



Old Peoples Riding Club D1 Test Sheet

Candidate's Name	
Address	
Name of Chapter	
Date Tested	
Saddle Type	(circle one) English Western Other Driving

KEY: **P** = Pass (meets standards) **F** = Fail (standard not met)

Examiner: Circle **P** or **F** for each question below. If a rider tested exceptionally well, you may annotate this in the comments box. If a rider failed a question, please explain the reason for the failure and what must be corrected to pass the question. In order to take the riding/driving test, at least 75% of the Horse Knowledge questions, at least 75% of the Horse Management questions, and 100% of the Safety Check questions must receive a Pass. If this is not achieved, the Riding/driving test is not performed and the candidate does not pass the rating. The candidate passes the rating test if at least 75% of the Horse Knowledge questions, at least 75% of the Horse Management questions, 100% of the Safety Check questions, and at least 75% of the Riding questions/exercises receive a pass.

Examiner and Candidate: Have a safe, educational, and fun ratings test.

Horse Knowledge - Expectations: The candidate is a beginning level horse enthusiast. Knowledge will vary depending upon experience.		
Parts of Horse/Tack		
Name any 10 parts of the saddle and bridle.	P	F
Know two reasons for cleaning tack.	P	F
Name any 10 parts of the horse.	P	F
Driving: Name 10 parts of harness or part of cart/carriage	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		
Stable Management		
Give one reason to pick out feet.	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		

Condition/Nutrition		
Know one reason for cooling out horse after exercise.	P	F
Know how to give water, grain, hay and tidbit to horse safely.	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		

Healthcare/Veterinarian		
Discuss: What is a veterinarian?	P	F
Give one reason why a veterinarian might treat a horse.	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		

Road and Travel Safety		
Know basic rules of riding in a group, in an enclosed area.	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		

Horse Management - Expectations: The candidate is a beginning level horse manager, willing to learn the simple routines necessary for safe handling of quiet, well-trained horses.		
Approach horse safely, put on halter, lead and turn correctly and safely.	P	F
Groom horse with brush and curry comb, pick out feet (with assistance if necessary).	P	F
Tack up and untack horse (with assistance if necessary).	P	F
Mount appears to be in good health and showing farrier care.	P	F
Driving: harness up horse/pony and "put to "cart/carriage	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		

Safety Check - Expectations: Candidate should have safe personal gear, safe well-fitting tack, and a horse with a temperament appropriate for the candidate's skill level.
Failure of any Safety Check question is immediate failure of the ratings test.

Safe Personal Gear		
The candidate is not wearing anything unsafe such as dangling jewelry, dangling hair, loose clothing, etc.	P	F
The candidate is wearing an ASTM/SEI certified helmet, with the chin strap fastened before mounting and unfastened after dismounting.	P	F
The candidate is wearing heeled boots designed for equestrian activities.	P	F
The candidate is wearing a medical armband in a visible location.	P	F
The candidate is aware that an ASTM/SEI certified helmet, heeled boots, and a visible medical armband are required for all OPRC mounted activities.	P	F
Driving: the above conditions must be met before entering the cart/carriage.	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		

Safe Tack		
The bridle material is in good condition, the stitching is intact, fits the horse well, and is reasonably clean.	P	F
The saddle material is in good condition, the stitching is intact, fits the horse well, and is reasonably clean.	P	F
The tack is appropriate for the horse and discipline.	P	F
Driving: It is expected that the harness and cart/carriage be in good condition prior to testing.	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		
Safe Horse Temperament and Soundness		
The horse has a temperament appropriate for the candidate's skill level.	P	F
The horse appears sound.	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		

Riding - Expectations: Candidate should ride without lead line, demonstrating basic balanced position in an enclosed area at the halt and walk and control at the walk and trot-jog. Candidate is expected to complete entire mounted portion of this Ratings test on the same/one horse.

Riding on the Flat		
Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary.	P	F
Hold reins correctly at the halt.	P	F
Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt.	P	F
Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt.	P	F
Demonstrate basic balanced position at the walk.	P	F
Ride at the walk and trot-jog, with control, keeping horse on the rail.	P	F
Demonstrate simple change of direction at the walk and trot/jog.	P	F
Perform gradual transitions from walk to trot/jog and walk to halt.	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		

Driving - Expectations:		
Have groom/assistant head up (hold at bridle) cart horse/pony while “whip” candidate (person who is driving) picks up the driving reins, whip, and safely enters the vehicle while the horse/pony continues to stand still.	P	F
Excuse the groom/assistant. Candidate walks the horse/pony forward in a straight line 50 to 100 feet and halts the horse/pony using verbal commands (whoa) or similar term, and correct use of reins, (one hand or two hands way of holding reins is acceptable.)	P	F
“Whip” uses verbal command and reins to talk horse/pony forward and walk a 50 to 100 foot half circle, (either left or right) then come to a complete halt, with verbal and correct rein use.	P	F
“Whip” has horse/pony stand still in harness for a full 60 seconds; (No stepping forward or backing up is allowed.)	P	F
“Whip” asks horse/pony to walk several strides and then jog or SLOW trot using voice and reins to complete the second half of the circle. Continue to slow jog straight ahead until they have returned to the beginning and then ask for the walk and the halt. This is the end of the test.	P	F
The whip is allowed, and encouraged, to have the groom in the cart/carriage with them but without being allowed to assist in the driving in any way. The exception is if an unsafe condition arises and assistance is required.	P	F
The whip is allowed, before testing, to warm up in the same area in which the test is to be administered in order to familiarize the horse/pony with the existing conditions.	P	F

Driving - Expectations: Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):

Jumping/Non-jumping/Trail-Obstacles: Walking Over Poles		
Walk over poles on the ground (in jumping position if in forward seat or all purpose English saddle).	P	F
Discuss with examiner the reason for different positions when riding on the flat and over fences/obstacles.	P	F
Comments, including reason(s) for failure(s):		

Overall: Give impressions, suggestions for improvement, etc.

Did the Candidate pass the D1 rating test? (circle one) **YES** **NO**

Summary of sections requiring retesting and why:

Examiner Signature: _____

Date: _____