



Irish Pony Club

D Test

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), white, beige, plain black or plain navy 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
- Be able to show how to halt
- Be able to show changes in the rein
- Be able to 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
- Be able to put on a headcollar (with assistance is required)
- Know the safe way to give your pony a small feed or treat
- Be able to lead a pony in hand and turn correctly in walk
- Be able to name simple points of a pony
- Be able to 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
- Know how to safely cross a road and say “Thank you”
- Know the importance of Hi-Viz clothing