

# 2023 USEF FIRST LEVEL TEST 3

## PURPOSE

To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, and in addition to the requirements of Training Level, has developed improved balance, lateral suppleness and throughness, as well as the thrust to perform lengthenings of strides. The horse should be on the bit.

All trot work may be ridden sitting or rising, unless otherwise stated.

*READER PLEASE NOTE: Anything in parentheses should not be read.*

## INTRODUCE

## ENTRY NO:

### Conditions:

ARENA SIZE: Standard

AVERAGE RIDE TIME: 6:00

(from entry at A to final halt)

*Suggested to add at least 2 min. for scheduling purposes*

## MAXIMUM PTS: 360

TEST	DIRECTIVES	POINTS	COEF	TOTAL	REMARKS	
					TEST	DIRECTIVES
1. A X	Enter working trot Halt, salute Proceed working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; willing, clear transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)				
2. C H-X-F F	Track left Change rein, lengthen stride in trot Working trot	Bend and balance in turn; moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of trot; willing, clear transitions; straightness; consistent tempo				
3. V-I	Leg yield right	Regularity and quality of trot; consistent tempo; alignment; balance and flow		2		
4. I C	Circle left 10m Straight ahead Track right	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend; balance; straightness on centerline				
5. B Before B	Circle right 20m rising trot, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward while maintaining contact Shorten the reins	Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact, maintaining balance and quality of trot; bend; shape and size of circle; willing, clear transitions		2		
6. A	Working canter right lead	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner				
7. K-X-H	Slightly after K begin a single loop to X returning to the track slightly before H, maintaining lead	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of loop; positioning; balance		2		
8. C	Circle right 15m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
9. M-F F	Lengthen stride in canter Working canter	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of canter; willing, clear transitions; straightness; consistent tempo				
10. K-X-M X	Change rein Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; bend and balance in corner				
11. C	Medium walk	Willing, clear transition; regularity, quality, overtrack		2		
12. H-X-K K	Free walk Medium walk	Regularity and quality of walks; reach and ground cover with overtrack of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward; straightness; willing, clear transitions		2		
13. A	Working trot	Willing, calm transition; bend and balance in corner				
14. P-I	Leg yield left	Regularity and quality of trot; consistent tempo; alignment; balance and flow		2		
15. I I C	Circle right 10m Straight ahead Track right	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
16. M-X-K K	Lengthen stride in trot Working trot	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of trot; willing, clear transitions; straightness; consistent tempo				
17. A	Working canter left lead	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gait; bend and balance in corner				
18. F-X-M	Slightly after F begin a single loop to X returning to the track slightly before M, maintaining lead	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of loop; positioning; balance		2		
19. C	Circle left 15m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				

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20.	H-K K	Lengthen stride in canter Working canter	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of canter; willing, clear transitions; straightness; consistent tempo				
21.	F-X-H X	Change rein Change of lead through trot	Willing, clear transitions; regularity and quality of gaits; straightness				
22.	C B X G	Working trot Half circle right 10m Down centerline Halt, salute	Bend and balance in corner and half circle; regularity and quality of trot; willing, clear transition; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)				
Leave arena at A in free walk.							

### COLLECTIVE MARKS

GAITS (Freedom and regularity)	1		
IMPULSION (Desire to move forward; elasticity of the steps; suppleness of the back; engagement of the hindquarters)	2		
SUBMISSION (Willing cooperation; harmony; attention and confidence; acceptance of bit and aids; straightness; lightness of forehand and ease of movements)	2		
RIDER'S POSITION AND SEAT (Alignment; posture; stability; weight placement; following mechanics of the gaits)	1		
RIDER'S CORRECT AND EFFECTIVE USE OF AIDS (Clarity; subtlety; independence; accuracy of test)	1		
FURTHER REMARKS:			
To be deducted Errors of the course and omissions are penalized  1st Time = 2 points 2nd Time = 4 points 3rd Time = Elimination		 Movements #7 and #18	SUBTOTAL: ERRORS: (- ) TOTAL POINTS: (Max Points: 360)

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Name of Competition _____ Date of Competition _____	Name of Rider _____ Name and Number of Horse _____
Points _____	Maximum Pts: 360 <b>Final Score</b> Percent _____
Signature of Judge _____	 
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