



BRIDGES EQUESTRIAN PONY CLUB RIDING CENTER

RATING INFORMATION

Ratings are the levels of progression through the pony club. Riders do not need "permission" of the Center Administrator to test, however it is wise to request the instructor's advise as to if a rider is ready to test.

Each club/center is required to hold at least two ratings per year. We intend to hold at least four ratings for the levels D-1 through C-2.

Who can test? Any USPC Member.

How do I request a test? Just fill in a Rating Request form, found online or on the feed room door, and make sure you come to the "prep" session before the test.

When is the testing: Check the calendar for the next scheduled testing. There is very limited availability, so appointments must be made asap!

Cost: Cost is \$25 for D-1, and \$50 for D-2 and up if you test here at BRIDGES, plus \$65 for the horse. Since the test is so long, Make Up lessons can no longer be used for your ratings test. □ Casual (jumper class) show turn out attire:○ Hair up under your helmet or back in a neat braid.○ Collared or polo shirt, tucked into breeches, with a belt. Black polo or green team t-shirts are also

Attire: Informal attire; team polo, boots, chaps, breeches, belt, helmet, and rib-protector for cross country. You will also need your Medical Arm Band and Pony Club pin.

Appropriate required materials such as stall cards, grooming equipment, horse record, etc. Check the test flow chart and **come to the prep session.**

Allow 1 1/2 hour for the D-1 Test, and 2 1/2 hours for the D-2+ Tests.

What if I do not pass? Every effort will be made to help a rider pass their test, however if the rider is obviously not prepared or ready for parts of the test, the examiner may choose to stop the test to be taken at a later time in its entirety, or note portions of the test the rider may retake within 30 days in order to pass the test.

Which parts of the test do I need to take: The D-1 test is one part, and covers the basics of beginning horsemanship. After that, a rider may choose to take all three disciplines; Horse Management, Flat Riding and Over Fences including cross country (this is the Classic track), or to take an alternate track and concentrate on Dressage or Show Jumping.

All riders must pass the Horse Management (HM) part of the level. Then they may decide to take just the flat or Dressage track, or the flat/Show Jumping track. If a rider chooses to take the Alternate tracks, the Standards of Proficiency are slightly different from that of the Classic track.