MPAGB RIDING TEST NOTES

JUNIOR & SENIOR CERTIFICATES

The rider should be tested through a series of school movements/figures and over a course of at least 10 jumps (up to a maximum height of 1.10 metres for the Junior Certificate or 1.20 metres for the Senior Certificate, including a double and a treble, on at least two horses of different type and temperament. The rider should show ability to:

1. Maintain balance, rhythm and impulsion through all the movements and show correct bends and use of simple changes of leg, as necessary.
2. Maintain a good position at all times.
3. Apply the aids correctly and understand the reasons for them.
4. Trot and canter without stirrups.
5. Understand the importance of straightness, balance, rhythm and impulsion in the approach to and get away from an obstacle and demonstrate same.
6. Walk a course correctly, showing knowledge of related distances between fences, especially doubles and trebles.
7. Show care and consideration for the safety of the horse, including knowledge of different types of tack, its use and correct fitting.

Candidates to be examined by a British Horse Society Instructor or above or by a MPAGB Approved Assessor.

Exemptions: Holders of Pony Club 'B' Test
BHSAI or Riding Club Stage 3 Certificate.

YOUTH A

The rider should be tested through a series of school movements/figures and over a course of a minimum 8 jumps (up to a maximum height of 1.0m) including a double, on at least 2 horses/ponies of different type and temperament. The rider should show ability to:

1. Maintain a good position at all paces.
2. Apply the aids correctly and understand the reasons for them.
3. Canter on a named leg.
4. Trot on both reins using the correct diagonal.
5. Ride progressive transitions.
6. Control the horse, both in the approach to and get away from an obstacle.
7. Walk a course correctly, understanding the importance of riding a correct line and show ability to demonstrate same.
8. Show care and consideration for the safety of the horse including knowledge of different types of tack, its use and correct fitting.

Candidates to be examined by a British Horse Society Assistant Instructor or above, a Pony Club District Commissioner/Chief Instructor or a MPAGB Approved Assessor.

Exemptions: Holders of Pony Club 'B' Test
BHSAI or Riding Club Stage 3 Certificate.

YOUTHS C/B

The rider should be tested through a series of school movements/figures and over a course of a minimum 8 jumps (height up to 85cms) including a double, on at least 2 horses/ponies of different type and temperament.

Test for Youth A applies.

Examiners and exemptions as Youth A, holders of Pony Club 'C+' Test are also exempt.

YOUTHS E/D

As Youths C/B but the rider should be tested over a course height up to 70 cms.

Examiners and exemptions for Youths C/B apply, holders of Pony Club 'C' Test are also exempt.