

2023 USEF TRAINING LEVEL TEST 1

PURPOSE

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.

All trot work may be ridden sitting or rising, unless otherwise stated.
Halts may be through the walk.

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INTRODUCE	ENTRY NO:
Working trot; working canter; medium walk; free walk; 20m circles in trot and canter	<div>Conditions:</div> <div>ARENA SIZE: Standard or Small</div> <div>AVERAGE RIDE TIME: 5:00 (Std.) or 4:00 (Small)</div> <div>(from entry at A to final halt)</div> <div>Suggested to add at least 2 min. for scheduling purposes</div>
	MAXIMUM PTS: 260

TEST		DIRECTIVES	POINTS	COEF	TOTAL	REMARKS
1.	A X	Enter working trot Halt, salute Proceed working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)			
2.	C E	Track left Circle left 20m	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend; balance	2		
3.	A	Circle left 20m developing left lead canter in first quarter of circle	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; shape and size of circle; bend; balance			
4.	A-F-B	Working canter	Regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner; straightness			
5.	Between B & M	Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; straightness; bend and balance in corner	2		
6.	Between C & H	Medium walk	Willing, calm transition; regularity, quality, bend and balance in corner	2		
7.	E-F F	Change rein, free walk 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	2		
8.	A	Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of trot; bend and balance in corner; straightness			
9.	E	Circle right 20m	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend; balance	2		
10.	C	Circle right 20m developing right lead canter in first quarter of circle	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; shape and size of circle; bend; balance			
11.	C-M-B	Working canter	Regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner; straightness			
12.	Between B & F	Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; straightness; bend and balance in corner	2		
13.	A X	Down centerline Halt, salute	Bend and balance in turn; regularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transition; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)			
Leave arena at A in free walk.						



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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			SUBTOTAL:	
			ERRORS: (-)	
			TOTAL POINTS: (Max Points: 260)	

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Name and Number of Horse	
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WE DRESSAGE TEST – LEVEL 3 (NOVICE B)



SHOW: _____ DATE: _____ ENTRY # _____

RIDER: _____ HORSE: _____ SCORE: _____ PLACE: _____

JUDGE: _____ POSITION: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PURPOSE OF THE TEST: In addition to the requirements of Level 2, to confirm that the horse is developing more engagement and the ability to perform lateral movements and clear, prompt transitions with balance and a more consistent contact with the bridle. Horse should show adjustability within the gaits. Transition from canter to walk may include trot steps. All trot work may be ridden rising or sitting.

TEST/MOVEMENT			DIRECTIVE IDEA	POINTS	COEFF	TOTAL	REMARKS
1	A X C	Enter at working trot Halt. Salute. Proceed at working trot Track left	Straightness; regularity; tempo. Willing, calm transitions. Balanced, square halt. Immobility (min 3 sec). Quality of the turn.				
2	H-X-F F	Lengthen trot Working trot	Transitions. Moderate lengthening of frame and stride. Regularity and quality of trot. Straightness and consistent tempo.				
3	A D-H H	Down centerline Leg yield left Continue working trot	Regularity and quality of trot. Consistent tempo. Alignment, balance, and flow.		2		
4	B-X X-E	½ 10m circle, right ½ 10m circle, left	Quality; geometry; bend; balance.				
5	A D-M M	Down centerline Leg yield right Continue working trot	Regularity and quality of trot. Consistent tempo. Alignment, balance, and flow.		2		
6	C	Halt. Rein back 3-5 steps. Continue medium walk	Balanced, square halt. Immobility. Clear diagonal steps in reinback.				
7	H-B B	Free walk Medium walk	Reach and ground cover, allowing complete freedom to stretch neck. Willing, calm transitions. Quality; straightness; regularity.				
8	F	Turn on haunches, right Continue medium walk	Rhythm; regularity; bend; size. Quality of the walk.		2		
9	M	Turn on haunches, left Continue medium walk	Rhythm; regularity; bend; size. Quality of the walk.		2		
10	B Between F and A	Working trot Working canter, right lead	Willing, calm transitions. Bend and balance in the corner.				
11	A	15m circle, right lead	Geometry; bend. Quality of canter.				
12	K-X-M X M	Change rein Change of lead thru trot Continue working canter	Willing, calm transition. Straightness.		2		
13	C	15m circle, left lead	Geometry; bend. Quality of canter.				



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TEST/MOVEMENT			DIRECTIVE IDEA	POINTS	COEFF	TOTAL	REMARKS
14	H-X-F X F	Change rein Change of lead thru trot Continue working canter	Willing, calm transition. Straightness.		2		
15	A Between D and X G	Down centerline Working trot Halt. Salute.	Bend and balance in turn. Willing, calm transitions. Straightness. Attentiveness. Balanced, square halt. Immobility (min 3 sec).				
Leave the arena at A in free walk.							
SUBTOTAL FROM MOVEMENTS							

COLLECTIVE MARKS		POINTS	COEFF	TOTAL	REMARKS
GAITS	Rhythm, freedom, and regularity.				
IMPULSION	Desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps, suppleness of the back, and engagement of the hindquarters.		2		
SUBMISSION	Willing cooperation, harmony, attention and confidence, acceptance of the contact. Straightness, lightness of the forehand and ease of the movements.		2		
RIDER	Position: Alignment, posture, stability, weight placement, and following mechanics of the gaits. Effectiveness of the aids: clarity, subtlety, independence, and accuracy.		2		
PRESENTATION	Completeness, cleanliness, and appropriateness of horse, tack, and attire.				
SUBTOTAL FROM COLLECTIVE MARKS					
TOTAL POINTS EARNED					
MINUS DEDUCTIONS -5 failure to salute Judge (each time); -10 outside assistance (each time); -5 1 st error, -5 2 nd error, 3 rd error = disqualification					
BALANCE					
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS				290	
FINAL SCORE (%)					

Additional comments:



2023 USEF TRAINING LEVEL TEST 2

PURPOSE

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INTRODUCE	ENTRY NO:
Stretch circle in trot	Conditions:
	ARENA SIZE: Standard or Small AVERAGE RIDE TIME: 5:30 (Std.) or 4:30 (Small) (from entry at A to final halt) <i>Suggested to add at least 2 min. for scheduling purposes</i>
	MAXIMUM PTS: 290

TEST		DIRECTIVES	POINTS	COEF	TOTAL	REMARKS
1.	A X	Enter working trot Halt, salute Proceed working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)			
2.	C B	Track right Circle right 20m	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend and balance			
3.	K-X-M	Change rein	Regularity and quality of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner	2		
4.	Between C & H	Working canter left lead	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; 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	Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; straightness; bend and balance in corner			
7.	A Before A A	Circle left 20m rising trot, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward while maintaining contact 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 F-E	Medium walk Change rein, medium walk	Willing, calm transition; regularity, overtrack, and quality of walk	2		
9.	E-M M	Change rein, free walk 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	2		
10.	C	Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of trot; bend and balance in corner; straightness			
11.	E	Circle left 20m	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend; balance			
12.	F-X-H	Change rein	Regularity and quality of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner	2		
13.	Between C & M	Working canter right lead	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; 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	Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits, straightness; bend and balance in corner			
16.	A X	Down centerline Halt, salute	Bend and balance in turn; regularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transition; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)			
Leave arena at A in free walk.						



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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			SUBTOTAL:	
			ERRORS: (-)	
			TOTAL POINTS: (Max Points: 290)	

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Name and Number of Horse	
Name of Rider	
Final Score Maximum Pts: 290	
Points	Percent
Name of Judge	
Signature of Judge	

2023 USDF INTRODUCTORY LEVEL – TEST B

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 X	Enter working trot rising. Halt through medium walk Salute - Proceed working trot rising	Regularity, quality of trot; willing, calm transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)			
2.	C	Track left, working trot rising	Regularity; bend and balance in turn and corner			
3.	E	Circle left 20 meters, working trot rising	Regularity; shape and size of circle; bend; balance			
4.	Between K & A	Medium walk	Willing, calm transition; regularity, quality			
5.	F-E	Free walk	Regularity, reach, and ground cover with overtrack of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward			
6.	E-H	Medium walk	Willing, calm transition; regularity, quality, overtrack			
7.	Between H & C	Working trot rising	Willing, calm transition; regularity of trot; bend and balance in corner			
8.	B	Circle right 20 meters, working trot rising	Regularity; shape and size of circle; bend; balance			
9.	A X	Down centerline Halt through medium walk, Salute	Bend and balance in turn; straightness; regularity of trot; willing, calm transition; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)			

Leave arena in free walk. Exit at A.

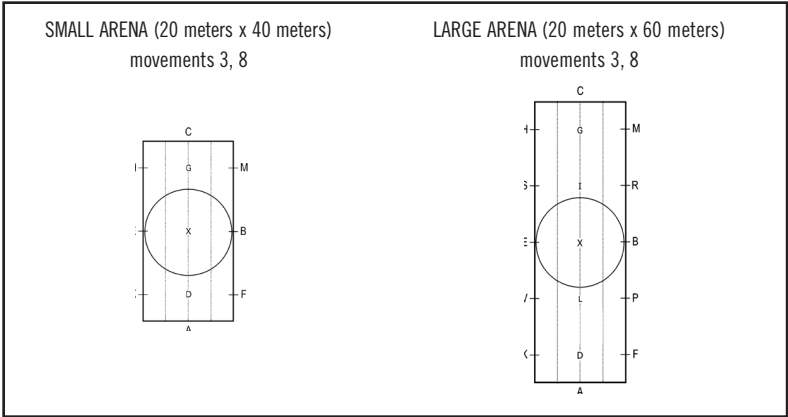
COLLECTIVE MARKS:

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).				

FURTHER REMARKS:

160
SUBTOTAL _____
ERRORS (–) _____
TOTAL POINTS _____

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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2023

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL – TEST B

WALK—TROT

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LEVEL TEST

B

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.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULING TIME

5:00 Standard Arena
4:00 Small Arena

(Possibly longer for schooling shows)

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 Judge/Position	
Signature of Judge	

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2023 USEF FIRST LEVEL TEST 1

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 stride. The horse should be on the bit.

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

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INTRODUCE	ENTRY NO:
10m half circle at trot; 15m circle in canter; lengthening of stride in trot	<u>Conditions:</u> ARENA SIZE: Standard AVERAGE RIDE TIME: 5:30 (from entry at A to final halt) <i>Suggested to add at least 2 min. for scheduling purposes</i>
	MAXIMUM PTS: 270

TEST		DIRECTIVES	POINTS	COEF	TOTAL	REMARKS
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 E-X	Track left Half circle left 10m, returning to track at H	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of half circle; bend; balance; straightness			
3.	B-X	Half circle right 10m, returning to track at M	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of half circle; bend; balance; straightness			
4.	C Before C C	Circle left 20m in rising trot, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward while maintaining contact 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, clear transitions	2		
5.	H-P P	Change rein, lengthen stride in trot Working trot	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of trot; straightness; consistent tempo; willing, clear transitions; bend and balance in corner			
6.	A	Medium walk	Willing, clear transition; regularity, quality, overtrack; bend and balance in corner; straightness	2		
7.	V-R R	Change rein, 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		
8.	M C	Working trot Working canter left lead	Willing, clear transitions; regularity and quality of gaits; bend and balance in corners	2		
9.	E	Circle left 15m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance			
10.	F-X-H X	Change rein Working trot	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of gaits; straightness; bend and balance in corner			
11.	C	Working canter right lead	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner	2		
12.	B	Circle right 15m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance			
13.	A	Working trot	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner			
14.	K-R R	Change rein, lengthen stride in trot Working trot	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of trot; straightness; consistent tempo; willing, clear transitions; bend and balance in corners			
15.	E X G	Half circle left 10m Down centerline Halt, salute	Bend and balance in half circle; regularity and quality of trot; willing, clear transition; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)			
Leave arena at A in free walk.						



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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			SUBTOTAL:	
			ERRORS: (-)	
			TOTAL POINTS: (Max Points: 270)	

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Name of Rider	
Points	
Percent	
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Signature of Judge	
Name of Judge	

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2023 USEF TRAINING LEVEL TEST 3

PURPOSE

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.

All trot work may be ridden sitting or rising, unless otherwise stated.
Halts may be through the walk.

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INTRODUCE

Changing of bend on a shallow loop, canter-trot transition on diagonal

ENTRY NO:

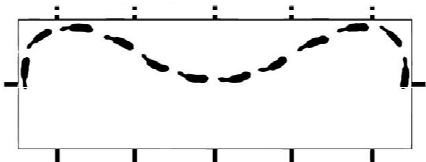
Conditions:

ARENA SIZE: Standard or Small
AVERAGE RIDE TIME: 5:30 (Std.) or 4:30 (Small)
(from entry at A to final halt)
Suggested to add at least 2 min. for scheduling purposes

MAXIMUM PTS: 250

TEST		DIRECTIVES		POINTS	COEF	TOTAL	REMARKS
1.	A X	Enter working trot Halt, salute Proceed working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)				
2.	C H-X-K	Track left Slightly after H begin a single loop to X returning to the track slightly before K	Regularity and quality of trot; bend and balance in turns; shape and size of loop; changes of bend; balance		2		
3.	Between A & F	Working canter left lead	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; bend in corner; straightness				
4.	B	Circle left 20m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
5.	H-X-F X	Change rein Working trot	Regularity and quality of gaits; willing, calm transition; straightness; bend in corner				
6.	A	Medium walk	Willing, calm transition; regularity, quality		2		
7.	K-X-H	Free 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	2			
	H	Medium walk					
8.	C M-X-F	Working Trot Slightly after M begin a single loop to X returning to the track slightly before F	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of loop; changes of bend and balance		2		
9.	Between A & K	Working canter right lead	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; bend and balance in corner; straightness				
10.	E	Circle right 20m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
11.	C	Working trot	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of trot				
12.	B Before B B	Circle right 20m in 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		2		
13.	A X	Down centerline Halt, salute	Bend and balance in turn; regularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transition; straight, attentive halt; immobile (min. 3 seconds)				
Leave arena at A in free walk.							

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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:				
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