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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.

Level	Skill	Ready to Rate? (sign & date)	Notes
Riding on the Flat			
D-3	Ride on the flat using Riding Test Expectations.		
D-3	Demonstrate emergency dismount at the halt and walk.		
D-3	Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt.		
D-3	Perform balancing and suppling exercises for the rider at walk and trot.		
D-3	Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot.		
D-3	Demonstrate a simple step back.		
D-3	Perform round 20-meter circles in both directions, at walk, at sitting and rising trot with correct diagonals, and at canter with correct leads.		
D-3	Demonstrate increase and decrease of pace at the trot by passing riders on the rail and taking the lead.		
D-3	Discuss performance with Examiner and whether or not circles were round and natural aids were used correctly.		
Riding Over Fences			
D-3	Ride over fences using Riding Test Expectations.		
D-3	Trot over ground poles, followed by a cross rail.		
D-3	Jump a simple stadium course of five to seven obstacles, height not to exceed 2'6".		
D-3	Discuss performance, reasons for any disobedience.		
Riding in the Open			
D-3	Ride safely with 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).		
D-3	Jump simple cross-country obstacles, not to exceed 2'6".		
D-3	D-3 speed should not exceed 240 meters per minute or 300 minutes per meter appropriate for the size of mount.		
D-3	Discuss ways to control a mount in the open.		
D-3	Discuss performance with Examiners.		

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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.

Level	Skill	Ready to Rate? (sign & date)	Notes
Turnout/Tack			
D-3	Rider in safe and neat attire.		
D-3	Mount to be neatly groomed, with feet picked out, showing farrier care.		
D-3	Tack to be properly adjusted, safe and clean.		
D-3	Describe formal attire, informal attire.		
Conditioning/Nutrition			
D-3	Know 5-7 basic rules of feeding.		
D-3	Describe care of mount after strenuous work, to include cooling out, inspection of legs, watering and feeding.		
D-3	Discuss the amount of roughage and the amount of concentrates per ration for own mount.		
Stable Management			
D-3	Demonstrate how to clean and bed a stall giving reasons for each step.		
D-3	Know use of hay net and the dangers of improper use.		
Pony Parts, Conformation and Lameness			
D-3	Describe how to measure height of mount.		
D-3	Identify at least 20 parts of the mount, to include hock, gaskin, withers, croup, fetlock, pastern, etc.		
D-3	Know common conformation faults of neck, back, shoulder, head and pasterns.		
D-3	Describe the characteristics of a strange mount clearly enough for another person to recognize it within a group. Include: color, breed, markings, size, sex, and obvious conformation characteristics.		
Travel Safety			
D-3	Know rules for riding safely on public roads in your state.		

D-3	Know procedure for mounted group crossing a public roadway.		
D-3	Discuss the proper procedure for loading and unloading a mount.		
Record Book			
D-3	The D-3 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.		
Health Care & Veterinary Knowledge			
D-3	Name some symptoms of a sick or injured mount that would cause you to seek help.		
Introduction to Horse Sports			
D-3	Name five horse sports that are offered in USPC.		
Teaching			
D-3	D-3s are encouraged to assist D-1s and D-2s during unmounted Pony Club activities, not mounted activities.		
	No child is responsible for the safety of another child. There must always be adult supervision!		
Leading & Longeing			
D-3	Lead correctly, moving mount forward with whip or assistance (if necessary).		
D-3	Do walk-trot-walk-halt transitions in hand.		
D-3	Lead safely from both sides.		
Foot & Shoeing			
D-3	Describe obvious signs of a foot needing shoeing or trimming.		
Bandaging			
D-3	Describe critical areas protected by shipping bandages or boots, and give reasons for their use.		
D-3	Apply protective boots (with supervision) on own mount.		
D-3	Apply stable wrap with assistance.		