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"C-2" TEST SHEET

Candidate's name _____

Address _____

Name of Pony Club _____

District Commissioner_____Region_____

NOTE: Before beginning test, Examiners must read "Guidelines for Club Rating Tests – D-1 through C-2" and the C-2 Standard, including "Information for Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests. ***The test will follow, as far as possible, the order given below.***

RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS

Candidate should ride with confidence and control on the flat and over fences, demonstrating a secure balanced position and progress toward an independent seat and coordinated use of aids; should initiate free froward movement while developing a steady, light feel of pony's mouth.

RIDING ON THE FLAT	**COMMENTS**	
Demonstrate warm up for flat work.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Perform suppling exercises for pony at walk and trot to include large circles, small circles and serpentines. Ride at walk, trot and canter, changing directions twice in each gait, using coordinated aids, maintaining even rhythm and smooth transitions.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Discuss warm up schedule for three different activities of candidate's choice.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Ride without stirrups at all gaits.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Develop a hand gallop from a canter and return to canter smoothly (performed individually).		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Demonstrate aids for moving pony away from leg (sideways) at walk. Halt squarely and stand quietly for 5 seconds. Demonstrate emergency dismount at trot or canter.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard	**M = Meets Standard**	**DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard**

	COMMENTS	
Discuss performance with Examiner, including evenness of rhythm and smoothness of transitions.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Rider shows confidence and control through basic balanced position, shows progress towards independence and coordinated use of aids taking pony freely forward, developing light, steady feel of pony's mouth.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
RIDING OVER FENCES		
Discuss reasons for adjusting stirrups for different types of work. Perform simple gymnastic exercises for rider over grid at trot or canter.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Develop a plan of how to ride a stadium course at height suitable for pony, not to exceed 3'. Ride course according to plan.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Discuss performance with Examiner, including whether impulsion was maintained throughout the course.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Rider should demonstrate secure basic balanced position over fences, showing control and use of aids.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
RIDING IN THE OPEN		
Ride in a group, at the walk, trot and canter on suitable pony. Discuss and/or demonstrate safety measures when riding over varied footing, i.e., water, mud, rocks, ice, bog, hard ground, sand, pavement. walk, trot and canter.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Ride over several cross-country obstacles, not to exceed 3', at appropriate speed (350-375 meters per minute).		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Discuss performance, giving reasons for any disobediences.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS

The candidate should show a solid awareness of cause and effect in the care of own pony. Assistance/supervision is allowed in the demonstration of bandaging, longeing, and loading a pony.

TURN OUT	COMMENTS	
Attire: Correctly formal or informal, or as designated by DC. **Tack:** Safe, clean, metal polished and well adjusted, reflecting regular care. Explain reasons for equipment used on own pony on the flat and over fences. **Pony:** To show thorough grooming with attention to mane, tail and feet, reflecting regular care.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
CONDITIONING		
Present a written outline of a six- to eight-week conditioning and feeding program in preparation for a specific competition of candidate's choice. Measure and record pulse, temperature and respiration of own pony at rest in front of Examiner.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
NUTRITION		
Describe own pony's ration when developing fitness, maintaining fitness, taking day off, sick, roughed out.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
STABLE MANAGEMENT		
Describe how to care for a pony efficiently and economically when: **Stabled:** feed & water schedule, minerals needed, clothing, exercise, grooming. **At Grass:** safety check of pasture fencing, water, mineral supply, shelter, feed & grooming.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
Discuss knowledge of safety measures, preparation, and care of pony and equipment on a day of strenuous work, including feed schedule, consideration of pony's condition, consideration of climate and terrain, cooling out, treatment of any injuries, and making pony comfortable. Discuss pasture safety and fencing. Name three toxic plants in area and describe appearance.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
CONFORMATION & LAMENESS		
Name five basic conformation qualities you want in a pony for your own use and how they affect basic movement and soundness. Name and locate on a pony the following unsoundesses: ringbone, curb, bowed tendons, sidebone, spavin, navicular, splint, thoroughpin, sprains.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
TRAVEL SAFETY		
Discuss preparation of pony for safe and comfortable travel. Be able to load and unload, with assistance, an experienced, cooperative pony.		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____
RECORD BOOK		
Pony Health Maintenance Record Book must be kept up-to-date and brought to test. (A minimum of 9 months prior to testing, to include immunizations, worming schedule, teeth, shoeing, etc.).		**ES** _____ **MS** _____ **DNMS** _____

VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE

List annual immunizations and health requirements appropriate for your area.
Describe how tetanus and strangles are transmitted.
Explain the need for regular care of teeth.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

List prevalent internal parasites in your area.
Describe routine parasite prevention for your pony.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

TEACHING

Assist a D-1 and/or D-2 to prepare for turnout.
Candidate must bring a letter from DC that states he/or she is assisting in simple unmounted instructional programs for D-level Pony Club members WITH SUPERVISION.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

LAND CONSERVATION

Name the zoning requirements for the county in which you keep your horse. *Example: A minimum of 10 acres is required to keep one horse.*
What public land is available to ride on in your county?

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

LONGEING

Discuss methods, equipment and safety precautions for longeing.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

Longe a pony for exercise in an enclosed area with assistance.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

FOOT & SHOEING

Recognize and describe good and bad shoeing.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

BANDAGING

Apply shipping bandage and stable bandage under supervision of examiner.
Give reasons for use.

ES _____
MS _____
DNMS _____

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

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ES_____ MS_____ DNMS_____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE:_____

Sections requiring retesting:
(up to total of nine; not more than four riding)

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A candidate may be re tested as follows:

- This test has a total of 29 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* nine sections of the test (not more than four riding sections).
- Retest must take place within one month and must be completed in one day.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

ES_____ **MS**_____ **DNMS**_____

SIGNATURE: _____DATE:_____
(Examiner for portions retested)

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