

# Purpose of Preliminary Level Tests

To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, by showing suppleness both laterally and longitudinally, moving freely forward in a clear rhythm with a steady tempo and readily accepting contact with the bit. Correct geometry and lines of travel should be shown.

## Introduces

- 1A: Working trot, working canter, medium walk, free walk on a long rein, 20m circles in trot and canter
- 1B: Stretch circle in trot
- 1C: Serpentine in trot. Changing of bend on a shallow loop. Canter trot transition on diagonal
- 1D: Give & retake the reins for 2-3 strides in trot, 5m loop in trot

## Instructions

To be ridden in a snaffle. All trot work may be sitting or rising unless stated otherwise. Halts may be through the walk.

Collective Marks	Coeff
<b>Paces</b> (Freedom and regularity)	1
<b>Impulsion</b> (Desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps, relaxation of the back and engagement of the hindquarters)	1
<b>Submission</b> (Willing cooperation, harmony, attention and confidence; acceptance of bit and aids, straightness, lightness of the forehand and ease of movements)	2
<b>Rider's position and seat; correctness and effective use of the aids</b> (Clarity, subtlety, independence, accuracy of test)	2

Arena size: 60m x 20m or 40m x 20m

Test Time: 5:30 Minutes or 4:30 minutes (from entry at A to final halt)

Suggested Draw Time: 8:00 minutes 60x20 or 7:00 minutes 40x20

TEST		DIRECTIVE	Coef
1	A X Enter in working trot Halt, Salute Proceed in working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; willing calm transitions; straightness, attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 secs)	
2	C B BK Track right Circle right 20m Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend; balance	
3	KXM MC Change rein Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner	2
4	Between C & H HE Working canter left lead Working canter	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner; straightness	2
5	E Circle left 20m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance	
6	Between E & K KA Working trot Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of trot; straightness, bend and balance in corner	
7	A Before A AF Circle left 20m rising trot, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward Shorten the reins Working trot	Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact maintaining balance and quality of trot; bend; shape and size of circle; willing, calm transitions	
8	F FE Medium walk Change rein, medium walk	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of walk	2
9	EM MC Change rein, free walk on a long rein Medium walk	Regularity and quality of walks; reach, overtrack and ground cover of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward into a light contact; straightness; clear, balanced transitions	2
10	C CE Working trot Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of trot; bend and balance in corner; straightness	
11	E EF Circle left 20m Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend; balance	
12	FXH HC Change rein Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner	2
13	Between C & M MB Working canter right lead Working canter	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of paces; bend and balance in corner; straightness	2
14	B Circle right 20m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance	
15	Between B & F FA Working trot Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of paces; straightness, bend and balance in corner	
16	A X Down centre line Halt, Salute	Bend and balance in turn, regularity and quality of trot, willing, calm transition; straightness, attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 secs)	
Leave arena in walk on a long rein at A			