

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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## “C-2” 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-2 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 and C-1). 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 secure balanced position and progress toward an independent seat and coordinated use of aids. The candidate should begin to initiate free forward movement establishing balance and rhythm while developing a light contact.**

RIDING ON THE FLAT		
<p>Demonstrate warm-up for flat work including rider exercises. Discuss candidate’s warm-up for rider and mount.</p> <p>Discuss warm-up schedule for three different activities of candidate’s choice.</p> <p>Work mount at walk, trot and canter, changing directions at least twice in each gait, using coordinated aids, maintaining even rhythm, balance and impulsion, with smooth transitions.</p> <p>Demonstrate 15- and 20-meter circles, figure-8s, serpentines and work on the center or quarter lines to develop suppleness and straightness.</p>		<p>____ ES</p> <p>____ DNMS</p> <p>____ MS</p>
<p>Demonstrate a free walk on a long rein, returning to a walk on contact.</p> <p>Halt squarely and stand quietly for 5 seconds.</p>		<p>____ ES</p> <p>____ DNMS</p> <p>____ MS</p>
<p>Ride without stirrups at all gaits.</p>		<p>____ ES</p> <p>____ DNMS</p> <p>____ MS</p>
<p>Discuss aids for and then demonstrate a rein-back of 2-3 steps.</p> <p>Discuss aids for and then demonstrate leg yield at walk.</p>		<p>____ ES</p> <p>____ DNMS</p> <p>____ MS</p>

**KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard**

**M = Meets Standard**

**DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard**

<p>Develop a hand gallop from a canter and return to canter smoothly.</p>		<p>___ES          ___DNMS          ___MS</p>
<p>Discuss performance with examiner, including the rider's position, and whether mount was moving forward in balance and rhythm.</p>		<p>___ES          ___DNMS          ___MS</p>
<p><b>Riding Over Cavalletti/ Ground Poles</b></p>		
<p>Discuss purpose of ground poles and cavalletti in the training of the horse and rider          Demonstrate ability to ride own mount through a series of 4-6 cavalletti/ground poles at the trot maintaining a basic balanced position (distances set appropriately for gait and horse stride; refer to "Grid and Jumping Exercises" chart in SOP)</p>		<p>___ES          ___DNMS          ___MS</p>
<p>Discuss performance.</p>		<p>___ES          ___DNMS          ___MS</p>
<p><b>RIDING IN THE OPEN</b></p>		
<p>Ride in a group, at the walk, trot and canter on suitable mount.</p>		<p>___ES          ___DNMS          ___MS</p>
<p>Demonstrate individually riding safely over varied terrain, as conditions allow. Discuss safety measures when riding over varied footing, i.e., water, mud, rocks, ice, bog, hard ground, sand, pavement.</p>		<p>___ES          ___DNMS          ___MS</p>
<p>Discuss performance.</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 11 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* 3 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)