

## Mounted Skills (D-1 Dressage)

*RIDING 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 trot.*



**The D-1 check-list is a valuable tool to evaluate a member's readiness to test. It is recommended that this check-list be used to evaluate a candidate no earlier than 90 days prior to the certification.** The evaluator should sign the "Signature" block when a candidate satisfactorily performs the necessary skills while demonstrating both horse management and riding expectations for the standard without instruction/coaching. If the member is not able to demonstrate the standard, the evaluator should provide detailed comments on what improvements the candidate needs to make in order to demonstrate the standard. An evaluator must be able to give an impartial evaluation of the candidate's proficiency at the standard. The "D-1 through C-2 Examiner's Handbook" and the last page of the "Standards of Proficiency" outlines the qualities of an examiner that is appropriate to use.

### Riding on the Flat

- Ride on flat using Riding Expectations (see above).
- Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary.
- Pick up and hold reins correctly at halt.
- Pick up stirrups at halt.
- Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt.
- Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt and walk.
- Ride at the walk and trot, with control, keeping mount on rail.
- Demonstrate simple change of direction at the walk and trot.
- Perform gradual transitions from walk to trot and walk to halt.

Evaluator's Comments:

Signature  
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Date

### Riding Over Ground Poles/Cavaletti

- Walk over a single pole on the ground in jumping position.

Evaluator's Comments:

### Riding in the Open

- Not applicable .

Evaluator's Comments: