

**D2 Horse Management Pre-Check and Study Guide 2024**

Candidates: Each bullet point 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 and Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rider in safe and neat attire, in accordance with the Standards of Proficiency (SOP).</li> <li>• Mount clean and well brushed with hooves picked out and showing farrier care. Eyes, nose, lips, and dock wiped off.</li> <li>• Tack to be safe and clean (properly adjusted with assistance if necessary), with attention to stitching, girth, and stirrups. No obvious jockeys or heavy dust.</li> <li>• Groom and tack up with assistance if necessary.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead mount correctly in tack.</li> <li>• Demonstrate walk-trot-halt transitions, and turning in the correct direction which is away from you.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a hard copy (in a folder/binder or stapled) of mount's Health and Maintenance Record Book that contains the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Horse information and photo.</li> <li>- Contact information for vet and farrier.</li> <li>- Feeding information and schedule.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate tying a quick release knot with assistance if necessary.</li> </ul>	

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**Section 2:**

**Tack:**

- Name and locate 10 saddle parts and 5 bridle parts.
- Name the bit your mount is wearing.

**Foot and Shoeing**

- Give reasons for daily hoof care.
- Give 2 reasons why a farrier regularly checks your mount.

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**Breeds, Pony Parts, and Colors**

- Name and locate any 15 parts of the mount.
- Name and describe 6 colors of mounts.
- Name and describe 5 markings a mount might have.
- Name 5 pony or horse breeds.

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**Stable Management**

- Name 5 grooming tools and describe how to use them.
- List 3 examples of unsafe horse equipment
- Name 3 common stable vices.
- Discuss 2 points of good halter adjustment.

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**Travel Safety**

- Name 2 pieces of equipment that your mount should wear for travel.

**Nutrition**

- Give 3 basic rules for feeding.
- Explain feeding schedule for own mount.

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**Conditioning**

- Describe 2 signs that show when a mount is properly cooled out.
- Describe condition of own mount (e.g., thin, fit, or over-weight).
- What does TPR stand for?

**Health Care and Vet Knowledge**

- Give 2 reasons to have your mount routinely checked by a veterinarian.

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**Bandaging**

- Give 2 reasons why you would bandage a mount's leg(s).
- Discuss 1 part of the horse's leg that a bell boot would protect and 1 part a protective boot would protect.

**Land Conservation**

- Name 1-2 ways that you can thank a landowner for riding on their property or facility.

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**Rider Safety**

- Give 1 reason for checking girth, stirrup leathers, and stirrup bars before mounting.
- Describe what you should do for yourself when you fall off.

**Equine Sports**

- Name 4 disciplines listed on the USPC website.

**DC Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_