



The South African Pony Club

B STANDARD - RIDING

GENERAL

- The Test may be taken as a whole or in two parts:
 - B Standard Riding
 - **B Standard Horse and Pony Care**
- These Tests may be taken on different occasions and in any order

OBJECTIVE:

- To become an effective horseman who knows the reasons for what he is doing
- To ride over fences at all paces
- To be capable of riding a well-mannered horse or pony out hunting, in horse trials, or on a long distance ride, to look after a pony before, during and after all these activities
- To ride intelligently and with due regard for others in the country, with a knowledge of pace, distance and discipline when riding alone and in groups

Candidates may be required to ride more than one horse.

Before taking the 'B' Test, Candidates must have passed the 'C' Test including the BHS Riding and Road Safety Test or Pony Club Road Rider Test.

The practice of bringing pressure to bear on DC's, Examiners and other Pony Club Officials to treat as special cases those who happen to be using the Test as an Entry/Professional Qualification is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

RIDING

- Mount and dismount correctly
- Basically correct position at walk, trot, canter, gallop and over fences
- Understand and apply the correct aids for the movements ridden during this Test
- Try a horse at his basic paces, transitions, turns and circles, and comment on what you find
- Understand the meaning of balance, impulsion, rhythm and tempo
- Understand the aids for, and ride, turn on the forehand from the halt and work towards half pirouette at the walk
- Sitting trot, rising trot on either diagonal and change of diagonal
- Lengthened strides and leg yielding in walk and trot
- Rein Back
- Halt and salute
- Free walk on a long rein
- Change of leg at the canter through the trot
- Ride with reins in either hand
- Candidates should know how to hold and understand the influence of two pairs of reins'
- Riding school drill including work without stirrups
- How to show off a horse
- Open and close a gate mounted
- Ride up and down steep hills and banks
- Jump a variety of fences and ditches at trot and canter

- Jump up and down hill, jump drop fences, jump doubles and awkward fences
- Show a knowledge of pace and balance suitable for the level of training and fitness of their horse whilst riding at a cross-country speed

READ

- The following Pony Club Publications
 - 'The Manual of Horsemanship'
 - Young Persons Guide to Eventing
 - Young Persons Guide to Show Jumping
 - To Be A Dressage Rider
 - Endurance Riding and Trekking
 - Suggested Further Reading:
 - Rule Books for Pony Club Dressage, Show Jumping and Horse trials
 - The Scales of Training

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- Pony Club Training DVD's:
 - Top Rider Parts 1 and 2

Only those 14 years or over are eligible for B Standard.

The recommended age is 15/16 years.

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