



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.



D-3 HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION 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 to include Grid and Jumping Exercises chart. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase.

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in a hunter seat equitation position with control at the walk, trot, and canter. Candidate should demonstrate a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position on the flat and over fences. Fences 2'3". These Expectations are applied to each block of the test.

<p>RIDING ON THE FLAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate correct mounting (using mounting block if necessary). Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt. Discuss reasons for adjusting stirrups for different types of work. Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate mount's warm-up routine for everyday work under examiner supervision. Ride at the walk, sitting and rising trot on correct diagonal, and canter on the correct leads, demonstrating circles with correct bend in both directions. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride a figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. Demonstrate an increase and decrease of speed at walk and trot. Demonstrate a halt followed by a simple step back. Ride without stirrups at the rising trot. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance to include: the effectiveness of rider's position, correct use of natural aids, and roundness of circles. 		<p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p>

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<p>RIDING OVER FENCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride over small gymnastic grid of trot poles followed by a cross rail, then a vertical set at, but not exceeding, 2'3" and set at appropriate distances for mount's stride. (Adjust for individual mounts). 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride a jumping course of 8 obstacles to include 2 changes of direction, 2 ramped oxers (stationery ground lines), with a majority of fences set at, but not exceeding, 2'3". 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss performance to include reasons for any problems or disobediences. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> </div>
<p>RIDING IN THE OPEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride safely with a group at the walk and trot outside of the ring. Discuss performance including ways to control mount outside the ring. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;"> <p>___ ES ___ DNMS ___ MS</p> </div>

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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 _____

Retest Examiner SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



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