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“D-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 D-2 Standard 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 D-2). Examiner must have copy of the D-2 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 in an enclosed area without leading line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe basic balanced position at the walk and trot, and should begin to develop the canter.

RIDING ON THE FLAT	
Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary) Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk.	_____ES _____DNMS _____MS
WARM UP	
Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at halt and walk and discuss one or two reasons for doing this. Ride at the walk, performing simple turns and large circles. Ride without stirrups at the walk.	_____ES _____DNMS _____MS
MOVEMENTS	
Ride at the trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and large circles.	_____ES _____DNMS _____MS
Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads.	_____ES _____DNMS _____MS
Discuss performance with Examiner, indicating whether or not mount was on correct lead.	_____ES _____DNMS _____MS

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard M = Meets Standard DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

Rider should demonstrate control while maintaining a safe balanced position at the walk and trot.

___ES
___DNMS
___MS

Demonstrate emergency dismount at the walk in an enclosed arena.

___ES
___DNMS
___MS

**RIDING OVER OVER CAVALLETTI/
GROUND POLES**

Ride 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)

___ES
___DNMS
___MS

Discuss performance.

___ES
___DNMS
___MS

RIDING IN THE OPEN

Ride safely and considerately on public and private property, in a group, at the walk and trot.

Know the basic rules for riding on public roads in your state.

Ride with control, up and down hills at the walk and trot.

___ES
___DNMS
___MS

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.)

___ES
___DNMS
___MS

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

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

Sections requiring retesting:
(up to total of three)

A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- This test has a total of 11 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)