



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

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 during test. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase.

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in a basic balanced position with control at the walk, jog and canter. Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while riding through obstacles and out in the open.

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| <p>RIDING ON THE FLAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate correct mounting (using mounting block if necessary). | | <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> |
| <p>WARM UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and jog under direction of Examiner. Ride without stirrups at the sitting jog. Demonstrate a simple step back. Discuss at least three reasons for doing balancing/suppling exercises. | | <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> |
| <p>MOVEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride mount demonstrating large circles showing correct positioning of mount in both directions at walk, jog, and at the lope with correct leads. Demonstrate increase and decrease of speed either alone or with others as appropriate. Demonstrate emergency dismount at the jog in an enclosed arena. (<i>Adult members-in lieu of performing emergency dismount, discuss conditions in which an emergency dismount is to be performed.</i>) | | <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | | <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> |

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

MS = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

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| <p>RIDING OVER OBSTACLES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Discuss performance and reasons for any disobedience. | | <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should show a base of support while developing balance and a steady position through the obstacle course and any disobediences. | | <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> |
| <p>RIDING IN THE OPEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | | <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should show a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position while in the open. | | <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</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)

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.
- 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 _____ DATE: _____

Retest Examiner SIGNATURE: _____



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