

## Mounted Skills (D-2 Dressage)

*RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe basic balanced position at the medium walk and working trot, and should begin to develop the canter.*

**The D-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.

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Date

### Riding on the Flat

- Ride on flat using Riding Expectations (see above).
- Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary).
- Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk.
- Free walk and medium walk on contact.
- Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and halt and discuss 1 or 2 reasons for doing this.
- Ride without stirrups at the walk.
- Demonstrate emergency dismount at the walk.
- Ride at the medium walk and working trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and 20m circles.
- Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads.
- Discuss performance with Examiner, indicating whether or not mount was on correct lead.
- Discuss how to pass others safely while riding in an enclosed area

Evaluator's Comments:

### Riding Over Ground Poles/Cavaletti

- Maintain a balanced position at the trot on the flat and over 3-4 ground poles, in posting trot and two point position.
- Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride and balance.

Evaluator's Comments:

### Riding Test

- Bring hand-drawn diagram of USDF Intro Test C
- Perform USDF Intro Test C
- Discuss performance with examiner relative to the Purpose of the test and the Collective Marks in the USDF Introductory tests .

Evaluator's Comments:

### Riding in the Open

- Ride safely and considerately on public or private property (open field or open space), in a group.
- Ride with control, up and down hills, at the walk and trot.
- Discuss two or three things to do to show "good manners" or courtesy while riding on someone else's property. (e.g., regarding gates, planted rows in fields, etc)

Evaluator's Comments: