

LEAD LINE TEST - 2026

Approx. time 5.00 mins Arena size 60m x 20m Throughout the test the main focus will be on the rider's position on the pony. The pony is not expected to be "on the bit" but should be calm and obedient. All trot work to be ridden rising. To be ridden in a snaffle	Penalties for error of course Error -2 points
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NO: _____ RIDER NAME _____ PONY NAME: _____

JUDGE: _____ EVENT: _____ DATE _____

		TEST	Directive Ideas	Remarks	Max Mark	Judge Marks
1	A	Enter in medium walk	Rider sitting straight, looking forward, weight even into both stirrups. Pony straight, walking obediently		10	
2	X	Halt, Salute, proceed in medium walk	Rider salutes correctly, (reins in one hand, drops other hand down) Pony stands quietly, walks forward willingly		10	
3	C	Turn Left Pick up the trot and do 20metre circle left	Rider uses correct aids to turn. Correct posture maintained Rider squeezes pony forward into trot Keeps balance. Pony trots willingly, obediently forward.		10	
4	C-E	Walk	Quality of walk and rider position		10	
5	E X G	Turn left X tun left down centre line G halt and take feet out of stirrup for 5 seconds Rider to put feet back in stirrup Continue in walk to C	Dexterity in performing task without assistance from leader		10	
6	C	Turn Right Pick up trot and do 20 metre circle to the right	Rider uses correct aids to turn. Correct posture maintained. Rider squeezes pony forward into trot Keeps balance. Pony trots willingly, obediently forward.		10	

7	C-B-X	Walk at C B Turn Right X Turn Down centre Line	Quality of walk and Riders control in turning		10	
8	G	Halt & Salute	Quality of Halt and Salute		10	

Leave arena on a long rein

Collective marks:

General Impression	Rider & Pony make a suitable combination. Rider relaxed, at ease. Pony obedient, willing to obey all transitions.	10	
Position of Seat	Good posture – shoulder, hip, heel in a line. Soft elbows. Looking forward at all times. Weight even into both stirrups.	10	
Leg Position	Long quiet leg, heels lowest point. Inside lower leg touching pony sides. Stirrup on ball of foot. Legs squeezing not kicking.	10	
Hand Position	Holding reins correctly. Quiet hands, not dependent on reins for balance. Hands are on either side of the pony's neck, one fist apart. Hands squeezing not pulling.	10	
Effectiveness of back, seat, leg and hand aids	Correct use of these aids will produce a forward, obedient pony.	10	

Possible points	130
Earned points	
Total errors	
Final score	
Percentage	

JUDGES COMMENT	JUDGES SIGNATURE