

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
Paces (Freedom and regularity)	1
Impulsion (Desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps, relaxation of the back and engagement of the hindquarters)	1
Submission (Willing cooperation, harmony, attention and confidence; acceptance of bit and aids, straightness, lightness of the forehand and ease of movements)	2
Rider's position and seat; correctness and effective use of the aids (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 HXK	Track left One loop	Regularity and quality of trot; bend and balance in turns; shape and size of loop; changes of bend; balance
3	Between A & F FB	Working canter left lead Working canter	Willing, calm transition; quality of trot and canter; bend in corner; straightness
4	B BMC	Circle left 20m Working canter	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance
5	HXF X	Change rein Working trot	Regularity and quality of paces; willing, calm transition; straightness; bend in corner
6	A AK	Medium walk Medium walk	Willing, calm balanced transition; regularity and quality of walk
7	KXH HC	Free walk on 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; straightness; willing, calm transitions
8	C MXF	Working trot One loop	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of loop; changes of bend and balance
9	Between A & K KE	Working canter right lead Working canter	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of trot and canter; bend and balance in corner; straightness
10	E EHC	Circle right 20m Working canter	Regularity and quality of canter, shape and size of circle; bend; balance
11	C CB	Working trot Working trot	Willing, balanced transition; quality of trot
12	B Before B BA	Circle right 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; smooth, willing, calm balanced transitions
13	A X	Down centre line Halt, Salute	Bend and balance in turn; regularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transition; straight, attentive halt; immobility (min. 3 secs)
Leave arena in walk on a long rein at A			