

2023 USEF FOURTH

December 1, 2022 -November 30, 2026

PURPOSE

To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, and has developed sufficient throughness, suppleness, balance, and impulsion to perform with ease the exercises at this medium level of difficulty. The horse has established consistent self-carriage and lightness through improved connection, engagement, and collection. The movements and transitions are performed with greater straightness, impulsion, and cadence.

INTRODUCE

Collected walk; very collected canter; walk pirouettes; multiple flying changes on diagonal

All trot work must be done sitting.

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

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: 380

Double Bridle Optional

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		TEST	DIRECTIVES		
1.	Α	Enter collected canter	Engagement, collection and quality of gaits; well defined transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)		
	X	Halt, salute			
		Proceed collected trot			
2.*	С	Track left	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride with engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance; regularity and activity in collected steps; consistent tempo; well defined transitions		
	H-X-F	Change rein, medium trot			
	Over X	6-7 steps collected trot			
	F	Collected trot			
3.*	K-X	Half pass right	Alignment, bend, fluency and crossing of legs; engagement and collection		
4.*	X-H	Half pass left	Alignment, bend, fluency and crossing of legs; engagement and collection		
5.	M-X-K	Change rein, extended trot	Utmost ground cover with lengthening of frame, engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance		
	K	Collected trot			
6.		(Transitions M and K)	Well defined transitions maintaining tempo and balance		
	K-A-F	Collected Trot			
7.	F-B	Shoulder-in left	Angle, bend and balance; engagement and collection		
	В	Turn left			
8.	Е	Turn right	Angle, bend and balance; engagement and collection		
	E-H	Shoulder-in right			
	С	Collected walk	Quality of transition, Regularity; suppleness of back; activity; collection; self-carriage, regularity; activity of hind legs; bend; fluency; size; self-carriage		
9.	М	Turn right			
J.	Between G & H	Half pirouette right proceed collected walk			
10.	Between G & M	Half pirouette left proceed collected walk	Regularity; activity of hind legs; bend; fluency; size; self-carriage		
	H	Turn left			
11.*	.,	(Collected walk)	Regularity; suppleness of back; activity; collection; self-		
		CMG(H)G(M)GHS	carriage		
12.*	S-P	Extended walk	Regularity; suppleness of back; activity; overtrack; freedom of shoulders; stretching to the bit; well defined transitions		
	Р	Collected walk			
13.	F	Collected canter right lead	Precise, fluent transition; engagement; collection		



14.	Α	Down center line	Alignment and bend while moving fluently forward and
	D-B	Half pass right	sideways; engagement and collection
15.	B-M	Counter canter	Straightness, engagement and collection; clear, balanced,
	М	Flying change of lead	fluent flying change
16.*	С	Circle left 20m, 5-6 strides of very	Well defined transitions; engagement and
	C	collected canter between quarterlines	collection throughout; size of circle and bend
17.	H-K	Medium canter	Moderate lengthening of frame; elasticity; engagement;
	K	Collected canter	suspension; straightness and uphill balance; consistent tempo; well defined transitions
18.	Α	Down centerline	Alignment and bend while moving fluently forward and
	D-E	Half pass left	sideways; engagement and collection
19.	E-H	Counter canter	Straightness, engagement and collection; clear, balanced,
	Н	Flying change of lead	fluent flying change
	M-F	Extended canter	Utmost ground cover with lengthening of frame, engagement,
20.	F	Collected canter	elasticity, suspension, straightness; maintaining tempo and balance
			balance
21.	F-A-K	(Transitions at M and F) Collected canter	Well defined transitions maintaining tempo and balance
22.*		Change rein, 3 single flying changes of	Quality of canter; clear, balanced, fluent, straight flying
	K-X-M	lead, near first quarterline, near X, and near last quarterline	changes; engagement
23.	Н	Collected trot	Well defined transition maintaining tempo and balance
24.	E	Turn left	Bend and balance in turns; engagement, collection and quality
	X	Turn left	of trot
	G	Halt, salute	Straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)

Leave arena at A in free walk.

^{*}Movements 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 16, 22 have coefficients of 2