

2023 USDF INTRODUCTORY LEVEL – TEST A

WALK—TROT

REQUIREMENTS:
 Free walk
 Medium walk
 Working trot rising
 20 meter circle
 Halt through walk

PURPOSE: To introduce the rider and/or horse to the sport of dressage, confirming that they are beginning to develop an understanding of correct dressage basics. The horse should be ridden freely forward in a steady tempo and clear rhythm, accepting contact with the bit. An understanding of test accuracy and geometry should be demonstrated.

NO.

		TEST	DIRECTIVE IDEAS	POINTS	COEF	TOTAL	REMARKS
1.	A Between X & C	Enter, working trot rising Medium walk	Regularity, quality of trot; straightness, willing, calm transition. Regularity, quality, of walk				
2.	C M	Track right Working trot rising	Bend and balance; willing, calm transition				
3.	A	Circle right 20 meters, working trot rising	Regularity; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
4.	K-X-M	Change rein, working trot rising	Regularity of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner				
5.	C	Circle left 20 meters, working trot rising	Regularity; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
6.	Between C & H	Medium walk	Willing, calm transition; regularity, quality				
7.	H-X-F	Free walk	Regularity, reach and ground cover with over track of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward				
8.	F-A A	Medium walk Down centerline	Regularity, quality, willing, calm transition, bend and balance in turn Straightness on centerline.				
9.	X	Halt and salute	Straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)				

Leave arena in free walk. Exit at A.

COLLECTIVE MARKS:

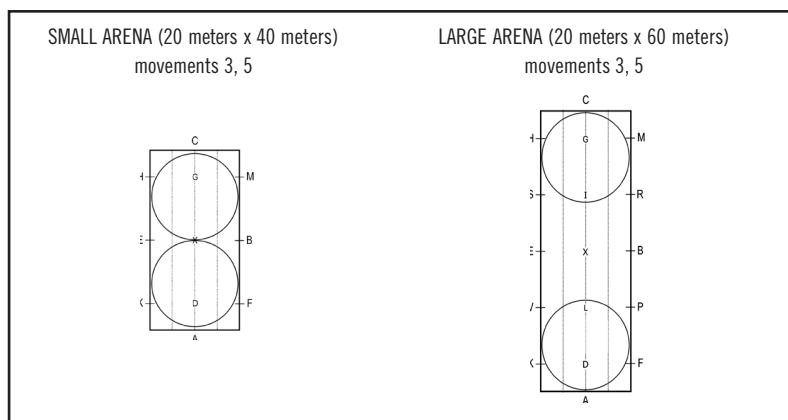
Gaits (freedom and regularity).				
Impulsion (desire to move forward with suppleness of the back and steady tempo).				
Submission (acceptance of steady contact, attention, and confidence).	2			
Rider's position (keeping in balance with horse).				
Rider's effectiveness of aids (correct bend and preparation of transitions).				
Geometry and accuracy (correct size and shape of circles and turns).				

160

SUBTOTAL _____
ERRORS (-) _____
TOTAL POINTS _____

FURTHER REMARKS:

To be deducted
Errors of the course and omissions
are penalized 1st Time = 2 points
2nd Time = 4 points
3rd Time = Elimination



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This unique series of tests provides an opportunity for the horse and/or rider new to dressage to demonstrate elementary skills. The tests have been designed to encourage correct performance and to prepare the horse for the transition to the USEF tests.

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INSTRUCTION:

- All trot work to be ridden rising.
- Transitions from walk to trot and trot to walk may be performed through sitting trot with the objective of performing a smooth transition.
- Turns from centerline to long side and long side to centerline should be ridden as a half circle, touching the track at a point midway between the centerline and the corner, and vice versa.

COMMENT:
Horses should be ridden on a light but steady contact, with the exception of the free walk in which the horse is allowed complete freedom to stretch neck forward and downward.

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE POINTS: 160

FINAL SCORE

Points _____ Percent _____

Name of Competition _____
Date _____

Number and Name of Horse _____

Class _____

Name of Rider _____



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