

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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“C-1” ON THE FLAT TEST SHEET

Candidate's name _____

Address _____

Name of Pony Club _____

District Commissioner _____ Region _____

NOTE: Before beginning test, Examiners must read “Guidelines for Club Rating Tests – D-1 through C-2” and the C-1 Standards of Proficiency (SOP), including “Information for Candidates,” “Testing Information,” and “Examiners.” Examiner must read and be familiar with all previous Standards test sheets (D-1 through D-3). Examiner must have copy of the C-1 SOP with them during test to include Grid and Jumping Exercises chart (for setting ground poles). Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests. *The test will follow, as far as possible, the order given below.*

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride with confidence and control on the flat, demonstrating a basic balanced position and use of natural aids. The candidate should begin riding mount freely forward in balance and rhythm while developing a light contact.

RIDING ON THE FLAT				
<p>Demonstrate suppling exercises for rider without stirrups at a walk.</p> <p>Demonstrate mount’s warm-up routine for everyday work.</p> <p>Discuss candidate’s warm-up for both rider and mount with examiner.</p> <p>Work mount at walk, trot and canter, with smooth transitions, demonstrating correct bend, performing straight lines on centerline, 20-meter circles, and figure eights with simple transitions at each gait.</p> <p>Demonstrate long rein, loose rein and light contact at walk.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>_____ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ MS</td> </tr> </table>	_____ ES	_____ DNMS	_____ MS
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<p>Demonstrate a rein back (2-3 simple steps back).</p> <p>Discuss aids for and then demonstrate a turn on the forehand.</p> <p>Discuss performance with the examiner on the following: the rider’s basic balanced position; whether or not mount was moving freely forward in balance and rhythm, and whether rider established a light contact.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>_____ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ MS</td> </tr> </table>	_____ ES	_____ DNMS	_____ MS
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<p>Describe three artificial aids and their use</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>_____ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ MS</td> </tr> </table>	_____ ES	_____ DNMS	_____ MS
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KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard M = Meets Standard DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

<p>Rider should show firm basic balanced position, using natural aids and control in initiating free forward movement with a light feel of mount's mouth.</p>		<p>___ES ___DNMS ___MS</p>
<p>RIDING OVER OVER CAVALLETTI/ GROUND POLES</p>		
<p>Demonstrate ability to ride own mount through a series of 4-6 cavalletti/ground poles at the trot (distances set appropriately for gait and horse stride; refer to "Grid and Jumping Exercises" chart in SOP for distances for trot poles)</p> <p>Discuss performance.</p>		<p>___ES ___DNMS ___MS</p>
<p>RIDING IN THE OPEN</p>		
<p>Ride safely with control in a group on a suitable mount, at the walk, trot and canter.</p>		<p>___ES ___DNMS ___MS</p>
<p>Discuss and demonstrate riding safely over varied terrain, incorporating as many of the following elements as local conditions allow: hills, flat open areas, and shallow streams.</p>		<p>___ES ___DNMS ___MS</p>
<p>Discuss performance.</p>		<p>___ES ___DNMS ___MS</p>
<p>Rider shows firm basic balanced position while riding with control.</p>		<p>___ES ___DNMS ___MS</p>

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

Multiple horizontal lines for writing comments.

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Sections requiring retesting:
(not more than two)

Horizontal lines for listing sections requiring retesting.

A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- This test has a total of 9 sections.
• Retest to cover not more than two sections of the test.
• 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)