

D TEST

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM AGE 8 OR 9 YEARS (i.e. born 1999 or before)

Everyone should receive a copy of the D Standard Test Sheet when they join the Pony Club. This is the first and most basic of all the efficiency tests. This is a very informal examination and will usually take place at a rally or camp when, in the opinion of branch instructors and the Chief Instructor, the member has achieved the standard. Also look out for our D and D+ Test Rallies.



On passing the D Test the Pony Club member will be awarded a yellow felt to wear behind the Pony Club badge.

D+ TEST

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM AGE 10 YEARS (i.e. born 1997 or before)

This is an official voluntary Test of a standard half way between D and C. It is not necessary to pass it before attempting C. However it is a very useful stepping-stone. As with the D test it will usually take place during a rally or at camp also look out for our D and D+ Test Rally in Spring this year.

Felt colour - White.

C TEST

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM AGE 11-12 YEARS (i.e. born 1996 or before)

Before attempting C Test all candidates must have attained their Pony Club or British Horse Society (BHS) Riding & Road Safety Certificate.*

n.b. We now use the BHS Examination for PC Members.

The C Test will take place on a specific 'Test' day, usually during August and will be taken by an external examiner. The test will take half a day to complete.

This is a much more demanding test than the D Standards. Specific training on all parts of the syllabus is required.

If you are aged 11 or over and hold the Pony Club D and preferably the D+ Tests you may attend C Test Training Sessions this year.

Felt colour - Green



***BHS RIDING & ROAD SAFETY CERTIFICATE**

MINIMUM AGE 12 YEARS

(i.e. born 1995 or before)

Training sessions held during July/Aug with a mounted practice and test at the end. See dates on back.

C+ TEST

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM AGE 14 YEARS (born 1993 or before)

This is an official voluntary test of a Standard half way between C & B. It is not necessary to pass it before attempting B. However, we strongly recommend it as a means of preparing for B Test. The step up from C to B Standard is very high and studying for C + prepares members for the higher level.

The test will take place on a specific 'Test' day, usually during August and will be taken by an external examiner. The test will usually take half a day to complete.

If you are aged 14 years or over and hold the Pony Club C Test you may attend training sessions this year

Felt colour - Pink

A 'Record of Achievement Book' has been produced by the Pony Club for members who are over 13 years of age and have achieved their C Test. It is designed as a 'stepping stone' to later tests. The book is available to buy from the PC website or ask at Training Sessions

B TEST

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM AGE 15-16 YEARS (born 1992 or before)

MUST BE 14 YEARS OF AGE TO TAKE TEST (born 1993 or before)

This test is divided into two parts; Riding and Horse & Pony Care. To achieve the full B Test Standard members must pass both parts. However, both parts may be taken individually.

The standard for B Test is very high and members MUST attend training sessions and an assessment session prior to attempting the test. In addition to branch training, the Pony Club Area arranges top-up sessions, which are extremely helpful.

The B Test is arranged by Area and our test centre in usually Berriewood Farm, at the end of August.

If you are aged 15 or over and hold the Pony Club C+ Test you may attend training sessions this year.

Felt colour - Red. Riding only - Beige. H&PC only - Brown.

LUNGEING TEST

MAY BE TAKEN AFTER B TEST OR B H&PC. YOU MUST PASS THE LUNGEING TEST BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE AH TEST.

AH TEST ('A' HORSE & PONY CARE)

MINIMUM AGE 17

The standard is exceedingly high and members will usually have had experience of working in a yard. Before attempting this test candidates must possess the Pony Club B Test and a satisfactory report on their riding from an A panel examiner who will be chosen by the Area Representative. Members need not hold the B (Riding) Test to attempt A Horse & Pony Care.

If you wish to discuss nomination for A Horse & Pony care you need to contact either Rosie Thomas (Chief Instructor) or Lin Marriott-Lodge (DC).

Felt colour - Orange. Pass with honours - Salmon Pink.

'A' RIDING TEST

MINIMUM AGE 17 YEARS

This is the highest standard attainable through Pony Club. It is widely recognised as a high level of equestrian qualification.

Candidates must have passed their full B Test and their A Horse & Pony Care.

Felt colour - Blue. Pass with honours - Purple.



**TRAINING DATES OVER PAGE – PLEASE INDICATE ON THE PROGRAMME
ATTENDANCE FORM IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND SESSIONS**

Trainers are not suitable for stable management, please wear leather or strong rubber boots

C AND C+ TEST TRAINING 2008

Grafton Farm, Bockleton

with Rosie Thomas.

Sessions unmounted unless stated.

C Test Training 6-7pm

C+ Test Training 7-8pm

Tuesday 12th February

Wednesday 2nd April

Wednesday 9th April

Wednesday 28th May

Wednesday 11th June

Wednesday 18th June

Wednesday 25th June Mounted

Monday 2nd July

Wednesday 9th July Mounted

Monday 14th July

Wednesday 30th July

Monday 11th August

C AND C+ TESTS ON THURSDAY 21st AUGUST AT GRAFTON FARM

C TEST – 10AM C+ TEST – 2PM

**WHERE POSSIBLE THERE WILL ALSO BE 'C' AND 'C+' TEST RIDES
AT ALL ROSIE RALLIES**

TEST TRAINING IS £3.00 PER MEMBER PER SESSION.

PAY ON ATTENDANCE FORM.

PLEASE BRING NOTEPADS AND PENS.

RIDING & ROAD SAFETY TEST TRAINING 2008

To take the 'B' test – you must have passed either the BHS

Or PC Riding & Road Safety Exam

IF IN DOUBT SPEAK TO SUE THOMAS

Training will be held at **Grafton Farm, Bockleton with Rosie Thomas**

Riding & Road Safety Test Manual is required – £5.95 – buy on first session.

Training £30 – pay on Summer Attendance Form. Test will cost £30 to take.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ATTEND ALL TRAINING SESSIONS

UNMOUNTED TRAINING

21st July, 28th July, 14th Aug, 19th Aug

MOUNTED TRAINING

26th August 5-8pm

RIDING & ROAD SAFETY TEST ON THURSDAY 28th AUGUST – 9.30am

B TEST, LUNGEING AND A/H TEST TRAINING 2008

FOR ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN TRAINING TOWARDS 'B'

TEST/LUNGEING TEST OR 'A/H' TEST.

THERE WILL BE AN ENTROLMENT EVENING ON FEBRUARY 20th

7PM AT GRAFTON FARM

**IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ATTEND THIS IF YOU INTEND TO TRAIN THIS YEAR
THE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL BE ARRANGED FROM THIS SESSION**

Ludlow Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

**MEMBERS GUIDE TO
PONY CLUB
EFFICIENCY TESTS**



**Essential information to guide you through the
Pony Club Test System.
Including 2008 training dates.**



The Pony Club Efficiency Tests are a great way to chart your progress in riding and horse care. We recommend that all members continue to progress up the test ladder.

**A COPY OF THE PONY CLUB MANUAL OF HORSEMANSHIP IS
ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PONY CLUB TESTS**

*It is available to order through the Branch Secretary, or order directly on the P.C.
website at www.pclub.org*

The Pony Club videos are available to borrow from the DC.
Test Sheets/Syllabus are available from the Branch Secretary or at Test Training Sessions.