



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

D-1 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 Level Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during test. Comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase.

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating basic balanced position at the halt and walk, and control at the walk and jog.

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.

<p>PRESENTATION/TURNOUT AND TACK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider is to be in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the Standards of Proficiency (SOP). Groom mount and pick out hooves with assistance if needed. Tack up with assistance if necessary. Name 6 saddle parts and 4 bridle parts. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<p>RIDING ON THE FLAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick up and hold reins correctly at the halt. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick up stirrups at halt. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt and walk. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>

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D-1 WESTERN TEST SHEET (Continued)

Candidates Name:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride at the walk and jog, with control, keeping mount on rail. Demonstrate simple change of direction at the walk and jog. Perform gradual transitions from walk to jog and walk to halt. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should demonstrate basic balanced position at the walk. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<p>RIDING OVER OBSTACLES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk over a single pole on the ground in balanced position. Discuss with Examiner the reason for different hand positions when riding on the rail and through various obstacles. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rider should ride over poles demonstrating basic balanced position. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<p>LEADING/LONGEING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approach mount safely and put on halter. Demonstrate walk-halt-walk transitions and turning in the correct direction. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<p>FOOT AND SHOEING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give 1 reason to pick out a mount's hoof. Tell whether your mount wears shoes or not. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<p>BREEDS, PONY PARTS, COLORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate and name 10 parts of the mount. Name color and breed of own mount. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<p>HEALTH AND MAINTENANCE RECORD BOOK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring a completed USPC stall card for own mount and explain why it is important. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS
<p>STABLE MANAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give 2 reasons for cleaning tack. 		<input type="text"/> ES <input type="text"/> DNMS <input type="text"/> MS

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TRAVEL SAFETY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know basic rules of safe riding in a group in an enclosed area. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
NUTRITION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate how to feed a treat to a pony. Give 1 example of a succulent. Discuss why and how often water should be available. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
CONDITIONING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give 1 reason for cooling out mount after exercise. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
LAND CONSERVATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name 2 different places in your area where you see horse activities taking place. Include where you have your Pony Club mounted meetings. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
HEALTH CARE AND VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss what a veterinarian is. Give 1 reason the veterinarian might need to provide care for your mount. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
TEACHING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name 1 of your instructors where you ride. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
RIDER SAFETY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name 3 pieces of clothing or equipment that you should wear for your safety when you ride. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS
EQUINE SPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name 2 disciplines listed on the USPC website. 		___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS

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COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

When ALL sections have been tested, final Examiner sign here: _____

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

Sections requiring retesting:

(up to total of five; not more than two riding

A candidate may be re-tested as follows:

- Retest to cover not more than a total of five sections of the test (not more than two riding sections).
- 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 _____

Retest Examiner SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____



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