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“D-3” 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-3 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-3 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 a basic balanced position with control at the walk, trot, and canter.

RIDING ON THE FLAT				
Demonstrate correct mounting (using mounting block if necessary). Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt.	<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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WARM UP				
Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot under direction of examiner. Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot. Demonstrate a simple step back. Discuss at least three reasons for doing balancing/suppling exercises.	<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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MOVEMENTS				
Ride mount on the flat demonstrating 20-meter circles showing correct positioning of mount in both directions at walk, at sitting and rising trot with correct diagonals, and at the canter with correct leads.	<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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Demonstrate increase and decrease of speed either alone or with others as appropriate. Demonstrate emergency dismount at the trot in an enclosed arena.	<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
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<p>Rider should show a basic balanced position through the flat work, and discuss performance with examiner including rider's basic balance position, and whether or not circles were round and natural aids were used correctly.</p>	<p>____ES ____DNMS ____MS</p>
<p>RIDING OVER OVER CAVALLETTI/ GROUND POLES</p>	
<p>Ride through a series of 4-6 cavalletti/ground poles at the trot (distances set appropriately for gait and horse stride, 3'-4'6"; 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 a group, at the walk and trot, over varied natural terrain.</p> <p>Discuss performance with Examiner.</p>	<p>____ES ____DNMS ____MS</p>

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

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

Sections requiring retesting:
(up to total of two)

A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- This test has a total of 7 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)