

Mounted Skills C-2 Traditional (Eventing)

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride with confidence and control demonstrating a secure balanced position with a secure base of support while progressing toward an independent seat and coordinated use of aids. The candidate should begin to initiate free forward movement, establishing balance and rhythm while developing a light contact

The C-2 check-list is a valuable tool to evaluate a member's readiness to test. It is recommended that this check-list be used to evaluate a candidate no earlier than 90 days prior to the certification. The evaluator should sign the "Signature" block when a candidate satisfactorily performs the necessary skills while demonstrating both horse management and riding expectations for the standard without instruction/coaching. If the member is not able to demonstrate the standard, the evaluator should provide detailed comments on what improvements the candidate needs to make in order to demonstrate the standard. An evaluator must be able to give an impartial evaluation of the candidate's proficiency at the standard. The "D-1 through C-2 Examiner's Handbook" and the last page of the "Standards of Proficiency" outlines the qualities of an examiner that is appropriate to use.

Signature & Date

Riding on the Flat

- Discuss the meaning of the Riding Expectations. Ride consistently demonstrating riding expectations.
- Demonstrate warm-up for flat work including rider exercises.
- Discuss candidate's warm-up for rider and mount using terms and understanding the Training Scale.
- Discuss warm-up schedule for three different activities of candidate's choice.
- Work mount at walk, trot and canter, changing directions at least twice in each gait, using coordinated aids, maintaining even rhythm, balance, impulsion and smooth transitions.
- Demonstrate 15-and 20-meter circles, figure-8s, serpentines and work on the center or quarter lines to develop suppleness and straightness.
- Demonstrate a free walk on a long rein, returning to a walk on contact
- Halt squarely on centerline and stand quietly for five seconds.
- Ride mount without stirrups at all gaits.
- Demonstrate a simple rein back (2-3 simple steps back).
- Discuss aids for and then demonstrate leg yield at walk.
- Ride the current USEF Novice Test A.
- Discuss performance with Examiner, including the rider's position, and whether mount was moving forward in balance and rhythm.

Evaluator's Comments:

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Riding Over Fences

- Ride over fences using Riding Expectations.
- Ride over a simple gymnastic grid, finishing with an ascending oxer set at but not to exceed 3' set at appropriate distances for mount's stride at trot or canter.
- Develop a plan of how to ride a stadium course. Course to consist of 7-9 jumps. The majority of fences should be set at, but not exceed, 3'.
- Ride course according to plan.
- Discuss performance with Examiner, including the quality of canter rhythm and tempo maintained throughout the course and ways ride could be improved

Evaluator's Comments:

Riding in the Open

- Ride safely with confidence and control in a group, on a suitable mount, at the walk, trot, and canter over varied terrain, through shallow water and small ditches as occur in natural terrain, as available.
- C-2 speed should not exceed 375 mpm.
- Discuss safety measures when riding over varied footing, i.e. water, mud, rocks, ice, bog, hard ground, sand, pavement.
- Ride over five to seven cross-country obstacles, at appropriate speed (350-375 mpm) connecting fences as a course. The majority of fences should be set at, 2'6"- 3', but not exceed, 3'.
- Discuss performance with Examiner, giving reasons for pace, adjustability and stride, tempo and ways ride can be improved.

Evaluator's Comments: