

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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## "D-2" DRESSAGE TEST SHEET

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pony Club/Riding Center \_\_\_\_\_

District Commissioner/Center Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Before beginning test, Examiners must read "Guidelines for Club/Center Certifications – D-1 through C-2" and the D-2 Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for D Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during test to include Ground Poles/Cavaletti chart. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.

**RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS:** Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe basic balanced position at the medium walk and working trot, and should begin to develop the canter.

RIDING ON THE FLAT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary)</li> <li>Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">           ____ ES            ____ DNMS            ____ MS         </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at halt and walk and discuss one or two reasons for doing this.</li> <li>Ride without stirrups at the walk.</li> <li>Ride free walk and medium walk on contact.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">           ____ ES            ____ DNMS            ____ MS         </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride at the medium walk and working trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and 20 meter circles.</li> <li>Rider should demonstrate control while maintaining a safe balanced position at walk and trot.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">           ____ ES            ____ DNMS            ____ MS         </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads.</li> </ul>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; float: right;">           ____ ES            ____ DNMS            ____ MS         </div>

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss performance with Examiner, indicating whether or not mount was on correct lead.</li> <li>• Discuss how to pass others safely while riding in an enclosed area.</li> </ul>		<p>____ES                  _____DNMS                  ____MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate emergency dismount at the walk in an enclosed arena. (Pony Club Horsemasters - in lieu of performing emergency dismount, discuss conditions in which an emergency dismount must be performed.)</li> </ul>		<p>____ES                  _____DNMS                  ____MS</p>
<p><b>RIDING TEST</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring hand-drawn diagram of USDF Intro Test C.</li> <li>• Perform USDF Intro Test C.</li> <li>• Discuss performance with Examiner relative to the purpose of the test and the Collective Marks in the USDF Introductory Tests.</li> </ul>		<p>____ES                  _____DNMS</p>
<p><b>RIDING OVER GROUND                  POLES/CAVALETTI</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain a balanced position at the trot on the flat and over 3-4 ground poles, in posting trot and two-point position.</li> <li>• Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride and balance.</li> </ul>		<p>____ES                  _____DNMS                  ____MS</p>
<p><b>RIDING IN THE OPEN</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ride safely and considerably on public or private property, (open field or open space), in a group, at the walk and trot.</li> <li>• Ride with control, up and down hills at the walk and trot.</li> </ul>		<p>____ES                  _____DNMS                  ____MS</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss two or three things to do to show “good manners” or courtesy while riding on someone else’s property. (<i>i.e., regarding gates, planted rows in fields, etc.</i>)</li> </ul>		<p>____ES                  _____DNMS                  ____MS</p>

COMMENTS (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

Four horizontal lines for writing comments.

SIGNATURE:

ES \_\_\_\_\_ MS \_\_\_\_\_ DNMS \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT EXAMINER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of two)

Two horizontal lines for listing sections requiring retesting.

**A candidate may be re tested as follows:**

- This test has a total of 10 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* two sections.
- A candidate may retest only if the candidate qualifies for a retest by passing the minimum number of sections stated on the test sheet and the original Examiner has recommended the candidate to retest. Those testing during the current year have until December 1st of the following year to retest. Candidates must arrange for retests through their DC/CA.
- 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)