

D3 - 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 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:

Date/ Initials

Ride on flat using Riding Test Expectations

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Demonstrate emergency dismount at the halt and walk

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Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in stirrups while mounted at the halt

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Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot

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Ride with out stirrups at the sitting trot

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Demonstrate a simple step back

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Perform 20-meter circle in both directions at walk, at trot (sitting & rising) with correct diagonals, and at canter with correct leads

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Demonstrate increase and decrease of speed at the trot by passing riders on rail and taking the lead.

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Discuss performance with Examiner indicating whether or not circles were round and natural aids were used correctly

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Riding Over Fences

Ride over fences using 'Riding Test Expectations

Trot over ground poles, followed by cross-rail

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Jump a simple stadium course of five to seven obstacles
Height not to exceed 2'6"

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Discuss performance, reasons for any disobedience

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Riding in the Open

Ride safely in a group at the walk and trot, over varied terrain, through shallow water, and small ditches as occur in natural terrain (ditches to be unrevetted)

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Jump simple cross-country obstacles, not to exceed 2'6"
(D3 speed should not exceed 240 meters per minute of 300 meters per minute appropriate for the size of the mount)

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Discuss ways to control a mount in the open

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Discuss performance with Examiner

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HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS:

The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills, without assistance, and to discuss care of the mount using common horse terms

Turnout / Tack

Rider in safe, neat attire

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Mount to be neatly groomed, with feet picked out, showing farrier care

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Tack to be properly adjusted, safe and clean

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Describe formal attire and informal attire

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Conditioning / Nutrition

Know 5-7 basic rules of conditioning

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Describe care of mount after strenuous work including cooling out, inspection of legs, watering and feeding

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Discuss the amount of roughage and the amount of concentrates per ration for own mount

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Stable Management

Know use of hay net and the dangers of improper use

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Demonstrate how to clean and bed a stall, giving reasons for each step

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Pony Parts / Conformation & Lameness

Describe how to measure height of mount

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Identify at least 20 parts of the mount, to include hock, gaskin, withers, croup, fetlock, pastern, etc.

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Discuss common conformation faults of neck, back, shoulder, head and pasterns

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Describe the characteristics of a strange pony clearly enough for another person to recognize it within a group. Include: color, breed, markings, size, sex, and obvious conformation characteristics

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Travel Safety

Know rules for riding on public roads in your state

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Know procedure for a mounted group crossing a public road

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Discuss the proper procedure for loading and unloading a mount

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Record Book

The D3 is expected to keep careful records of veterinary visits and general health of mount. Record Book must be brought to the test. A minimum of three months of records is required. Records should reflect appropriate depth of knowledge for this level

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Health Care & Veterinary Knowledge

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

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Introduction to Horse Sports

Name 5 horse sports offered in USPC

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Teaching

D3's are encouraged to assist D1's and D2's during unmounted Pony Club activities, NOT mounted activities.

No child is responsible for the safety of another child.

There must be adult supervision

Leading & Longeing

Lead correctly, moving mount forward with whip or assistance (if necessary)

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Do walk-trot-walk-halt transitions in hand

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Lead safely from both sides

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Foot & shoeing

Describe obvious signs of a foot needing shoeing or trimming

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Bandaging

Describe critical areas protected by shipping bandages or boots, and give reasons for their use. Apply protective boots (with supervision) on own mount. Apply stable wrap with assistance.

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