

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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## “C-1” OVER FENCES 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. 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 and over fences, 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.**

### WARM UP

<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>Discuss performance with the examiner.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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<p>Describe three artificial aids and their use</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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<p>Rider should show firm basic balanced position, using natural aids and control with a light feel of mount’s mouth.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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### RIDING OVER FENCES

<p>Ride over small gymnastic grid of three fences finishing with an ascending oxer set at, but not to exceed, 2’9” set at appropriate distances for mount’s stride. Refer to “Grid and Jumping Exercises” chart in SOP.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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<p>Ride over jump course of 6-8 obstacles, including a two-stride combination set at an appropriate distance for mount’s stride. The majority of fences are to be set at, but not to exceed, 2’9”. (Two stride combination should be adjusted for individual mounts.)</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">___ MS</td> </tr> </table>	___ ES	___ DNMS	___ MS
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**KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard**

**M = Meets Standard**

**DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard**

<p>Discuss performance with examiner, including steadiness of pace and ways ride could be improved.</p>		<p>___ES          ___DNMS          ___MS</p>
<p><b>RIDING IN THE OPEN</b></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>Ride over five to seven cross-country obstacles at appropriate speed (240-350 meters per minute), the majority of fences to be, but not to exceed 2'9".</p>		<p>___ES          ___DNMS          ___MS</p>
<p>Discuss performance, giving reasons for any disobediences.</p>		<p>___ES          ___DNMS          ___MS</p>
<p>Rider shows firm basic balanced position over fences while riding with control.</p>		<p>___ES          ___DNMS          ___MS</p>

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

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ES \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ DNMS \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Sections requiring retesting:  
(up to total of three)

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

- This test has a total of 10 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* three 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)