

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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## "D-2" TEST SHEET

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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-2 Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for D 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. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.

**RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS:** Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe basic balanced position at the walk and trot, and should begin to develop the canter and jumping position. No need to canter over fences.

**HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS:** The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills, with assistance if necessary, and should understand the basic reasons for the everyday routines of caring for his or her own mount.

### TURN OUT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the SOP.</li> <li>Mount to be clean and well brushed, with hooves picked out and showing farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips, and dock wiped off.</li> <li>Tack is to be safe and clean, and properly adjusted (with assistance if necessary), with attention to stitching, girth, and stirrups. No obvious jockeys or heavy dust on mount.</li> <li>Name and locate 15 parts of saddle and bridle. Name 3 different bits.</li> <li>Demonstrate (with assistance of examiner) how to apply protective boots and bell boots, if appropriate, to mount's leg.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">                 _____ES                  _____DNMS                  _____MS             </div>
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### RIDING ON THE FLAT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary)</li> <li>Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">                 _____ES                  _____DNMS                  _____MS             </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at halt and walk and discuss one or two reasons for doing this.</li> <li>Ride at the walk, performing simple turns and large circles.</li> <li>Ride without stirrups at the walk.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">                 _____ES                  _____DNMS                  _____MS             </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride at the trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and large circles.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">                 _____ES                  _____DNMS                  _____MS             </div>

**KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard**

**MS = Meets Standard**

**DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads.</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss performance with Examiner, indicating whether or not mount was on correct lead.</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider should demonstrate control while maintaining a safe balanced position at the walk and trot.</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate emergency dismount at the walk in an enclosed arena.</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss how to pass others safely while riding in an enclosed area.</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS

**RIDING OVER FENCES**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain jumping position at the trot, on the flat, and over ground poles.</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In an enclosed area, ride a simple stadium course of four to five obstacles of cross rails and verticals (no spreads). The majority of fences must be set at, but not exceed, 18”.</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider should demonstrate control while developing a safe basic balanced position over fences (No need to canter over fences.)</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride.</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS

**RIDING IN THE OPEN**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride safely and considerably on public and private property, in a group, at the walk and trot.</li> <li>Ride with control, up and down hills at the walk and trot.</li> <li>Discuss two or three things to do to show “good manners” or courtesy while riding on someone else’s property. (i.e., regarding gates, planted rows in fields, etc.)</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jump a minimum of three simple and natural obstacles. The majority of fences must be, but not exceed, 18” in height. No ditches, banks or water. All fences may be jumped at the trot.</li> </ul>		____ES ____DNMS ____MS

**CONDITIONING**

- Discuss basic condition of own mount.
- Describe ways to know if mount is properly cooled out.

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**HORSE SPORTS**

- Name two horse sports.

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**NUTRITION**

- Know 3-5 basic rules for feeding and explain feeding schedule for own mount.

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**STABLE MANAGEMENT**

- Groom mount, pick out hooves with assistance if needed.
- Name 5 grooming tools and demonstrate how to use them.
- Tack up and untack independently.
- List three examples of unsafe equipment.
- Name three common stable vices.

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**BREEDS, PARTS OF MOUNT,  
CONFORMATION & LAMENESS**

- Name and locate any 15 parts of the mount.
- Name and describe six colors of mounts.
- Name and describe five markings of mounts.
- Name six horse or pony breeds.

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**TRAVEL SAFETY**

- Know the basic rules for riding on public roads in your state.
- Name two ways you can help your mount be safe in a trailer.

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**RECORD BOOK**

- Bring a stall card for own mount to show examiner. Discuss what is included on a stall card.

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**HEALTH CARE & VETERINARY  
KNOWLEDGE**

- Give two reasons to have your mount routinely checked by a veterinarian.

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<p><b>LAND CONSERVATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk with grandparents, parents, instructors and/or older friends/ neighbors about where they rode when they were young and how it is different from today.</li> </ul>	<p>____ES ____DNMS ____MS</p>
<p><b>LEADING &amp; LONGEING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead mount correctly in hand and while tacked up.</li> <li>Do walk-halt-walk transitions in hand.</li> <li>Lead mount in and out of stall safely, tie up in appropriate place with quick-release knot.</li> </ul>	<p>____ES ____DNMS ____MS</p>
<p><b>FOOT &amp; SHOEING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Know reasons for daily hoof care.</li> <li>Give two reasons why the farrier regularly checks your mount.</li> </ul>	<p>____ES ____DNMS ____MS</p>
<p><b>BANDAGING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give two reasons why you would bandage a mount's leg(s).</li> <li>Demonstrate (with assistance of examiner) how to apply protective boots and bell boots, if appropriate, to mount's leg.</li> </ul>	<p>____ES ____DNMS ____MS</p>

**COMMENTS** (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

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Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of six; not more than three riding)

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**A candidate may be re tested as follows:**

- This test has a total of 27 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* six sections of the test (not more than three riding sections).
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking entire 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 and the original Examiner has recommended the candidate to retest. Those testing during the current year have until August 31 of the following year to retest. Candidates must arrange for retests through their DC/CA.

ES \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ DNMS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Examiner for portions retested)