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	Supplementary testing required

PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
'B HORSECARE' CERTIFICATE TESTING AND TECHNICAL
CRITERIA DOCUMENT
(effective 1/7/2011)

This document should be used in conjunction with the Pony Club Australia Syllabus of Instruction and the relevant certificate notes.

Name of candidate:	Club
Name of examiner(s):	
Date testing completed:	

WRITTEN PAPER				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Mark Obtained</i>
Written paper	Obtain a minimum of 65%			

PRESENTATION				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</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 rules).			

PADDOCKING				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Understand the management of paddocks appropriate to their area.	Noxious weeds and poisonous plants and control.			
	Knowledge of suitable pasture.			
	Pasture management-knowledge of harrowing, rotation (maintenance) and fertilizing.			

FEEDING, WATERING, CONDITIONING				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Know types of feed and be able to assess value and quality.	Candidates to recognise at least 8 different types of feeds. (Four bulk and four concentrate).			
	Candidate to discuss quality and value both good and bad.			
Candidate must understand the relationship of feed to the type of work the horse is doing.	Candidate to have a basic knowledge of feed programs for their horse, feeding by weight of feed including			
	Horse not in work			
	Horse in light work (3-4 days per week)			
	Horse in full competition work for all disciplines			
	Rest day			

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<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Be able to prepare a horse for strenuous work, for example, a pony club one day event, 40 km ride.	Candidate to have prepared a horse for strenuous work and discuss their preparation. Include details of training and horse care.			
Care for the horse before, during and after strenuous work including knowledge of feed program on day of competition.	Discuss care of the horse before, during and after strenuous work. Understand the importance of correctly feeding the horse on the day of competition.			

GROOMING, TRIMMING, CLIPPING

<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Groom efficiently and effectively to show ring standard.	The horse to show evidence of effective grooming to show ring standard.			
	Candidate to recognise the importance of grooming to condition the horse.			
Care for the clipped horse and understand the different types of clip	Explain the care of the clipped horse including rugging and after work.			
	Candidate to identify the following clips;			
	Full			
	Belly			
	Trace			
	Hunting			
	Blanket			
CARE OF FEET AND SHOEING				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Understand the principles of shoeing and recognise a well shod horse	Candidate to discuss the principles of shoeing and be able to recognise a well shod horse.			
Know the parts of the foot and how they function	Candidate to identify and discuss the following;			
	Heel			
	Bulbs of heel			
	Cleft			
	Point of frog			
	Bars			
	Wall			
Toe				

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	CARE OF FEET AND SHOEING			<i>Notes</i>
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	
Know the parts of the foot and how they function	White line			
	Coronet band			
	Bone structure			
STABLING				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Be able to care for the fully stabled horse	The candidate should be able to work and care for a fully stabled horse and maintain its standard of training and health. If the candidate is asked to look after a horse belonging to someone else he/she would be expected to maintain the horses standard of stable management, lunge the horse and ride the horse on the flat to maintain its level of fitness. Candidate to Outline a stable routine			
	Describe different types of bedding and their care			
	Have knowledge of stable vices and their causes			
	Recognise signs of ill health			
TRANSPORT OF HORSES				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Explain what parts of the float or truck need regular maintenance.	Candidate to discuss the care, maintenance and general safety of the following:			
	Brakes			
	Lights			
	Floor			
	Ramp			
	Tyres			
	Hitch and ball			
	Breeching bar or safety chain			
Demonstrate appropriate rugging and horse protection for transport.				
HEALTH, AILMENTS, INJURIES				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Take temperature, pulse and respiration	Be able to take temperature, pulse and respiration.			
Know how to care for the horse's teeth and recognise potential problems.	Candidate to discuss care of horses teeth.			
	Discuss potential problems that may arise.			
Ageing of horse by the teeth up to 8 years.	Describe the changes in the teeth up to 8 years. Candidate may be asked to age horses on the day.			
Knowledge of internal and external parasites. Administer a worm paste.	Candidate to know the life cycles of Large strongyles			

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Knowledge of internal and external parasites. Administer a worm paste	Bots			
	Ascarids			
	Tape worm			
	Pin worm			
	Candidate to administer a worm paste.			
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Knowledge of internal and external parasites.	Recognise and treat; Lice			
	Ring worm			
	Ticks			
	Onchacerca			
Be able to recognise, know the cause of and where applicable, treat the following	Azoturia			
	Heat stress / dehydration			
	Hoof abscess			
	Stomach ulcers			
Be able to administer first aid to the horse	Candidate must be able to apply a Pressure bandage			
	Figure of eight bandage			
Know when to call the veterinarian and be able to carry out prescribed treatment of wounds, ailments and lameness	Candidate to discuss treatment of; wounds			
	Ailments			
	lameness			
KNOW THE HORSE				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Recognise good and poor conformation of the horse and the effect of this on soundness and action	Describe conformation faults that effect a horses performance and longevity. Use your horse as an example.			
The candidate must be able to discuss the following unsoundness and blemishes, both hereditary and acquired.	Bog spavin			
	Bone spavin			
	Broken wind			
	Curb			
	Navicular disease			
	Ringbone			
	Roaring and whistling			
	Sidebone			
Splints				

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	Thoroughpin			
	Windgalls			
SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Bandage for exercise, competition and travel	Candidate to demonstrate Exercise bandage			
	Competition bandage			
	Travel bandage			
Fit saddle correctly	Candidate to show how to correctly fit a saddle.			
Know the five groups of bits/bridles and their actions	Snaffle			
	Pelham			
	Double			
	Gag			
	bitless			
Be familiar with biting allowed for pony club competitions	Candidates to know what bits are permitted for Dressage			
	Mounted games			
	Jumping			
Understand the care, cleaning and storage of equipment	Discuss the correct care and storage of equipment.			
LUNGEING				
<i>Syllabus item</i>	<i>Technical Criteria – What you need to know</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>NYC</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Know principles, benefits and potential dangers of lunging.	Discuss principles of lunging			
	Discuss benefits of lunging			
	Discuss potential dangers of lunging			
Gloves, suitable footwear and an approved helmet to be worn	Candidate to wear safety equipment.			
Know correct equipment required for horse and handler	Horse to be turned out as for presentation, with correct, well fitting and well cared for equipment.			
	Snaffle bridle to be used including reins correctly secured but no noseband.			
	Correctly fitted lunge cavesson with jowl strap and rings.			
	Saddle, including stirrups correctly secured. (suitable roller may be used instead of saddle when design/type does not allow for correct positioning of the side reins)			
	Side reins correctly secured, may be solid or have elastic inserts. Candidate must have knowledge and reasons for both.			
	Boots or bandages must be used.			
	Lunge whip to be of the correct length and in good condition.			
	Lunge rein to be of suitable length and thickness			

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Understand safe practices to be adopted when lunging. Demonstrate control of horse at walk, trot, canter and show a few lengthened strides of trot.	Candidate to Start horse off correctly			
	Demonstrate a warm up phase without side reins			
	Demonstrate the work session with side reins correctly attached			
	Cool down without side rein.			
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE				
Syllabus item	Technical Criteria – What you need to know	C	NYC	Notes
Racing	Show knowledge of major races in Australia			
hunting	Discuss and have knowledge of etiquette			
Famous horses and people	Have knowledge of			
Our Olympic Equestrian record and teams in an Olympic year	Have knowledge of			
Topical and local horse event	Have knowledge of			
Pony club structure, state and national.	Explain the pony club structure at state and national level.			