

C1 Horse Management Checklist 2024

Candidates: Each box in **Section 1** must be signed off by your instructor.
 Topics in **Section 2** must be filled out like a study guide **and turned in with Section 1**, four weeks prior to test date.

Section 1:

| Topic | Sign & Date |
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| Candidate's mount and tack to reflect the Horse Management Handbook's Turnout expectations. | |
| Mount to be well-groomed, reflecting regular care with a healthy coat; no sweat or dirt. Mane and tail brushed with little, if any, dandruff. External areas around sheath/udder clean. Eyes, nose, lips, and dock clean. | |
| Tack to be safe, clean, and properly adjusted, reflecting regular care/conditioning with metal polished. No jockeys or dust and all stress points clean. | |
| Present in appropriate "competition" attire for either dressage, eventing, or show jumping discipline (found in the respective discipline rulebooks) | |
| Demonstrate parallel leading, from both sides, at the walk only, with assistance if necessary, as described in the USPC C Manual. (Watch YouTube video on USPC website) | |
| Apply 2 stable (aka standing) bandages (front and rear diagonal pair) with assistance from examiner if needed. | |
| Bring a letter from the DC verifying member assisted twice at an unmounted pony club activity. | |

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| <p>Provide a hard copy (in a folder/binder) of mount's Health and Maintenance Record Book that contains records for at least 6 months prior to the test. In addition to the information from the previous levels (D2/D3), records must contain:</p> <p>D2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Horse information and photo- Contact info for vet and farrier- Feeding info and schedule <p>D3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dated list of routine care (vaccinations, deworming, shoeing, dentistry)- Daily schedule of care which may include grooming, riding, feeding, etc. <p>C1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weekly riding/conditioning schedule and changes to this schedule (seasonal or other)- Activities (beyond daily routine, eg lessons, clinics, competitions, etc)- Extra vet visits (beyond routine care)- Expenses (income may be added, but not required) | |
| <p>Demonstrate a safety and tack inspection for a D member (explaining any safety issues found) to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rider attire (helmet, boots, medical armband)- Bit is right way up and is attached to bridle correctly- Curb chain adjusted correctly if using- Crownpiece/headstall and browband fitted- Reins attached correctly- Billets, stirrup leathers, and reins in good repair- Girth is good size for moutn and in good condition- Saddle fits moutn and rider and pad is correctly attached.- Pony's feet picked out. | |

Section 2:

Presentation/Turnout/Tack

- Identify tack on own mount and discuss fit.
- Name 3 different snaffle bits.
- Name 1 curb bit and describe how its function is different than a snaffle, as described in the USPC D Manual.
- Describe how to adjust a curb chain.

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Leading/Longing

- Discuss 3 reasons for longeing.
- Name 4 required items the rider must have when longeing and 3 items used for a mount at the C level as described in the USPC C Manual.
- Describe parallel longeing and explain why it might be used.

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Bandaging

- Name 2 possible effects of poor bandaging techniques.

Foot and Shoeing

- Discuss causes of thrush and prevention.
- Identify 6 farrier tools and their uses.
- Identify 3 types of shoes.
- Describe 3 examples of bad shoeing.

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Conformation and Unsoundness

- Identify and discuss 3 bad points of basic leg conformation.
- Describe the outward appearance, and locate these 5 common unsoundnesses: splint, bowed tendon, bone spavin, curb, and ringbone.

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Stable Management

- Discuss 1 drainage and 1 absorbent bedding.
- Describe 3 areas that are important to check for a sheet or blanket to fit correctly. Name 2 safety concerns when putting on a blanket or removing a blanket.

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Stable Management, cont.

- Discuss 5 general barn safety practices.
- Describe and give reasons for 3 types of clipping.
- Name 2 internal and 2 external parasites.

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Travel Safety

- Describe basic equipment or care needed for mount's safety and comfort during trailer travel.
- Discuss 5 items from the truck/trailer safety checklist that you should check before you travel.

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Nutrition

- Discuss how much water an average horse drinks in a day and 2 reasons why water is important for horses.
- Describe 2 characteristics of bad hay and explain why access to good quality roughage is important.
- Name one legume hay and one grass hay.

Conditioning

- Discuss the meaning of conditioning and the reasons for conditioning a mount.
- Describe 3 factors to consider before a horse can begin a conditioning program.
- Discuss 2 types of conditioning work such as long slow distance and hill work and how this helps improve your mount's fitness.
- Name 2 indicators (evidence) of improved fitness for your mount.

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Land Conservation

- Name 2 different locations near you where the land is used for horseback riding and other outdoor activities such as hiking and sports.

Rider Safety

- List 3 ways to determine if a riding helmet fits properly.
- Describe 3 signs of heat illness.

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Health Care and Veterinary Knowledge

- Describe how to treat minor wounds.
- Discuss parasite management for your mount.
- Name 3 things you can do to prevent your horse from contracting a communicable disease (i.e., while riding at other facilities or keeping mount at show grounds).

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Health Care and Veterinary Knowledge, cont.

- Discuss 3 health concerns before bringing a new horse into a barn or stable.
- Explain the reason for having a Coggins test done.
- Discuss causes, signs, and preventative measures for the following: colic, laminitis, and choke.

DC Signature _____

Date Received _____