbit to pony safely.	

HEALTH CARE / VETERINARIAN

Discuss what a veterinarian is.	ES _____
Give one reason why the vet might treat your pony.	MS _____ DNMS _____

ROAD AND TRAVEL SAFETY

Know basic rules of safe riding in a group, in an enclosed area.	ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____
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COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Sections requiring retesting:

(up to total of four; not more than two riding)

A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- This test has a total of 14 sections.
- Retest to cover not more than four sections of the test (not more than two 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)