**Lake Shore Region**

**Upper Level Certification Candidates—What to Expect**

The first step in the process of upper level testing is to communicate with your parents/guardians, DC, and instructor(s) late in summer or early fall to discuss your goals and schedules to qualify for upper level testings **next year**. Club programs do not generally prepare candidates for upper level testings, however, many outstanding Lake Shore Region sponsored activities happen year-round to assist UL members in preparing as well as meeting **LSR Active Participation** requirements. Early planning and goal setting is key to a successful outcome.

Candidates should be taking regular instruction outside of Pony Club group lessons and should be riding and participating regularly in order to be able to sufficiently benefit from assessments and preps at the level being sought.

Locations for the assessments/preps will be determined based on the availability of facilities, accommodations and location of the majority of candidates. This can vary from year to year. Costs will be based on the number of candidates participating. LSR candidates are expected to prep in the Lake Shore Region, as budgets and scheduling are based on the number of declared candidates in any given year.

Upper level testings have traditionally been held in the spring or summer in Lake Shore Region. Not all test levels may be offered by our region due to numbers of candidates and criteria set by the national testing committee. You may have to travel to another region to take your test. Consult the USPC website for more information.

**Fees to Expect**

* National Application Fee: $160 to $260 per test, depending on test.
* Regional Testing Fee: Up to $175 per test.
* LATE FEES: Expect to pay late fees if your paperwork is submitted past the stated deadline!
  + All assessment/prep and regional testing fees are based on the number of participants, facility costs and instructor/examiner fees. ***Please note that fees do not include the cost of personal travel, stabling, lodging and some meals to attend the activities or for lessons and clinics outside of Pony Club.***

**Cancellations:** Last minute cancellations jeopardize an entire test! UL Candidate MUST notify the National Office, Regional Supervisor and Test Organizer **(ALL) IN WRITING** immediately of intention to cancel. Refer to LSR Policies and schedule of deadlines regarding the forfeiture of fees or refunds.

**LAKE SHORE REGION~Upper Level Testing Intent Form~**Deadline: Oct. 15

**MEMBER Information:**

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| Name: |  | | |
| Club: |  | DOB: |  |
| Certificates as of today:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | HM: | Flat: | Jump: | Other: |   Date acheived:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | HM: | Flat: | Jump: | Other: | | | | |

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| Address: | Member email: |
| Parent/Guardian: | Parent email: |
| Member Phone: | Parent Phone: |

**TESTING Information:**

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| Intended Year of Testing: | 2018 | 2019 | TBD, but I’ll be prepping this year |

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| Intended Certification(s) (circle) | HB | H-HM/H/ HA | C+/C3 TRAD |
| C+/C3 DRESS | C+/C3 SJ | B TRAD | B DRESS |
| B SJ | A TRAD | A DRESS | A SJ |

IF C3/B/A please fill out the following:

**MOUNT Information:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Horse’s Name (as appears on Coggins): | | Horse’s Barn Name: | |
| Age: | Height: | | Sex: |
| Description: | | | |
| Owner: | | Owner’s Phone Number: | |

**SECONDARY MOUNT Information (recommended to have at least one back up plan in the event of lameness or sickness):**

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| Horse’s Name (as appears on Coggins): | | Horse’s Barn Name: | |
| Age: | Height: | | Sex: |
| Description: | | | |
| Owner: | | Owner’s Phone Number: | |

**TIMING PREFERENCE:** For planning purposes, when would you prefer to test? Please note, this is just for suggestions, not something you get to choose, the region will schedule what seems to be most agreeable to the majority.

\*Note, other regions may have testings at other times, please contact your RIC for assistance in setting up a testing and prep schedule for your success.

\*\*LSR will not host fall testings, but other regions may, if you are interested, contact your RIC or RS.

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| * Spring (April or early May) | * mid summer (Jun/Jul) | * Aug (just before school goes back in session) |

*We, the Pony Club member and family listed above, hereby submit notification of intentions to test for above listed USPC Certification in the upcoming testing seasons. We understand the financial and time commitment and dedication preparing for and successfully passing this certification involves. We acknowledge that LSR and its officers will do their best to provide preps for said certification and that the actual testing may be outside of the Lake Shore Region boundaries. We understand that questions regarding this process of applying for and taking an UL Certification should be directed to our DC/CA, RS, and or RIC.*

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Signed Date Pony Club Member

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Signed Date Parent/guardian

This Pony Club member is a Member in Good Standing of the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pony Club/Center. I am aware of his/her intentions to apply for a USPC Upper Level Certification in the an upcoming testing season and will do my best to ensure the club/center assists the member through club/center activities and preps or by encouraging them to attend the regionally organized preps. I understand that if I have any questions I can contact the LSR RIC or RS for assistance with the process.

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Signed Date District Commissioner/Center Adminstrator

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| **UL Testing Intent Form to Regional Supervisor by October 15**  **Rae Birr 1633n West Kendall Rd Manistique, MI 49854** |