



NAME: _____ PONY CLUB: _____

**C2 QUALIFICATION SHEET
(01/01/04 – Standards)**

(This sheet is not meant to be a requirement for a candidate to take his or her next rating. It is simply a guideline for both members and parents to more accurately evaluate when a candidate is ready to take his or her next rating.)

Riding Test Expectations:

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

RIDING ON THE FLAT:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Ride on the flat using "Riding Test Expectations". | | | |
| Demonstrate emergency dismount at the trot or canter. | | | |
| Demonstrate warm-up for flat work. | | | |
| Discuss warm-up schedule for 3 different activities of candidate's choice. | | | |
| Perform suppling exercises for the mount at walk & trot, to include large circles, small circles and serpentes. | | | |
| Ride at the walk, trot & canter, changing directions twice in each gait, using coordinated aids, maintaining an even rhythm & smooth transitions. | | | |

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| Discuss performance with Examiner, including evenness of rhythm & smoothness of transitions. | | | |
| Halt squarely & stand quietly for 5 seconds. | | | |
| Ride without stirrups at all gaits. | | | |
| Develop a hand gallop from a canter & return to the canter smoothly (performed individually). | | | |
| Demonstrate aids for moving mount away from leg (sideways) at walk. | | | |

RIDING OVER FENCES:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Ride over fences using "Riding Test Expectations". | | | |
| Discuss reasons for adjusting stirrups for different types of work. | | | |
| Perform simple gymnastic exercises for rider over grid at trot or canter. | | | |
| Develop a plan of how to ride a stadium course, at height suitable for mount, not to exceed 3'. | | | |
| Ride stadium course according to plan. | | | |
| Discuss performance with Examiner, including impulsion maintained throughout the course. | | | |

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RIDING IN THE OPEN:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Ride in a group at the walk, trot & canter on a suitable mount. | | | |
| Discuss &/or demonstrate safety measures when riding over varied footing, i.e. water, mud, rocks, ice, bog, hard ground, sand, pavement. | | | |
| Ride over several cross-country obstacles, not to exceed 3', at appropriate speed (350-375 mpm). | | | |
| Discuss performance with Examiner, including reasons for any disobediences. | | | |

HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS:

The candidate should show a solid awareness of cause and effect in horse management skills. Assistance/ supervision is allowed in the demonstration of bandaging, longeing and loading mount.

TURN OUT/TACK:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Attire to be correctly formal or informal, as designated by the DC. | | | |
| Mount to show thorough grooming, with attention to mane & tail, reflecting regular care. | | | |
| Tack to be safe, clean, with metal polished and tack well adjusted, reflecting regular care. | | | |
| Explain reasons for equipment used on own pony for flat work & over fences. | | | |

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CONDITIONING:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Present a written outline of a 6 to 8 week conditioning & feeding program in preparation for a specific competition of candidate's choice. | | | |
| Measure & record pulse, temperature & respiration of own pony at rest in front of Examiner. | | | |

NUTRITION:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Describe own pony's ration when developing fitness, maintaining fitness, taking a day off, sick & roughed out. | | | |

STABLE MANAGEMENT:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Describe caring for a mount efficiently & economically when: Stabled - feed & water schedule, minerals needed, clothing, exercise, grooming. | | | |
| Describe caring for a mount efficiently & economically when: At Grass - safety check of pasture, fencing, water, mineral supply, shelter, feed & grooming. | | | |

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| Discuss knowledge of safety measures, preparation & care of mount & equipment on day of strenuous work, including feeding schedule, consideration of mount's condition, consideration of climate & terrain, cooling out, treatment of any injuries, & making mount comfortable. | | | |
| Discuss pasture safety & fencing. | | | |
| Name 3 toxic plants in your area & describe appearance. | | | |

PONY PARTS, CONFORMATION & LAMENESS:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Name 5 basic conformation qualities that you want in a mount for your own use, & how they affect basic movement & soundness (i.e. sloping shoulder means longer stride). | | | |
| Name & locate on a pony the following unsoundnesses: ringbone, curb, bowed tendons, sidebone, spavin, navicular, splint, thoroughpin, & sprains. | | | |

TRAVEL SAFETY:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Be able to load & unload, with assistance, an experienced, cooperative mount. | | | |

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RECORD BOOK:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Record book (health, maintenance, immunizations) must be kept up to date & brought to test. Must have records for at least 9 months prior to test. Records should reflect appropriate depth of knowledge for this level. | | | |

HEALTH CARE & VETERINARY KNOWLEDGE:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| List annual immunizations & health requirements appropriate for your area. | | | |
| List prevalent internal parasites in your area. | | | |
| Describe routine parasite prevention for your mount. | | | |
| Describe how tetanus & strangles are transmitted. | | | |
| Explain the need for regular care of the teeth. | | | |

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TEACHING:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Assist a D1 &/or D2 to prepare for turnout. | | | |
| Candidate must bring a letter from DC saying candidate is assisting, with supervision, in simple unmounted instructional programs for D level Pony Club members. | | | |

LONGEING:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Longe own mount, with assistance, in an enclosed area. | | | |
| Discuss methods, equipment & safety precautions for longeing. | | | |

FOOT & SHOEING:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Recognize & describe good and bad shoeing. | | | |

BANDAGING:

| REQUIREMENTS: | REQUIREMENTS LEARNED OR DEMONSTRATED: | DATE: | INITIALS OF INSTRUCTOR AND DC: |
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| Apply a shipping & stable bandage, under supervision, & give reasons for use of each. | | | |

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SPECIAL NOTES:

*****Information for “D” Pony Club Candidates can be found on the U.S.P.C. website at: <http://www.ponyclub.org> under FORMS. The Standards of Proficiency provide reading lists for the various levels and your “D” U.S.P.C. manual or book can be purchased through the U.S.P.C. bookstore.**