

Rider:

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### **Requirements for D\* Certificate**

Minimum Age - 9 years. D Certificate is a pre-requisite.

The D\* Certificate is not a pre-requisite for any subsequent test.

You need to demonstrate improved control of your pony. You need to have an elementary knowledge about the care of your pony. You need to be working towards a balanced seat and independence of the reins. You need to show a correct position for flat work and jumping.

For the D\* Certificate you will only be asked questions in person; you do not have to write anything down. Your pony must be tidy and free from loose mud and sweat. You must be in full Pony Club uniform with clean boots. Tack must be clean and fit correctly.

#### **RIDING**

<b>Element</b>	<b>Bit of a struggle</b>	<b>Can give it a go</b>	<b>No worries!</b>
Mount correctly using a mounting block if necessary.			
Dismount from either side safely.			
Ride with the reins in one hand.			
Walk, rising trot and canter under control in a large area, including circles and straight lines.			
Trot and canter at varying speeds.			
Make transitions on command.			
Hold and use a short whip correctly and ride with reins in one hand.			
Trot on a loose rein.			
Change diagonals in the trot on command.			
Trot (rising) over poles on the ground in a forward position using a neck strap if necessary.			

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Negotiate a variety of small jumps from the trot, maximum 45cm			
Know the Road Safety Rules. Do's and Don'ts of riding on the road. Know the correct side of the road to ride on, know hand signals and have an awareness of dangers.			

#### HORSE HANDLING

Element	Haven't a clue	Can give it a go	No worries!
Lead and turn a pony in hand at walk and trot (in a bridle).			
Pick up and clean out the front feet.			

#### HORSE CARE

Element	Haven't a clue	Can give it a go	No worries!
Knowledge of basic feeding and care of the pony.			
Basic care of the feet. Need to explain daily care.			
Identify the following parts of the foot: wall, frog, sole and heels.			
Identify the following farrier tools: rasp, hammer, toe knife, buffer and pincers.			
Identify the following points: throat, elbow, pastern, dock, coronet, hips, hock, stifle, ribs and cheek.			
Identify and demonstrate the use of : dandy brush, body brush and curry comb.			
Identify the following parts of the saddle: cantle, waist, gullet, stirrup bar and sweat flap.			

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Horse Care Element	Haven't a clue	Can give it a go	No worries!
Clean and put away saddlery. Need to explain how to clean tack and how to store between rides. Demonstrate how to place a saddle correctly on the ground.			
Describe the following conditions: Girth Gall, Cold, Colic and Laminitis.			

#### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Element	Haven't a clue	Can give it a go	No worries!
Know the names of the Club Committee (Club President, Secretary and Chief Coach).			