
NAME

REGION

LOCAL CLUB

Qualifications Sheet D-3 Rating

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS

Instructor should sign and date when achieved.

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.

RIDING ON THE FLAT

Requirement	Instructor's Notes	Date	Initials
Demonstrate emergency dismount at the halt & walk.			
Adjust stirrups & girth while mounted at the halt.			
Perform balancing & suppling exercises for rider at walk & trot.			
Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot.			
Demonstrate a simple step back.			
Perform 20-meter circles in both directions at walk.			
Perform 20-meter circles in both directions at trot sitting & rising with correct diagonals.			
Perform 20-meter circles in both directions at canter with correct leads.			
Demonstrate increase & decrease of speed at the trot by passing riders on rail & taking the lead.			
Rider should show a basic balanced position with control through the flat work at walk, trot, & canter.			
Discuss performance on flat work with Examiner.			

RIDING OVER FENCES

Requirement	Instructor's Notes	Date	Initials
Trot over ground poles followed by crossrail.			
Jump a simple stadium course of 5 to 7 obstacles not to exceed 2' 6".			
Discuss performance giving reasons for any disobedience of pony.			
Rider should show a secure base of support while developing balance & a steady position over fences.			

RIDING IN THE OPEN

Requirement	Instructor's Notes	Date	Initials
Ride safely with a group at the walk & trot over varied terrain, through shallow water & small ditches as occur in natural terrain(ditches to be unrevetted).			
Jump simple cross-country obstacles not to exceed 2' 6".			
Discuss ways to control pony in the open.			
Discuss performance with Examiner.			

RECORD BOOK

A minimum of 6 weeks of records is required. You are expected to keep careful records of veterinary visits and general health of pony. Have an upper level member (C-2 or above) or the DC/Joint DC check your book in plenty of time before your 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.			

- Browband & Crownpiece
- Throatlash
- Cheekpieces
- Noseband (also called _____) Explain why you use the type you use.
- Breastplates or martingales, if used. Explain why you use them.
- Explain any additional equipment you use on your horse.

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

INFORMAL

FORMAL



STABLE MANAGEMENT

Describe how to clean & bed a stall giving reasons for each step.
(You will be asked to demonstrate for test so practice this, too!)

Explain how to use a haynet, including the dangers of improper use.

LEADING

List some Do & Don't notes for yourself in the following areas.

(You will be asked to demonstrate these tasks for your rating test.)

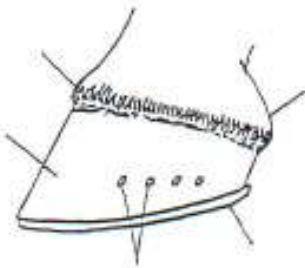
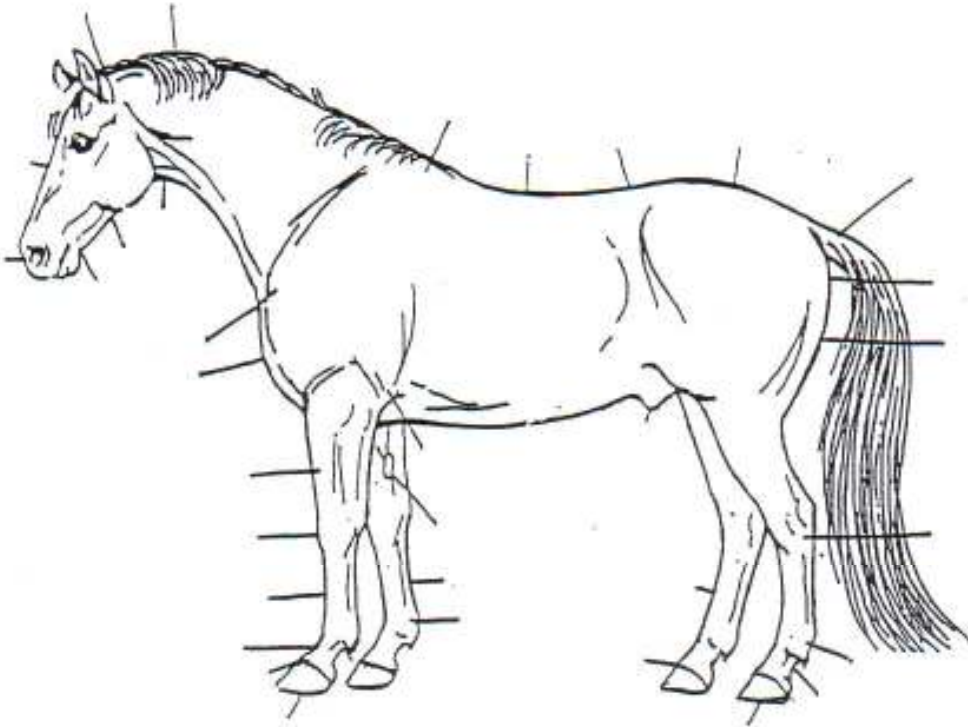
Lead correctly, moving horse forward with whip or assistance, if necessary.

Demonstrate walk-trot-walk-halt transitions in hand.

Lead safely from both sides.

PONY PARTS & CONFORMATION

Know all parts of the pony and of the hoof.



List common conformation faults:

Neck

Back

Shoulder

Head

Pasterns

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Describe the characteristics of a strange pony clearly enough for another person to recognize it within a group.

Describe how to measure height on a pony. Discuss reason why ponies are measured in this way.

CONDITIONING/NUTRITION

List the 10 basic rules of feeding.

Explain feeding schedule for own pony, including amount of roughage & amounts of concentrates per ration. **Know concentrates in pounds and quarts.**

FOOT & SHOEING

Describe obvious signs of a foot in need of shoeing or trimming.

HEALTH CARE & VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE

Name some symptoms of a sick horse or injured pony that would cause you to seek help.

BANDAGING

Describe what critical areas are protected by shipping bandages or boots and give reasons for their use.

Describe how to apply a stable wrap. Be able to apply with assistance. (PRACTICE!
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Describe how to apply protective boots. Be able to apply with supervision. (PRACTICE!
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TRAVEL SAFETY

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

Know the procedure for a mounted group crossing a public highway.

Explain the proper procedure for loading and unloading a pony.

INTRODUCTION TO HORSE SPORTS

Name 5 horse sports that are offered in **USPC**.

TEACHING

D-3's are encouraged to assist D-1's and D-2's during unmounted Pony Club activities.
No child is responsible for the safety of another child. There must always be adult supervision.