

**PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**  
**'D' STAR TESTING AND TECHNICAL CRITERIA DOCUMENT**  
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<b>Name of candidate:</b>
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The following is a technical criteria for the rider with "D" certificate to achieve "D Star" certificate. The candidate must:

<b>PRESENTATION</b>				
<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.	wear full official uniform for their club, and must be clean and tidy.			
	wear clean boots (as permitted by rules).			
	wear helmet of standard ASNZS3838 or EN1384 or ASTM F1163 correctly fitted.			
	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.	present the pony looking reasonably neat and tidy and be free of loose mud and sweat.			
Saddlery.	present with tack in good enough repair, leather that 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).			
	Present with stirrups that are the correct size for the rider.			

<b>RIDING</b>				
<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 correctly (a mounting block may be used).	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.			
Dismount from either side of the pony.	safely dismount from either side.			
Walk, rising trot, and canter in a large area including circle and straight line, and change of direction	maintain control of their pony at walk, rising trot and canter in a large area.			
	ride a circle of not less than 20 m at walk and trot.			
	ride from one point to another reasonably straight. change of direction when they wish to do so.			
Make transitions on command.	make transitions from halt to walk, walk to trot, trot to walk and walk to halt on command.			
Trot and canter at varying speeds.	increase and decrease speed within trot.			
	increase and decrease speed within canter.			
Ride with reins in one hand. Hold and use a short whip correctly.	put their reins correctly into one hand.			
	ride with the reins in one hand at walk and trot.			
	put their reins correctly into one hand and use their whip behind their leg.			
Trot on a loose rein.	allow the pony onto a loose rein at the trot and shorten the reins again.			
Change diagonals on command.	change diagonal on command.			

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Rising trot over poles on the ground in a forward position.	trot over poles on the ground while holding a neckstrap.			
	keep their pony reasonably straight while negotiating the poles.			
Negotiate small jumps of varied design from the trot. Maximum height 45 cm	jump single small fences, holding a neckstrap, from a straight approach - .			
Road safety rules – know simple traffic rule when 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.			
	Be familiar with your state road rules for horses.			

### HORSE HANDLING

<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria – What you need to know.</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Lead and turn a pony in hand at the walk and trot (with bridle).	lead the pony and turn safely.			
Pick up and clean out front feet.	safely pick up and clean out the front feet of a pony.			

### HORSEMASTERSHIP

<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria – What you need to know.</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Knowledge of basic feeding and care of the pony.	know what your own pony eats.			
	know what care your own pony receives on a daily basis.			
Basic care of the feet.	explain the daily care of an unshod horse.			
Identify parts of the hoof	identify the following parts of the hoof - wall, frog, sole and heels.			
Identify basic farriers tools	identify the following farriers tools - rasp, hammer, knife, buffer and pincers.			
Identify parts of the horse.	identify the following parts of the horse – throat, elbow, pastern, dock, coronet, hips, hock, stifle, ribs, cheek.			
Identify and demonstrate use of: dandy brush, body brush, curry comb, hoof pick	identify the following grooming tools - dandy brush, body brush, curry comb, hoof pick.			
Identify parts of the saddle.	identify parts of the saddle - cantle, waist, gullet, stirrup bar, sweat flap.			
Clean and put away saddlery.	explain how to clean their own saddle and bridle.			
	place your saddle safely on the ground.			
	explain know how to store saddlery between rides.			
Describe the following conditions: girthgall, cold, colic, laminitis (founder)	describe girthgall			
	describe a cold.			
	describe colic.			
	describe laminitis (founder)			

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria – What you need to know.</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Know the names of the Club Executive.	list the names of your club President, Secretary and Chief Instructor.			