

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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"D-1" WESTERN TEST SHEET



Candidate's name _____

Address _____

Name of Pony Club/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 Western D-1 Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during the certification. 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 mounts. His or her knowledge will vary widely depending on age, educational level, and experience.

TURN OUT

- Rider is to be in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the Western SOP.
- Mount neatly brushed; feet picked out (with assistance) and showing farrier care.
- Tack safe and neat (properly adjusted, with assistance if necessary)

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

RIDING ON THE FLAT

- Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

- Hold reins correctly at the halt.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

- Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

- Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt and walk.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

- Drop and pick-up stirrups with feet while mounted at a halt.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

M = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

<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. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rider should demonstrate basic balanced position at the walk. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>

RIDING OVER OBSTACLES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk over poles on the ground in a balanced position. • Discuss with Examiner the reason for different hand positions when riding on the rail and through various obstacles. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rider should ride over poles demonstrating basic balanced position. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>

CONDITIONING

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know one reason for cooling out mount after exercise. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
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NUTRITION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know how to give water, grain, hay, and tidbit to a mount safely. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
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STABLE MANAGEMENT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groom mount with brush and curry comb, pick out feet, with assistance. • Tack up and untack mount, with assistance. • Name 10 parts of saddle and bridle (any). • Know two reasons for cleaning tack. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
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BREEDS, PARTS OF MOUNT, CONFORMATION & LAMENESS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name any 10 parts of the mount (such as mane, tail, leg, eye, etc.). • Know color and breed of own mount. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> ____ES ____DNMS ____MS </div>
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TRAVEL SAFETY

- Know basic rules of safe riding in a group, in an enclosed area.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

RECORD BOOK

- Bring a stall card for own mount to show examiner.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

HEALTH CARE & VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE

- Discuss what a veterinarian is.
- Give one reason a vet might treat your mount.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

LAND CONSERVATION

- Verbally list three different places in your area where horse activities take place. Include where you have your Pony Club mounted meetings.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

LEADING & LONGEING

- Approach mount safely, put on halter, lead and turn correctly and safely.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

FOOT & SHOEING

- Give one reason to pick out hooves.
- Tell whether your mount wears shoes or not.

____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

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 20 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)