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**Riding Test Expectations**

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>
The rider should begin to initiate free forward movement, and begin to establish a light feel of mount's mouth.	The candidate should begin riding mount freely forward in balance and rhythm while developing a light contact.

**Riding on the Flat**

<u>Current Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Changes (and order)</u>
Ride on flat using riding test expectations	Ride test consistently demonstrating riding test expectations
Demonstrate emergency dismount at the trot	Demonstrate suppling exercises for rider without stirrups at walk
Demonstrate mount's warm-up routine for everyday work to include warm-up exercises	Demonstrate mount's warm-up routine for everyday work
Perform suppling exercises for rider without stirrups at walk and sitting trot	Discuss candidate's warm-up for both rider and mount with examiner
Demonstrate aids for moving mount away from the leg at halt (sideways)	Work mount at walk, trot and canter, with smooth transitions, demonstrating correct bend, performing straight lines on centerline, 20-meter circles, and figure eights with simple transitions at each gait
Demonstrate long rein, loose rein and light contact at walk	Demonstrate long rein, loose rein and light contact at walk
Ride at walk, trot and canter, with smooth transitions, performing circles and figure eights at each gait	Demonstrate a rein back- (2-3 simple steps back)
Discuss performance with examiner including whether or not mount was moving freely forward	Discuss aids for and then demonstrate a turn on the forehand
	Discuss performance with examiner discussing the following; the rider's basic balanced position, whether or not mount was moving freely forward in balance and rhythm with impulsion, and whether rider established a light contact.

### **Riding Over Fences**

<p><u>Current Wording</u> Ride over small grid (three fences not to exceed 2'3").</p> <p>Ride over jump course of 6-8 obstacles; include a two-stride combination...</p>	<p><u>Proposed Changes</u> Ride over small gymnastic grid of three fences finishing with an ascending oxer not to exceed 2'9" set at appropriate distances for mount's stride Ride over jump course of 6-8 obstacles; include a two-stride combination set at an appropriate distance for mount's stride. Grid distances may be adjusted for individual mount.</p>
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### **Riding in the Open**

<p><u>Current Wording</u> Discuss and or demonstrate, if time available, riding safely over varied terrain, including hills, ditches, low banks, flat open areas and streams.</p> <p>Ride over cross-country obstacles not to exceed 2'9".</p>	<p><u>Proposed Change</u> Discuss and demonstrate riding safely over varied terrain, incorporating as many of the following elements as local conditions allow: hills, small/shallow ditches, low banks, flat open areas and shallow streams. Ride over five to seven cross-country obstacles not to exceed 2'9" at appropriate speed (240-350 meters per minute).</p>
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### **Leading and Longeing**

<p><u>Current Wording</u> Discuss reasons for longeing. Discuss equipment necessary and safety procedures</p>	<p><u>Proposed Change</u> Discuss reasons for longeing Discuss equipment necessary and safety procedures. Demonstrate jogging mount, moving mount actively forward from the whip, with smooth transitions</p>
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### **Turnout**

<p><u>Current Wording</u> Attire to be correctly formal or informal, or as designated by the DC</p> <p>Mount to be well-groomed, reflecting regular care.</p>	<p><u>Proposed Change</u> Attire to be correctly formal or informal. Pony Club pin. Long hair neatly up or back. No inappropriate jewelry.</p> <p>Mount to be well groomed, reflecting regular care with a healthy coat; no sweat or dirt. Mane and tail brushed</p>
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<p>Tack to be safe, clean, and well adjusted, reflecting regular care.</p>	<p>with little, if any, dandruff. External areas around sheath/udder clean. Feet picked out and reflecting regular farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips, dock clean.</p> <p>Tack to be safe, properly adjusted, supple and reflecting regular care. No jockeys or dust. All stress point clean. No cracked leather. Metal clean and polished and stirrup pads clean.</p>
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### **Tack**

<p><u>Current Wording</u></p>	<p><u>Addition to SOP</u>  Identify tack on own mount and discuss fit  Demonstrate proper adjustment of blanket/sheet and halter.</p>
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### **Travel Safety**

<p><u>Current Wording</u>  Know trailer Safety Checklist</p>	<p><u>Proposed Change</u>  Demonstrate trailer safety check from trailer safety checklist (on USPC website under forms)</p>
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### **Vet Care**

<p><u>Current Wording</u></p>	<p><u>Addition to SOP</u>  Measure and record pulse, temperature and respiration of own mount at rest with assistance of examiner.</p>
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### **Bandaging**

<p><u>Current Wording</u>  Be able to apply shipping bandage with assistance</p>	<p><u>Proposed Change</u>  Apply stable bandage under direct supervision and with assistance of examiner</p>
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### **Teaching**

<p><u>Current Wording</u>  Under direct supervision of Examiner, perform and explain reasons for a safety and tack inspection for a D level Pony Club member</p>	<p><u>Proposed Change</u>  Demonstrate a safety and tack inspection for a D Pony Club member under direct supervision of Examiner. Explain to the D member the reason for the check, the process, and any safety issues found.</p>
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