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“D-3” 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 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. 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. Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences.

WARM UP				
Demonstrate correct mounting (using mounting block if necessary). Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt. Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot under direction of examiner. Ride mount on flat demonstrating 20 meter circles at the trot and canter	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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RIDING OVER FENCES				
Ride over small gymnastic grid of trot poles followed by a cross rail, then a vertical set at, but not to exceed 2'6" set at appropriate distances for mount's stride. Refer to "Grid and Jumping Exercises" chart in SOP.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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Jump a simple stadium course of five to seven obstacles, height not to exceed 2'6", with the majority of fences set at, but not to exceed, 2'6" Discuss performance and reasons for any disobedience.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">____ES</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">____DNMS</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">____MS</td> </tr> </table>	____ES	____DNMS	____MS
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KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

M = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

<p>RIDING IN THE OPEN</p> <p>Ride safely with a group at walk and trot over varied terrain, through shallow water and small ditches as occur in natural terrain (ditches to be unrevetted)</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>Jump four to five simple cross-country obstacles, the majority of fences at, but not to exceed 2'6".</p> <p>Discuss ways to control mount in the open.</p> <p>Discuss performance with Examiner.</p> <p>Speed should not exceed 240 meters per minute or 300 meters per minute, appropriate for the size of mount.</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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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 6 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)