



D Level Horse Management

Ratings Explained

Local Level Certifications - Progression begins at the D-1 with members moving through the Standards in the desired track (HM, EV, DR, HSE, WST) to the C-2 level. **Movement from one riding discipline level to another is acceptable when it is to the SAME certification level, see example below. Riding Certifications cannot be awarded until the Horse Management for that level is passed. Contact your DC/CA to arrange for any certifications.**

| HORSE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATIONS (HM) | RIDING CERTIFICATIONS (EV, DR, HSE, WST) | NOTES |
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| D-1 | D-1 | <p>Eventing-D-1 through C-2: May take the HM, Flat, and Jumping tests all at one time or individually. Flat must precede Jumping test.</p> <p>Dressage, Hunter Seat Equitation, and Western D-1 through C-2: HM may be tested separately, but all riding sections must be tested together.</p> <p>Example of switching from one track (discipline) to another: D-2 HSE member wants to switch to the EV track. To do so they need to take the D-2 EV riding tests (they already have their D-2 HM) and then proceed to the D-3 when ready. They could take the D-2 and D-3 EV riding tests all at one time if they are ready.</p> <p>Riding Certifications cannot be awarded until the Horse Management for that level is passed. Certifications are recorded by the DC/CA.</p> |
| D-2 | D-2 | |
| D-3 | D-3 | |
| C-1 | C-1 | |
| C-2 | C-2 | |



Ratings Explained

National Level Certifications - Progression begins at either the H-B Horse Management or the C-3 Riding. Movement from one riding discipline level to another is acceptable when it is to the SAME certification level, see certification FAQ's, with the exception that C-2 Eventing members may test into the C-3 of either (EV, DR, or SJ). C-2 Hunter Seat Equitation members flow into Showing Jumping. ONLY Eventing C-3, B, A members may register to split the certification into two different tests (Phase 1 & 2). See certification FAQ's for more detailed information on Eventing phase testing. Apply online at www.ponyclub.org

| HORSE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATIONS (HM) | RIDING CERTIFICATIONS (EV, DR, SJ) |
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| H-B | C+ Member has earned their C-3 riding in EV, DR, or SJ prior to earning their H-B |
| H-HM (takes the H-A test), may have earned any riding level C-2 and below) | C-3 |
| H (takes the H-A test), has earned their C-3 riding certification in EV, DR, or SJ | B |
| H-A (takes the H-A test), has earned their B riding certification in EV, DR, or SJ | A Members are allowed to take their A riding test prior to their H-A but will not be awarded their A certificate until they pass the H-A test |



Horse Management Schedule


Horse Management

Subject List & Suggested Reading from The USPC Manual of Horsemanship- D level

| Date | Subject | Information | Suggested Reading |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 01/13/2024 | Introduction to Horse Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approach and leading/tying• Grooming• Stall management & 'setting fair' | Pgs 145-159 Pgs 182-188 Pgs 189-193 |
| 02/03/2024 | Tacking and fitting tack | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safely leading & Turning out• Parts of saddle• Parts of the bridle• Fitting | Pgs 172 Pgs 258-264 Pg 284-286 |
| 03/09/2024 | Tack Continued | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Types of Bridle• Types of Bit• Tack Care• Fitting Continued | Pgs 264-297 |
| 04/20/2024 | Feeding | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rules of Feeding• Stable vices | Pgs 199-208 Pgs 103-105 |



Standards of Proficiency



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D-1—D-3 Eventing

THE D-1 STANDARD

Horse Management Expectations

The candidate is a beginning-level horse manager, willing to learn the simple routine necessary for safe handling of quiet, well-trained horses. His or her knowledge will vary widely depending on age, educational level, and experience.

Presentation/Turnout and Tack

- Mount and tack to reflect the Horse Management Handbook's Turnout expectations.
- Rider in safe, neat, and clean attire: Long hair reaching below the shoulder must be neatly secured away from the eyes (e.g., hairnets, Showbows, or braids), collared shirt with sleeves and tucked in, long pants, short or tall riding boots or shoes covering the ankle and have a boot heel, Pony Club pin, USPC or USEA medical armband or bracelet, and a properly fitted equestrian helmet securely fastened (see USPC Policy 0800.A). Half-chaps, gloves, and belt optional. No inappropriate jewelry.
- Groom mount and pick out hooves, with assistance if needed.
- Tack up, with assistance if necessary.
- Name 6 saddle parts and 4 bridle parts.

Leading/Longeing

- Approach mount safely and put on halter.
- Demonstrate walk-halt-walk transitions and turning in the correct direction.

Foot and Shoeing

- Give 1 reason to pick out a mount's hoof.
- Tell whether your mount wears shoes or not.

Breeds, Pony Parts, Colors

- Locate and name 10 parts of the mount.
- Name color and breed of own mount.

Health and Maintenance Record Book

- Bring a completed USPC stall card for own mount and explain why it is important.

Stable Management

- Give 2 reasons for cleaning tack.

Travel Safety

- Name basic rules of safe riding in a group in an enclosed area.

Nutrition

- Demonstrate how to feed a treat to a pony.
- Give 1 example of a succulent.
- Discuss why and how often water should be available.

Conditioning

- Give 1 reason for cooling out mount after exercise.

Land Conservation

- Name 2 different places in your area where you see horse activities taking place. Include where you have your Pony Club mounted meetings.

Health Care and Veterinary Knowledge

- Discuss what a veterinarian is.
- Give 1 reason the veterinarian might need to provide care for your mount.

Teaching

- Name 1 of your instructors where you ride.

Rider Safety

- Name 3 pieces of clothing or equipment that you should wear for your safety when you ride.

Equine Sports

- Name 2 disciplines listed on the USPC website.

THE D-1 STANDARD

Riding Expectations

Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating basic balanced position at the halt and walk, and control at the walk and trot on a mount suitable for a beginner. These expectations are applied to each block of the test.

D-1 Riding on the Flat

- Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary.
- Pick up and hold reins correctly at halt.
- Pick up stirrups at halt.
- Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt.
- Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt and walk.
- Ride at the walk and trot, with control, keeping mount on rail.
- Demonstrate simple change of direction at the walk and trot.
- Perform gradual transitions from walk to trot and walk to halt.

D-1 Riding Over Ground Poles/Cavaletti

- Walk over a single pole on the ground in jumping position.
- Discuss with Examiner the reason for different positions when riding on the flat and over fences.



Grooming- Kit

Appendix H-2 (Worksheet)

USPC Horse

- All items labeled correctly.
- *Items checked on HM App. H-1 "Set Up & Safety."
- **Items checked at Turnout Inspection & Safety Checks.
- No score for these items will be given on the REL.
- Judges: If a score can be attributed to a particular competitor tribute it to the team as a whole

Grooming Kits

◆per mount

←Rider Numbers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hoof Pick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Curry Comb (rubber or plastic; capable of cleaning brushes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dandy Brush (hard bristles) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Body Brush (soft bristles) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rub Rag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wet Wipes <i>or</i> 2 Sponges marked 'Dock' & 'Face' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Body Sponge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Scraper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wash Bucket – (labeled 'Wash Only') |

Individual Equipment

◆per competitor

←Rider Numbers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Saddle Rack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bridle Racks (one per bridle) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Boot Trees for tall leather boots (leg & toe) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | *Stall Card |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | *Water Bucket(s) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | *Breakaway Halter |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lead Rope |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | **Any necessary tack & attire |



Order of Grooming

1. Name the brushes and their uses
2. Fill out the worksheet completing the order of grooming.
3. Groom your mount following the order of grooming outlined.



Stall Management

1. What do we need in the stall?
2. Additional Items
3. Maintaining the stall
4. Bedding types and amounts
5. Hanging haynets
6. Hanging water buckets

