

## Ratings vs. Rally

## D EVENTING RALLY

Rating Level	Standard Requirement	vs	Rally Requirement
<b>D1</b>	On the Flat	vs	Ride in rings with a 2 ft. rail.
	Over Fences	vs	Jumps are 1 ft.
	In the Open	vs	N/A
<b>D2</b>	On the Flat	vs	Walk, trot, canter.
	Over Fences	vs	Solid obstacles 2 ft.
	In the Open	vs	Ride cross-country, walk and trot, in a field over jumps <b>alone</b> .
<b>D3</b>	On the Flat	vs	Walk, trot, canter.
	Over Fences	vs	Solid obstacles 2'6".
	In the Open	vs	Ride cross-country, walk and trot, in a field over jumps <b>alone</b> .

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## THE D-1 STANDARD

### Riding Test Expectations

*Candidate should ride without lead line, demonstrating basic balanced position in an enclosed area at the halt and walk, and control at the walk and trot.*

#### Riding on the Flat

Ride on flat using Riding Test Expectations.  
Mount and dismount, with assistance if necessary.  
Hold reins correctly at the halt.  
Shorten and lengthen reins correctly at the halt.  
Demonstrate basic correct position at the halt and walk.  
Ride at the walk and trot, with control, keeping mount on rail.  
Demonstrate simple change of direction at the walk and trot.  
Perform gradual transitions from walk to trot and walk to halt.

#### Riding Over Fences

Ride over fences using Riding Test Expectations.  
Walk over poles on the ground in jumping position.  
Discuss with Examiner the reason for different positions when riding on the flat and over fences.

#### Riding in the Open

Not applicable.

## THE D-2 STANDARD

### Riding Test Expectations

*Candidate should ride without lead line, demonstrating control, while maintaining a safe, basic balanced position at the walk and trot and should begin to develop the canter and jumping position. No need to canter over fences.*

#### Riding on the Flat

Ride on flat using Riding Test Expectations.  
Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary).  
Shorten and lengthen reins at halt and walk.  
Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and halt and discuss 1 or 2 reasons for doing this.  
Ride at the walk, performing simple turns and large circles.  
Ride without stirrups at the walk.  
Ride at the trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and large circles.  
Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and be aware of leads.  
Discuss performance with Examiner, indicating whether or not mount was on correct lead.

In addition to its instructional programs, USPC offers a variety of activities at club, regional, inter-regional and national levels for team and individual participation. These activities include Eventing, Dressage, Foxhunting, Quiz, Mounted Games, Show Jumping, Tetrathlon, Polocrosse, and Vaulting.

**Achieving a rating does not necessarily qualify the Pony Club member for competition in any horse sport.**

Further study and preparation for a particular activity, including working as a team member, may be necessary.

#### Riding Over Fences

Ride over fences using Riding Test Expectations.  
Maintain jumping position at the trot on the flat and over ground poles.  
In an enclosed area, ride a simple stadium course of four to five obstacles not to exceed 18".  
Discuss with Examiner ways to improve ride.

#### Riding In The Open

Ride safely and considerately on public and private property, in a group, at the walk and trot.  
Ride with control, up and down hills, at the walk and trot.  
Jump simple and natural obstacles, not to exceed 18" (no ditches or banks).

## THE D-3 STANDARD

### Riding Test Expectations

*Candidate should ride in a basic balanced position with control at the walk, trot, and canter. Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences.*

#### Riding on the Flat

Ride on flat using Riding Test Expectations.  
Demonstrate emergency dismount at the halt and walk.  
Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt.  
Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot.  
Ride without stirrups at the sitting trot.  
Demonstrate a simple step back.  
Perform round 20-meter circles in both directions, at walk, at sitting and rising trot with correct diagonals, and at canter with correct leads.  
Demonstrate increase and decrease of speed at the trot by passing riders on rail and taking the lead.  
Discuss performance with Examiner and whether or not circles were round and natural aids were used correctly.

#### Riding Over Fences

Ride over fences using 'Riding Test Expectations.'  
Trot over ground poles, followed by cross rail.  
Jump a simple stadium course of five to seven obstacles, height not to exceed 2'6".  
Discuss performance, reasons for any disobediences.

Dimensions of Fences D to A\*

Rating	Height	Width at Top		Width at Base	
		CC	SJ	CC	SJ
D-2	18"	1'	1'	1'6"	1'6"
D-3	2'6"	2'6"	2'6"	4'3"	4'3"
C-1	2'9"	2'9"	2'9"	4'3"	4'3"
C-2	3'0"	3'3"	3'3"	4'7"	4'11"
C-3	3'3"	3'11"	3'9"	5'3"	5'7"
B	3'7"	4'7"	4'3"	6'7"	6'3"
A	3'9"	5'3"	4'9"	7'10"	6'11"

\*Based on USPC Eventing Rules and US Equestrian Eventing Rules. When a second height is required at any one level, use appropriate dimensions shown on the chart above.

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## SUGGESTED DISTANCES, JUMPING EFFORTS AND SPEEDS FOR D RALLIES

These measurements and specifications are suggestions and may be modified to fit the land, conditions and experience of riders.

	Distances	Efforts	Speeds (meters/min)
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### CROSS-COUNTRY

D-1	.....100-600 m.	6-10 efforts	NA
D-2	.....1000-1500 m.	8-12 efforts	240-350
D-3	.....1200-1800 m.	12-18 efforts	240-350

### STADIUM JUMPING

D-1	.....400 m. max	6-10 efforts	NA ( <i>may be obstacle course</i> )
D-2	.....400 m. max.	6-10 efforts	240-300
D-3	.....500 m. max.	8-12 efforts	240-300

## MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS OF OBSTACLES: (Cross-Country and Stadium Jumping)

### Height:

#### SOLID OBSTACLES

D-1	.....1 ft. – fence must be visible, cleared of brush and weeds
D-2	.....0.61 m. (2')
D-3	.....0.76 m. (2'6")

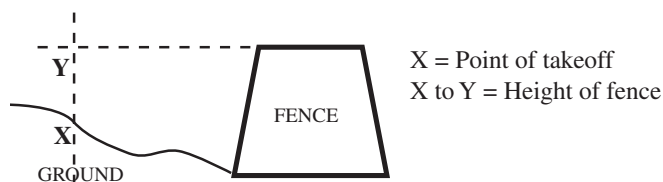
#### BRUSH FENCES (*Same as above*)

#### Solid part of brush fences

D-1	.....N/A
D-2	.....0.458 m. (18")
D-3	.....0.61 m. (2')

Any low guard-rail or hedge intended to facilitate the jumping of an obstacle may not exceed 0.305 m. (12") in height.

Illustration 1

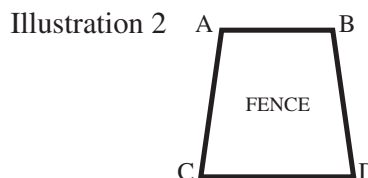


The height of all fences is measured at the point of take-off for an average horse. (See Ill. #1)

## Spread:

Obstacles without height: Ds do not jump ditches. Ds do not jump into or out of water.

Obstacles with height: (See Illustration #2 below)



## Dimensions of Illustration #2

Spread, at highest point, A-B      Spread, at base, C-D

D-1	0.305 (1 ft.)	D-1	0.305 m. (1 ft.)
D-2	0.61 m. (2 ft. )	D-2	0.91 m. (3 ft)
D-3	0.69 m. (2 ft. 3 in.)	D-3	1.30 m. (4 ft. 3 in.)

## TYPES OF OBSTACLES SUITABLE FOR Ds

### ALL FENCES FOR D-RATED RIDERS MUST HAVE ASCENDING FACES AND CLEAR GROUND LINES

### COMBINATIONS

There shall be no obstacles in combination in any Cross-Country or Stadium Jumping course for D-rated riders. Closed combinations are not appropriate at any Pony Club Rally.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

D-level Cross-Country courses are expected to have only slight changes in terrain, no revetted drops, banks or ditches. D-1s and D-2s do not go through water. D-3s may go through water, with a hard bottom in natural terrain. Depth may not exceed 12 in., with a minimum width of at least 16 ft. 5 in. (wide enough to discourage the horse's jumping the water).

### STADIUM JUMPING

- Water jumps, drops, banks, slopes, ramps and closed combinations may not be included in Stadium Jumping courses for Ds.
- Obstacles in which any part is higher than the maximum permissible height ( for example, Swedish oxers and fans) are not appropriate for D rallies. A simple crossrail is the exception to this.
- Square oxers are not appropriate for D courses.