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TRADITIONAL "C-3" TEST SHEET

National Examiners will use this form when conducting a Traditional C-3 Rating. The candidate will receive a copy of the completed form following the examination. The original is sent to the National Office within four days of the test and returned in due course to the candidate. A copy will be sent from the National Office to the Regional Supervisor and District Commissioner. To achieve the rating, candidates must meet the standard in each section. **Examiners must have a copy of the appropriate Standard to use with the test sheet.**

Candidate's name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Name of Pony Club _____

District Commissioner _____ Region _____

Riding Test Expectations: *The candidate should maintain a basic balanced position with a secure base of support. Rider should demonstrate the development of an independent seat and coordinated use of aids on the flat, over fences, and in the open. The candidate should initiate and maintain free forward movement with smooth transitions and a steady, light feel of the mount's mouth. The candidate should discuss and evaluate the aids used. The candidate should show confidence and control at all gaits on the flat, over fences, and in the open. Be familiar with the Training Pyramid.*

Presentation of Horse and Rider

- Correct formal or informal attire
- If informal, demonstrate correct tying of a stock tie, and placement of stock pin
- Effective and correct presentation and control
- Mount well groomed: ears, nose, eyes, dock, sheath, udder, mane and tail
- Tack clean and safe
- Discuss purpose and fit of mount's equipment

_____ ES _____ DNMS _____ MS

Bandaging

- Stable and shipping bandage
- Discuss purposes and dangers involved with stable and shipping bandages

_____ ES _____ DNMS _____ MS

Longeing

- Supervision is required in the testing of longeing
- Demonstrate proper fit of equipment, including bridle or cavesson, saddle or surcingle (side reins are allowed if appropriately used)
- Longe own mount, appropriate to mount's ability, demonstrating safe longeing techniques and proper use of aids (voice, body position, etc.) at the walk, trot, and/or canter, while initiating free forward movement and smooth transitions, making horse appropriate for the C-3 rider

_____ ES _____ DNMS _____ MS

KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard

MS = Meets Standard

DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard

Dressage

Warm Up With Required Movements

- Demonstrate warm up for dressage
- Evaluate warm up; discussing organization

- Warmup should include the following movements:

___ ES
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___ MS

Required Movements

- Free, working and medium walk
- Working trot
- Working canter
- 15 and 20 meter circles
- Half circles
- Serpentine
- Straight lines
- Ride a 20 meter circle at the rising trot, allowing horse to stretch forward and down
- Leg yield
- Reinback
- Increase and decrease of speed at each gait

- Ride without stirrups at all gaits while demonstrating Riding Test Expectations

- Evaluate performance with Examiner, including accuracy of transitions and figures, and whether or not mount maintained free forward movement and correct bend
- Discuss difference between increase of speed and lengthening of stride

Required Test

- Be prepared to ride the current USEF Training Level Test A dressage test
- Evaluate performance

___ ES
___ DNMS
___ MS

Switch ride

- Demonstrate ability to ride different mount(s), initiating free forward movement at each gait, showing confidence and control
- Evaluate performance and differences from own mount

___ ES
___ DNMS
___ MS

Riding over fences

Gymnastics

- Discuss reasons for different length of stirrups and the effect on position for different types of work
- Demonstrate warm up for jumping, using exercises appropriate for mount, including a simple gymnastic grid which will progress to 3'3"
- Ride without stirrups over simple gymnastic grid on own mount at 3'
- Evaluate warmup and gridwork, including distances used in grid

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

Stadium

- Ride over stadium course at 3'3", including verticals, oxers, related distances, bending lines and at least one combination
- Evaluate performance and ways ride could be improved

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

Switch Ride

- Ability on different mount(s) over stadium course at 3'
- Evaluate performance and how mount differs from own

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

Riding in the Open *(must be done)*

- Ride at a gallop in the open, alone, and in a group
- Demonstrate a knowledge of pace while riding in a galloping position. Ride at 240 mpm, developing 350-400 mpm
- Ride over cross-country obstacles at height (3'3") and pace (350-400 mpm) appropriate to terrain
- Evaluate performance, pace and ways ride could be improved
- Evaluate mount's condition (vital signs)

____ES ____DNMS ____MS

GENERAL REMARKS

Attitude and maturity for level of testing

Security and confidence for level of testing

Suggestions for improvement

<input type="checkbox"/> Meets Standards	<input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Meet Standard	Signature of Examiners
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdraw		PIP _____
Date Tested _____		_____

A candidate may be retested ONLY on bandaging and/or longeing.

- Retest must take place within **the calendar year** and must be completed over a one-day period.
- Failure of either section on retest day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

ES _____ MS _____ DNMS _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(Examiner for portions retested)