

USPC FLOWCHART D3
 SOUTHWEST REGION, PONY CLUB _____
 FOR PONY CLUB MEMBER _____

Date/Initials	Description
RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS	Candidate should ride in a basic balance position with control at the walk, trot and canter. Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences.
Riding on the Flat	
	Ride on the flat using Riding Test Expectations.
	Demonstrate emergency dismount at the halt and walk.
	Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt.
	Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot.
	Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot.
	Demonstrate a simple step back.
	Perform round 20-meter circles in both directions, at walk, at sitting and rising trot with correct diagonals, and at canter with correct leads.
	Demonstrate increase and decrease of speed at the trot by passing riders on rail and taking the lead.
	Discuss performance with Examiner and whether or not circles were round and natural aids were used correctly.
Riding Over Fences	
	Ride over fences using Riding Test Expectations.
	Trot over ground poles, followed by cross rail.
	Jump a simple stadium course of five to seven obstacles, height not to exceed 2'6".
	Discuss performance, reasons for any disobedience.
Riding in the Open	
	Ride safely with a group at the walk and trot, over varied terrain, through shallow water and small ditches as occur in natural terrain (ditches to be unrevetted).
	Jump simple cross-country obstacles, not to exceed 2'6".
	D-3 speed should not exceed 240 meters per minute or 300 meter per minute appropriate for size of mount.
	Discuss ways to control a mount in the open.
	Discuss performance with Examiner.
HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS	The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills without assistance, and to discuss care of the mount, using common horse terms.
Turn-out / Tack	
	Rider in safe and neat attire.
	Mount to be neatly groomed, with feet picked out, showing farrier care.
	Tack to be properly adjusted, safe and clean.
	Describe formal attire, informal attire.

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Conditioning/ Nutrition	
	Know 5-7 basic rules of feeding.
	Describe care of mount after strenuous work, to include cooling out, inspection of legs, watering and feeding.
	Describe the amount of roughage and the amount of concentrates per ration for own mount.
Stable Management	Discuss the amount of roughage and the amount of concentrates per ration for own mount.
	Demonstrate how to clean and bed a stall giving reasons for each step.
	Know use of hay net and the dangers of improper use.
Pony Parts, Conformation, Lameness	
	Describe how to measure height of mount.
	Identify at least 20 parts of the mount, to include hock, gaskin, withers, croup, fetlock, pastern, etc.
	Know common conformation faults of neck, back, shoulder, head and pasterns.
	Describe the characteristics of a strange mount clearly enough for another person to recognize it within a group. Include: color, breed, markings, size, sex, and obvious conformation characteristics.
Travel Safety	
	Know rules for riding safely on public roads in your state.
	Know procedure for mounted group crossing a public roadway.
	Discuss the proper procedure for loading and unloading a mount.
Record Book	
	The D-3 is expected to keep careful records of veterinary visits, and general health of mount. Record Book must be brought to the test. A minimum of three months of records is required. Records should reflect appropriate depth of knowledge for this level.
Health Care & Veterinary Knowledge	
	Name some symptoms of a sick or injured mount that would cause you to seek help.
Introduction to Horse Sports	
	Name five horse sports that are offered in USPC.
Teaching	
	D-3s are encouraged to assist D-1 s and D-2s during unmounted Pony Club activities, not mounted activities.
	No child is responsible for the safety of another child. There must always be adult supervision.

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Land Conservation	
	Name three important rules when riding across privately-owned land.
	Write thank-you notes to two land owners who support your club and tell them why you appreciate being able to use their land. If you ride on public land, write a thank-you note to the manager or contact person.
Leading / Longeing	
	Lead correctly, moving mount forward with whip or assistance (if necessary).
	Do walk-trot-walk-halt transitions in hand.
	Lead safely from both sides.
Foot & Shoeing	
	Describe obvious signs of a foot needing shoeing or trimming.
Bandaging	
	Describe critical areas protected by shipping bandages or boots, and give reasons for their use. Apply protective boots (with supervision) on own mount. Apply stable wrap with assistance.