

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS, 16 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER!

Are you looking for challenging new ways to be involved with Pony Club? Are you feeling that it is time to give something back to the organization that gave you a leg up in the horse world? Have you outgrown many of your branch activities, but still want to remain involved with the club? Maybe you should consider becoming a pony club tester!

Pony Club Testers are very important in developing our young members and helping them through the testing levels. They are knowledgeable people who enjoy children and provide an encouraging test environment. Being a Pony Club tester is a position of responsibility that many Pony Club members and former members find very rewarding! If you are interested in becoming a Regional Tester, **read on!**

WHO CAN BE A TESTER?

1. Active members- any active Pony Club member, in good standing , who is at least 16 years old , and who has achieved a C1 level may become an Examiner in Training. Members at this level may become examiners up to the D2 level. (that is one complete level below their own present testing level)
2. Pony Club Alumni may also become Examiners in Training as well.
3. Experienced horse people as approved by the region.

HOW TO GET STARTED?

Plan to attend the Tester's Workshop to be held on April 29, 2006 from 10:00 until 1:00 in Bedford, NS (location will be announced later). Bring a lunch, pen and paper, and your copy of the 2005 D/C Testing Procedures Manual (this can be downloaded from the CPC web page at <http://www.canadianponyclub.org/Misc/Downloads.html>) There is no need to register for this workshop, just come and take part. We will cover everything you need to know on that day and your name will be added to the list of Examiners in Training. Our Regional Test Representative, Johanne Head will keep you posted on test dates coming up in your area.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Your Club DC or Test Rep will be attending the Test Rep's Workshop which takes place at the same place, so contact them about transportation to and from the workshop.

LEVELS OF TESTERS:

1. **Examiner in Training (EIT):** this is the entry level. EITs attend testings as an observer and take part under the supervision of a Senior Examiner. After attending 3 testings at the D level (ie. D/D1/D2), the EIT then may be moved up to a Junior Tester at the D level. An examiner may be an EIT at the D or the C level. The process of attending 3 testings at the C level must be repeated in order to become a C level Examiner. Examiners In Training must complete at least 2 of their 3 in-training testings away from their home branch. As well, at least 2 of the 3 testings must done with different Senior (Chief) Examiners.

2. Examiners:

Junior D Examiner: must have completed the D Examiner in Training requirements, and is now able to examine candidates at the D, D1 and D2 levels, but has not completed the requirements to become a senior D Examiner.

Senior D Examiner: must have completed two consecutive active years testing as a Junior D Examiner

Junior C Examiner: Must have completed the D and C level Examiner in Training requirements, and is now able to examine candidates at the C, C1 and C2 level, but has not completed the requirements to become a senior C Examiner.

Senior C Examiner: must have completed two consecutive active years testing as a Junior C Examiner .

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

Contact our Regional Education Chairperson, Teresa Speelman at mvsdave@istar.ca