

The Irish Pony Club D Test

2022

Disc Colour: Yellow

Candidate Requirements:

- Candidates must be in their 8th year to sit D test

Outcomes:

Candidates should be safe and confident with their own pony and have a basic understanding of the care and wellbeing of ponies.

Format:

The D test consists of riding, horse care and knowledge and road sense theory.

Candidates can wear Pony Club sweatshirt or jumper (no hood), pale coloured jodhpurs and a hat for flat work. Cross country hat and back protector must be worn for jumping.

Riding:

Candidates should:

- Mount and dismount correctly, using a mounting block or getting a leg up if required.
- Show a reasonably correct position in the saddle.
- Hold and shorten the reins correctly
- Be able to ride a quiet pony safely in an arena in walk & trot
- Show how to halt
- Show changes the rein
- Ride over a pole on the ground (1 end slightly raised)

Horse Care and Knowledge:

Candidates should:

- Know the basic needs of your pony in summer and winter
- Recognise the hoof pick, dandy brush, body brush and curry comb
- Know how to approach and catch a pony
- Put on a headcollar (with assistance is required)
- Know the safe way to give your pony a small feed or treat
- Lead a pony in hand and turn correctly in walk
- Name simple points of a pony
- Name different parts of a saddle and bridle

Road Sense Theory:

Candidates should:

- Know which side of the road to ride on
- Understand the simple Junior Road Rider Code
- How to safely cross a road and say "Thank you"
- Know the importance of Hi-Vis clothing