

PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

'D' CERTIFICATE TESTING AND TECHNICAL CRITERIA DOCUMENT

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Name of candidate:

The following is a technical criteria for the rider wishing for achieve "D" certificate. The candidate must:

PRESENTATION				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria – How you must present.</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Wear Pony Club Uniform.	The rider must wear full official uniform for their club, and must be clean and tidy.			
	Clean boots (as permitted by rules).			
	The helmet must be ASNZS3838 or EN1384 or ASTM F1163 and correctly fitted.			
	The rider must not be wearing jewellery (except as per rules).			
Miscellaneous equipment.	Spurs are discouraged at this level but if worn must be of the type allowed in Pony Club, and be correctly fitted.			
	If the rider carries a whip, it must be the right size and type allowed.			
Pony to be tidy.	The pony should look reasonably neat and tidy and be free of loose mud and sweat.			
Saddlery.	All tack should be in good enough repair that it is soft (i.e., stitching in places such as stirrup leathers, girth straps etc. must be in good condition.			
	All tack should fit the pony comfortably (i.e., be the right size and fit).			
	Stirrups must be the correct size for the rider.			

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RIDING				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria – What you must be able to do.</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Mount and dismount (a mounting block may be used).	show how to mount holding the pommel not the cantle using a mounting block if necessary but may have his/her own way of mounting from the ground. The pony should stand still or be held to assist the rider.			
Being legged up	show how to be legged - up the rider should understand the importance of landing softly on the pony's back.			
How to hold and use the reins.	hold the reins correctly.			
	shorten and lengthen the reins correctly.			
	put their reins correctly into one hand.			
Capable of starting, guiding and stopping the pony, and riding at the walk, rising trot, and canter without being led.	make the pony go forward and stop without assistance.			
	maintain control of the pony at the walk.			
	maintain control of the pony at the canter.			
Road safety rules – know the "do's and don'ts" of riding on the road.	explain which side of the road to ride on.			
	demonstrate appropriate hand signals for turning and stopping when riding on the road.			
	explain the dangers of riding on the road.			
Take place in simple mounted games and rider exercises.	stand in their stirrups at the halt without falling back or using the reins to balance.			
	demonstrate another exercise (for example, rotating arms, rotating feet, clapping hands above head while standing etc.)			
	maintain control (<i>the game can take the form of a recognised novelty, or can be an obstacle type course</i>).			

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HORSE HANDLING

<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria – What you need to know.</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Approach, catch and lead a quite pony.	catch the pony from the side.			
	demonstrate where he/she should be when leading a pony.			
Tie a pony up with rope at correct length preferably to string using a quick release knot.	tie up in a suitable place and understand why the rope must be neither too long nor too short.			
	tie up to string.			
	tie up with a quick release knot (for example, a donkey or three loop knot).			
Let the pony go in the paddock.	safely negotiate the gateway with the pony.			
	turn back to face the gate before letting the pony go and put the lead around the pony’s neck before the headcollar is removed.			
Give a pony an apple or carrot safely.	hold their hand flat so the pony can take what is offered without biting fingers recognizing that the apple should be sliced and carrot should be cut into lengths.			

HORSE CARE

<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria – What you need to know.</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Identify and demonstrate use of grooming tools	identify the following grooming tools and demonstrate their use.			
	Dandy brush			
	Body brush			
	Rubber curry comb			
	Hoof pick			
	Candidate to brush the pony with particular attention to saddle and girth areas			
Saddle and bridle a pony, with assistance. <i>Where assistance is given to carry out any of these tasks the candidate must show (i.e., answer questions) a clear understanding of why it should be done in a certain way.</i>	put the saddle in the correct place on the pony’s back.			
	push the saddlecloth up into the gullet of the saddle.			
	understand why one must face the back of the pony when bringing the girth under the pony.			
	show how to put the bridle on the pony <i>before</i> putting the reins over the pony’s head.			
Know the comfortable living conditions for a pony	name three things that the pony needs in the paddock where he lives.			
Know what a pony eats and drinks	know what his/her pony eats.			
	understand the need to provide fresh clean water at all times.			
Identify: Parts of the horse	identify points of the horse (nostril, forehead, eye, ear, muzzle, forelock, crest, neck, mane, shoulder, wither, back, loins, rump, tail, hock, knee, fetlock, hoof).			
Identify: Parts of saddlery	identify parts of the bridle (bit, reins, cheekstrap, browband, noseband, throatlash).			
	identify parts of the saddle (girth, stirrups, pommel, leathers, seat, crupper, sircingle).			
Know how to wipe dust and mud off saddlery and put away tidily. <i>If any assistance is given(due to the size of the horse, saddle etc.) the candidate must understand clearly how to carry out each task.</i>	demonstrate how to run up their stirrups before removing the saddle.			
	demonstrate how to wipe dust and mud of the saddle including the girth, the bridle and wash the bit.			

