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Grading combinations

The following document outlines the procedure for grading combinations for Pony Club.
The below form can be found on the PCASA web page, in the information booklet 2024 and
in the PCASA rule book 2024.

Performance Card Grading Check List

Grading must be done by the club/zone chief Instructor, if a Chief Instructor is not available then a Level 1 Pony club coach may be invited by the club to grade combinations at a Pony Club rally where the combination being graded is working with other riders, so they can be observed working in a group.

Date:Club:.....

Riders Name:Age:.....

Horses Name:Age:.....

Chief Instructors name & Level.....

Non-Graded card

**Led rein: Pony/horse needs to be quiet & easily controlled by handler.
Handler needs to walk near rider to steady them if they lose their balance.**

	Yes/No
Able to hold on using a monkey strap at walk & trot	
Steer and stop with assistance.	
Ride through cones in a pattern on both reins.	

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Off the lead: Riders off the lead need to be able to control their pony/horse in a group. Be able to stop, start and turn. Canter is optional.

	Yes/No
Able to walk in arena/yard	
Able to trot in arena/yard	
Able to canter in arena/yard	
Able to trot confidently, accurately, and safely through bending poles	

Jumping: Riders being graded to jump, must always be in control of their pony/horse at walk, trot and canter in an open area, whether in a group or on their own. Must be balanced and have well established go, stop and turn. Riders need to negotiate several fences in a course, some may be jumped in both directions to reduce the number of fences needing to be built.

When grading a combination for jumping the PC qualified coach doing the assessing must observe the combination doing a minimum of 6 fences at trot and canter, the rider must be balanced and in control at all times.

Grade 6/F	Grade 5/E	Grade 4/D	Grade 3/C	Grade 2/B	Grade 1/A
35cm	50cm	65cm	85cm	95cm	1.05m
					Yes/No
Be able to use a neck strap in lower grades 5&6, F&E. Recommended for all grades.					
Have control over pace and line.					
Negotiate a small course of at least 6 jumping efforts to the height of the second round (for showjumping) of the grade under consideration, in a well-controlled manner.					
For Eventing: Negotiate at least 6 jumping efforts of Cross Country type obstacles, maintaining control over line and pace, at the height of the grade under consideration. If clubs don't have CC fences, then rustic looking SJ if possible.					

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