

D2 - Test Prep - Check-off Sheet

When you complete one of the steps below, have an instructor or clinician date and initial it.

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride without lead line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe, basic balanced position at the walk and trot, and should begin to develop the canter and jumping position. No need to canter over fences.

Riding on the Flat:

Date / Initials

Ride on flat using Riding Test Expectations

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Mount and dismount independently, using mounting block if necessary

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Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at halt & walk

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Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at halt and walk and discuss 1 or 2 reasons for doing this

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Ride at the walk, performing simple turns and large circles

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Ride without stirrups at the walk

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Ride at the trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and large circles

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Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads

_____/_____

Discuss performance with Examiner indicating whether or not mount was on correct lead

_____/_____

Riding Over Fences

Maintain jumping position at the trot on the flat and over ground poles.

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In an enclosed area, ride simple stadium course of 4-5 obstacles not to exceed 18"

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Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride

_____/_____

Riding in the Open

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

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Ride with control up and down hills at the walk and trot _____ / _____

Jump single natural obstacles not to exceed 18"
(no ditches or banks) _____ / _____

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS: The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills, with assistance if necessary, and understand the basic reasons for the everyday routine of caring for own pony.

Turnout / Tack

Ride in safe, neat attire _____ / _____

Mount clean and neatly groomed with feet
picked out and showing farrier care _____ / _____

Tack safe and clean, with attention to stitching, girth,
stirrups)properly adjusted by Examiner if necessary) _____ / _____

Apply (with assistance of Examiner if needed) protective boots
and bell boots, if appropriate, to mount's leg _____ / _____

Conditioning

Know basic condition of own mount _____ / _____

Describe ways to know if mount is properly cooled out _____ / _____

Nutrition

Know 3-5 rules for feeding and explain feeding schedule
for own mount _____ / _____

Stable Management

Groom mount, pick out feet with assistance if needed _____ / _____

Name 5 grooming tools and explain how to use them _____ / _____

Tack and untack independently _____ / _____

List 3 examples of unsafe equipment _____ / _____

Name 3 common stable vices _____ / _____

Pony Parts / Conformation & Lameness

Name and locate any 15 parts of the mount _____ / _____

Name and describe 6 colors of mounts _____ / _____

Name and describe 5 markings on ponies _____ / _____

Name 4 horse or pony breeds _____ / _____

Travel Safety

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

Name 2 ways you can help your pony be safe in a trailer _____ / _____

Record Book

not applicable

Health Care and Veterinary Knowledge

Give 2 reasons to have your mount routinely checked by a vet _____ / _____

Teaching

not applicable (see D3 Teaching)

Leading

Lead mount correctly in hand and while tacked up _____ / _____

Do walk-halt-walk transitions in hand _____ / _____

Lead mount in and out of stall safely, tie up in appropriate place with quick-release knot _____ / _____

Foot and shoeing

Know reasons for daily foot care _____ / _____

Give 2 reasons why the farrier regularly checks your mounts _____ / _____

Bandaging

Give 2 reasons why you should bandage your mounts' leg(s) _____ / _____