

Preliminary Riding and Technical Criteria Document
Effective March 2006

Name of Candidate

The following is a technical criteria for the rider who is working towards Preliminary Riding

PRESENTATION				
<i>Syllabus Item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria - How you must present</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Wear Pony Club Uniform	The rider must wear full official uniform for their club and must be clean and tidy			
	Clean boots (as permitted by the rules)			
	The helmet must be current* standard			
	The rider must not be wearing jewellery (except for the rules)			
Miscellaneous Equipment	Spurs are discouraged at this level but if worn must be of the type allowed in Pony Club and be correctly fitted			
	If the rider carries a whip it must be the right size and type allowed			
Pony to be Tidy	The pony should look reasonably neat and tidy and be free of loose mud and sweat			
Saddlery	All tack should be good enough repair that it is soft (ie stitching in places such as stirrup leathers, girth straps etcf must be in good condition.			
	Stirrups must be the correct size for the rider.			

The following is a technical criteria for the rider to achieve Preliminary Riding, the candidate must be able to:

RIDING				
<i>Syllabus Item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria -What you must demonstrate</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Being Legged up	Show how to be legged up the rider should understand the importance of landing softly on the pony's back.			
Hold the reins	Correctly hold the reins with both hands			
Capable of starting the pony	Make the pony move off in walk from halt			
Capable of stopping the pony	Make the pony stop when the rider wants to stop			
Dismount Correctly	Take both feet out of stirrups and slide gently to the ground whilst still holding on to their pony			
Show proficiency in mounted games	Be able to steer their pony through a set of bending poles			

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HORSEMANSHIP AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE				
<i>Syllabus Item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria - what you need to know</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Give a pony an apple or carrot safely	Hold their hand flat so the pony can take what is offered without biting fingers			
Brush their pony	Pick the correct brush for brushing the body (body brush)			
Know what their pony eats	Know at least one item that their pony eats			
Identify: Parts of the Pony	Identify points of the pony - mane, tail, muzzle and hoof			
Identify: Part of the Saddlery	Identify: seat, stirrups, bit and reins			

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