

NAME

REGION

LOCAL CLUB

Qualifications Sheet C-1

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS

Instructor should sign and date when achieved.

Candidate should be able to ride with confidence and control on the flat and over fences, demonstrating a basic balanced position and use of natural aids. Candidate should also begin to demonstrate free forward movement and begin to establish a light feel of the pony's mouth.

RIDING ON THE FLAT

Requirement	Instructor's Notes	Date	Initials
Demonstrate pony's warm-up routine for everyday work.			
Discuss value of warm-up exercises.			
Perform suppling exercises for rider without stirrups at the walk and trot.			
Demonstrate aids for moving pony away from the leg at halt (sideways).			
Demonstrate long rein, loose rein, light contact at walk.			
Ride at walk, trot, and canter with smooth transitions, performing circles and figure 8's at each gait.			
Discuss performance, including whether or not pony was moving freely forward.			
Describe 3 artificial aids and their uses.			
Perform emergency dismount at trot.			
Ride with confidence and control on the flat demonstrating basic balanced position & use of natural aids.			
Begin to initiate free forward movement & to establish light feel of pony's mouth.			

RIDING OVER FENCES

Requirement	Instructor's Notes	Date	Initials
Perform simple gymnastic exercises for rider over trotting poles, followed by a small jump (2' 3")			
Ride over small grid (3 fences, not to exceed 2' 3")			
Ride over jumping course of 6 to 8 obstacles; include a two-stride combination; obstacles not to exceed 2' 9"			
Discuss performance, including steadiness of pace and ways ride could be improved.			
Ride with confidence and control over fences demonstrating a basic balanced position and use of natural aids.			

RIDING IN THE OPEN

Requirement	Instructor's Notes	Date	Initials
Ride safely with control in a group on a suitable horse at the walk, trot, & canter.			
Discuss and/or demonstrate riding safely over varied terrain, including hills, ditches, low banks, flat open area, and streams.			
Ride over several cross-country obstacles, not to exceed 2' 9" in height.			
Discuss performance with examiner giving reasons for any disobedience by pony.			

RECORD BOOK

A minimum of 6 wks. of records is required. You are expected to keep careful records of veterinary visits and general health of your pony. Have an upper-level member (C-3 or above) or the DC/Joint DC check your book in plenty of time before the rating so changes can be made, if necessary.

Requirement	Instructor's Notes	Date	Initials
Book check-3 months before rating.			
Book check-2 months before rating.			
Book check-1 month before rating.			
Book check-1 week before rating.			
Health, maintenance, immunizations up-to-date.			

C-1 PREP GUIDE HORSE MANAGEMENT

Candidate should show a developing awareness of cause and effect in the care of own pony. Candidate should be familiar with local common horse terms. Assistance is allowed when demonstrating bandaging.

NOTE: The test will often ask for only a few of the multiple answers to the questions, but for this guide, you should try to list as many answers as you can—even if only one or two are requested. Please practice verbalizing your answers with someone!

TURN-OUT/TACK

INSPECTION EXPECTATIONS

- Correctly formal or informal attire, as designated by DC (**No polo shirt!**)
- Pony well-groomed with attention to nose, eyes, & dock, reflecting regular care.
- Feet picked out showing farrier care.
- Tack safe & clean, and well-adjusted, reflecting regular care.

What is your daily grooming routine?

How do you clean your horse? Are there special tricks that you use? Where did you learn these hints?

How do you clean your tack?

What areas do you check for safety on your tack?

Describe formal and informal attire.
(Refer to requirements in Horse Management Handbook.)

INFORMAL

FORMAL

CONDITIONING

Define conditioning. Discuss how to condition for a Pony Club activity of your choice.

NUTRITION

Give 3 reasons why feeds are measured and weighed.

Know amount (in quarts and pounds) and type of feed for your own pony.

STABLE MANAGEMENT

Discuss bedding appropriate to **your area**.

List parasites:

Internal

External

Describe procedures for controlling internal parasites in your horse.

Describe procedures for parasite control in pasture & stall management, ways to control flies & bot eggs.

Flies-

Bot eggs-

Describe characteristics of good and bad feed, watering, and pasture.

GOOD

BAD

Feed

Water

Pasture

C-1 Rating

Discuss types and causes of stable vices of pony.

Discuss reason for using blanket or sheet on pony. Be able to put a blanket or sheet on pony.

Describe and give reasons for 3 types of clipping.

1.

2.

3.

CONFORMATION & LAMENESS

Identify good & bad points of basic leg conformation.

Good-

Bad-

Describe outward appearance & location of 5 common unsoundnesses.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

TRAVEL SAFETY

Discuss basic equipment needed for pony's safety and comfort during trailer travel.

Demonstrate knowledge of a Trailer Safety Checklist (ie: your own list of do/don't's)

HEALTH CARE & VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE

Describe how to treat minor wounds.

Discuss regular worming routine for own pony; how and why to de-worm new horses in barn.

Know health care schedule for own pony to include dates of inoculations, deworming, shoeing, and teeth floating.

LONGEING

Discuss reasons for longeing.

Discuss necessary equipment and safety procedures.

FOOT & SHOEING

Discuss 5 steps in shoeing.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

List farrier tools. Describe and give the use (purpose) of each.

BANDAGING

Apply shipping bandage with assistance. Practice! Practice!

TEACHING

Give reason for a safety & tack inspection.

Give specifics for what you would look for in a safety & tack inspection.

Be able to perform a safety inspection under supervision of the Examiner.