

Dear Evaluator:

This year marks the first time there has not been an official International Games Exchange in over three decades (among the countries of Great Britain, Australia, Canada, and the USA). In response to the decision made at the 2005 Pony Club International Alliance (PCIA) meeting to change the International Games Exchange rotation from yearly to an every-other-year format., the Pony Club of Australia has issued an invitation to host an “Exchange-like” invitational competition July 11-26, 2008 in Perth, Australia.

Based on the process in place for other Invitational Exchanges;

1. The US team will be selected by a committee appointed by the USPC Chair of International Exchanges.
2. There will not be formal riding tryouts, as have been held in the past, but the candidates will be chosen from their applications.
3. Each Region was allowed the opportunity to select one candidate from within their Region. This selection having already been made by your region, you are now asked to complete the enclosed form regarding this candidate.

To this end, we are asking the coach, and at least one other person who is well acquainted with the candidate’s personal and Games skills to send in the enclosed evaluation of the candidate in question. These evaluations will be sent by the person filling them out directly to their Regional Supervisor. The R.S. will, in turn, forward them to the evaluation committee, and all documents **will be kept in strict confidence**. We hope that each evaluator will be truthful and honest in filling out their candidate’s evaluation forms so that the committee can properly select a team to represent the United States and USPC.

Because we are selecting a team on the basis of the written application alone, we need a method of making a determination of the various applicants’ riding skills. To this end, we have asked those of you who are filling this out to make your best guess on some of the questions. Although you may not feel that you know exactly how a given candidate will perform on a specific horse, you still are better acquainted with their riding skills than the selection committee is, and we ask that you complete the form to the best of your ability.

You have been asked to complete this form on behalf of the Pony Club member who is a prospective candidate for the team to be chosen. By completing this form, we assume that you are not related to the candidate, nor do you have a relationship with them which may be construed to be a conflict of interest.

On behalf of USPC, we thank you for taking the time to fill out these forms for the Pony Club member from your region who is hoping to be chosen for a spot on this team.

Sincerely,

Sue Smith, Chair, USPC International Exchanges

Evaluator's Name: _____

Evaluator's Address: _____

Evaluator's Telephone: _____

Evaluator's Email: _____

Evaluator's Pony Club: _____

Evaluator's Region: _____

Pony Club Member ("Candidate") that you, as an Evaluator, are completing this form for:

Please note that these forms are strictly confidential, and will not be shown or discussed in any way by the selection committee with the candidates or any other persons. Please feel free to comment candidly.

Evaluator's Background

1. My knowledge of the candidate's Games skills is as follows:
 1. No personal interaction in regards to Games Coaching; I have heard reports from the candidate's DC or Games coach.
 2. Limited observation at regional rally or other event only
 3. Some additional observation at clinics or practices
 4. More extensive observation at multiple practices and rallies
 5. Extensive interaction on a frequent basis regarding all aspects of Games
 6. Other (Please specify)

Please add any additional information that you feel may be useful to the Selection Committee regarding your knowledge of this candidate:

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This section is intended for you, as a selected evaluator of the candidate, to give your most honest *impression* of his/her riding and Games skills based on your knowledge of the candidate. We ask that you answer the questions as honestly as you are able, even if the details of the question may present a situation you have not actually seen the candidate accomplish.

VAULTING

In each of the following situations, please rate the your impression of the candidate's ability to complete the skill described by choosing a letter from the following list:

- a. Cannot vault
- b. Is learning how to vault; I hope for additional improvement before the Exchange.
- c. Can vault, but is inconsistent.
- d. Can vault predictably 25% of the time
- e. Can vault predictably 50% of the time.
- f. Can vault predictably 75% pf the time.
- g. Can vault predictably 90% of the time.
- h Can vault predictably 95% of the time.
- i Can vault predictably 99% of the time.
- j Can vault 100% of the time without error.

How well can this candidate complete an **on-side standing vault** on a **well-disciplined 13.1-hand pony** that is always easy to control?

_____ (Choose letter from above list)

How well can this candidate complete an **on-side standing vault** on a **well-disciplined 14.2-hand pony** that is always easy to control?

_____ (Choose letter from above list)

How well can this candidate complete an **on-side standing vault** on a **well-disciplined 15.3-hand horse** that is always easy to control?

_____ (Choose letter from above list)



How well can this candidate complete an **on-side standing vault** on a **high spirited**
13.1-hand pony that is sometimes hard to control?

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete an **on-side standing vault** on a **high spirited**
14.2-hand pony that is sometimes hard to control?

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete an **on-side standing vault** on a **high spirited**
15.3-hand horse that is sometimes hard to control?

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)



How well can this candidate complete an **off-side standing vault** on a **well-behaved**
13.1-hand pony that is well disciplined?

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete an **off-side standing vault** on a **well-behaved**
14.2-hand pony that is well disciplined?

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete an **off-side standing vault** on a **well-behaved**
15.3-hand horse that is well disciplined?

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)



How well can this candidate complete an **off-side standing vault** on a **high spirited 13.1-hand pony that is sometimes hard to control?**

_____ (Choose letter from above list)

How well can this candidate complete an **off-side standing vault** on a **high spirited 14.2-hand pony that is sometimes hard to control?**

_____ (Choose letter from above list)

How well can this candidate complete an **off-side standing vault** on a **high spirited 15.3-hand horse that is sometimes hard to control?**

_____ (Choose letter from above list)



How well can this candidate complete a **running vault** on a **well-behaved 13.1-hand pony that is well disciplined?**

_____ (Choose letter from above list)

How well can this candidate complete a **running vault** on a **well-behaved 14.2-hand pony that is well disciplined?**

_____ (Choose letter from above list)

How well can this candidate complete a **running vault** on a **well-behaved 15.3-hand horse that is well disciplined?**

_____ (Choose letter from above list)



How well can this candidate complete a **running vault** on a **high spirited 13.1-hand pony** that is **sometimes hard to control**?

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete a **running vault** on a **high spirited 14.2-hand pony** that is **sometimes hard to control**?

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete a **running vault** on a **high spirited 15.3-hand horse** that is **sometimes hard to control**?

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)



Additional comments regarding this candidate's vaulting skills:

DUNKING

In each of the following situations, please rate the your impression of the candidate's ability to complete the skill described by choosing a letter from the following list:

- a. Cannot dunk
- b. Is learning how to dunk; I hope for additional improvement before the Exchange.
- c. Can dunk, but is inconsistent.
- d. Can dunk predictably 25% of the time
- e. Can dunk predictably 50% of the time.
- f. Can dunk predictably 75% pf the time.
- g. Can dunk predictably 90% of the time.
- h Can dunk predictably 95% of the time.
- i Can dunk predictably 99% of the time.
- j Can dunk 100% of the time without error.

How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **well-disciplined 13.1-hand pony that is always easy to control at a canter?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **well-disciplined 14.2-hand pony that is always easy to control at a canter?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **well-disciplined 15.3-hand horse that is always easy to control at a canter?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)



How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **high spirited 13.1-hand** pony that is **occasionally difficult to control at a canter?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **high spirited 14.2-hand** pony that is **occasionally difficult to control at a canter?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **high spirited 15.3-hand** horse that is **occasionally difficult to control at a canter?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)



How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **well-disciplined 13.1-hand** pony that is **always easy to control at a gallop?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **well-disciplined 14.2-hand** pony that is **always easy to control at a gallop?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **well-disciplined 15.3-hand** horse that is **always easy to control at a gallop?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)



How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **high spirited 13.1-hand pony that is occasionally difficult to control at a gallop?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **high spirited 14.2-hand pony that is occasionally difficult to control at a gallop?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)

How well can this candidate complete a **dunk** on a **high spirited 15.3-hand horse that is occasionally difficult to control at a gallop?**

_____ (*Choose letter from above list*)



Additional comments (regarding dunking skills):

SPEED

The ability to stay in good control of a horse or pony at different speeds, and on different mounts of different sizes with different personalities, is important in a Games Competition. Please comment on your candidate's abilities in this regard:

Additional comments:

HANDOFFS

Please mark your impression of the candidate's handoff skills:

1. Has occasional drops, sometimes crosses the changeover line out of control.
2. Usually in good control, but still has occasional drops.
3. Always in good control of the mount, rare drops.
4. Always in good control, very rare drops.
5. Always in good control, never drops a handoff.

Additional comments:

CONSISTENCY

Please mark your impression of the candidate's consistency skills:

1. Although a good rider, becomes inconsistent when tired or fatigued.
2. A reliable rider, generally consistent throughout the day.
3. A skilled rider, always in good control of the mount, very consistent.
4. A highly skilled rider, in impeccable control at all times, always consistent.

Additional comments:

SKILLS & ACCURACY

Please write your comments on this rider's overall quality in regards to skills and accuracy:

GENERAL HORSEMANSHIP

This Invitational Exchange will involve Pony Club members riding horses that they are unacquainted with, and that are of different sizes and temperaments. Please comment on your impression of this candidate's General Horsemanship skills with this in mind.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Please comment on the candidate's Sportsmanship skills. Feel free to include anecdotes or other stories if you know any:

AMBASSADORIAL SKILLS

Please comment on the candidate's Ambassadorial skills and ability to interact with and engage not only other Pony Club members but also other adults and dignitaries.

EXCHANGE SKILLS

Assuming you were the Chaperone for this team, how would you feel about Chaperoning this candidate on an overseas Exchange?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this candidate.

The above comments and answers are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge regarding this applicant.

Signed:

(Signature of person completing this form)

Date:

