

**'E' CERTIFICATE
FOR PONY CLUB RIDERS
UNDER 7 YEARS OF AGE.**

STANDARD E CERTIFICATE GUIDELINES:

Candidates have reasonable control of their ponies at the walk and trot. Some help may be given, such as allowing ponies to work in company. Minimal help can be given with other tasks.

EXAMINER:

Level 1 Examiner / Senior Instructor of the Club (provided they hold an Instructors Certificate).

WRITTEN PAPER:

No written paper is required.

PRESENTATION:

- Rider to be in formal Pony Club uniform.
- *Uniform to be clean and tidy. Boots to be polished.*
- Pony to be tidy.

The pony must look neat and tidy and be free of loose mud and sweat. Tack must be clean and fit correctly.

RIDING:

Mounting and dismounting. A mounting block may be used and the rider may have help with keeping the pony still.

Candidate to show knowledge of how to mount i.e. where to stand and how to hold the reins.

Being legged up:

Candidate to know where to stand and how to assist the person legging them up by bending the knee as well as landing lightly in the saddle.

Starting, guiding and stopping the pony.

Candidate to be able to move the pony off and turn right and left at the walk and trot and stop the pony. (Some help may be given e.g. lead the pony forward if it will not move off)

Take part in simple mounted games and rider exercises.

Candidate to be able to guide their pony while taking part in a simple game such as moving an object from one drum to another or doing a bending race at the walk or trot (some help may be given but the rider should have control of the pony)

Group riding safety.

Candidate to know the importance of not riding too close to the back of other ponies and the reasons why.

HORSE HANDLING

Approach, catch and lead a quiet pony under supervision.

Candidate to know to approach from the side towards the shoulder and to speak to the pony, help to be given with putting on the headstall. Know how to lead the pony from near the shoulder and manage the lead rein (not let it fall on the ground)

Let the pony go in the paddock under supervision.

Candidate will demonstrate how to let the pony go (help to be given).

HORSE CARE

Candidate to identify and know the use of grooming tools

Identify the following - body brush, hoof pick, rubber curry comb.

Know the following parts of the saddle and bridle

*Bridle – brown band, nose band, bit and reins
Saddle - stirrup irons, girth, pommel, saddle flap.*

Know what a pony needs in its paddock to make it comfortable.

Water and shade and grass.

Know what a pony eats and drinks:

Candidate to know that ponies eat grass, hay and chaff and needs fresh clean water at all times.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

Identify parts of the horse

Candidates to identify at least five of the following – nostril, mane, wither, hoof, tail, forelock, knee, flank, ears, forehead.

Identify colours and markings

*Candidates to identify a chestnut horse, a brown / bay horse and a grey horse.
Candidate to identify a star, a sock and a blaze.*

Know how to wipe dust and mud off saddlery and clean the bit.

Candidates to be able to wipe the mud or dust off the saddle and bridle and understand the importance of having the bit clean.