

Middle California Region USPC
Preparing For Your C-3 Test
Turn Out/Tack

For the C-3 test, The USPC C-3 Standard requires that:

- **Correct formal or informal attire.**
- **Mount should be well-groomed, reflecting regular care, including ears, nose, eyes, dock, sheath or udder, mane and tail (no dandruff).**
- **Tack should be safe, clean, with metal polished, and well-adjusted, reflecting regular care.**
- **Explain the use and function of tack and equipment used on own mount for flat and over fence work.**

Turn Out:

- Be on time!
- Start early so you have time to get ready without rushing
- Pretend you are the examiner and check over your horse, tack and personal turnout before presenting yourself for inspection
- Know the tack you use and why you use it.
- Know the differences between formal and informal attire. No matter what your attire is, you may be asked to explain the difference!
- Don't make excuses for problems, but do fix them.
- Be upbeat and positive. Smile!

Things to check:

Horse

- Your horse must be brushed or washed with attention given to elbows, belly, hocks and topline.
- The sheath and/or udder should be very clean. Have your vet do it if necessary
- Nostrils, eyes and dock should be clean and wiped prior to inspection if necessary
- Mane and tail should be clean and free of dandruff.
- The horse should be free of bot eggs. Check the entire horse!
- Wipe the horse with a soft towel prior to inspection to remove dust and loose hair
- Hooves should be cleaned and polished with hoof dressing or baby oil. Wipe off excess before inspection. Do not use under bandages.

Rider

- Attire should be neat and clean
- Boots must be polished, with polish in all cracks by the sole and on all stitching
- Stock tie must be tied correctly, with pin through the knot and two pins pinning the ends to shirt
- Belt must be worn if pants have loops
- Shirt must be clean and buttoned. Please do not wear t-shirts or sleeveless shirts!
- Jacket needs to be free of lint and hair. Use a lint roller if necessary

- Wear your Pony Club pin and no other jewelry!
- Hair must be put up neatly with all loose ends sprayed or fastened back
- Attire should be workmanlike. Please do not wear wild make-up or nail polish!
- Wear gloves that are clean

Tack

- Bridle needs to have clean stitching and metal (bit and buckles)
- Make sure reins are very clean!
- Make sure metal on saddle is clean and polished. Check the stirrup bars, stirrups and nailheads
- Stirrup irons and pads should be clean. Check underneath
- Clean crevices of saddle
- Saddle pad should be very clean!
- Girth and elastic should be clean
- Make sure tack is not dry and brittle. Tack should reflect regular care!