



Novice 2.1 ©

Effective 1/1/2023

Arena size 60m x 20m Test Time 5:30 Minutes (from entry at A to final halt)
Suggested Draw Time – 8:00 minutes



ID NO



Horse:	Rider:
Event:	Date:
Judge Name:	JUDGE POSITION:

Purpose: To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, and in addition to the requirements of Preliminary Level, has developed *the thrust to achieve improved balance and throughness and maintains a more consistent contact with the bit*

Introduces: 10m half circle in trot, 15m circle in canter, lengthening of stride in trot

Instructions: To be ridden in a snaffle. All trot sitting or rising unless stated otherwise

TEST		DIRECTIVE IDEAS	Judges Marks (10)	Coefficient	Total	REMARKS
1	A X Enter in working trot Halt, Salute Proceed in working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; willing clear transitions; straightness, attentiveness; immobility (min 3 secs)				
2	C EX Track left Half circle left 10m returning to the track at H HB Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of half circle; bend; balance; straightness				
3	BX Half circle right 10m, returning to the track at M MC Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of half circle; bend; balance; straightness				
4	C Circle left 20m rising trot, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward while maintaining contact Before C CH 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	HP Change rein, lengthen stride in trot PA 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	AV Medium walk	Willing, clear transition; regularity, over track and quality of walk; bend and balance in corner, straightness		2		
7	VR Change rein, free walk on a long rein RM Medium walk	Regularity and quality of walks; reach and ground cover with over track of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward into a light contact; straightness; clear, balanced transitions		2		
8	M C Working trot Working canter left lead CE Working canter	Willing clear transitions; regularity and quality of paces; bend and balance in corners		2		
9	E EF Circle left 15m Working canter	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
10	FXH X Change rein Working trot	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of gaits; straightness; bend and balance in corner				
11	C CB Working canter right lead Working canter	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner		2		
12	B BA Circle right 15m Working canter	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				

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13	A AK	Working trot Working trot	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner				
14	K-R RE	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 centreline Halt salute	Bend and balance in half circle, regularity and quality of trot, willing, clear transition; straightness, attentiveness; immobility (min 3 secs)				

Leave arena in walk on a long rein at A

COLLECTIVE MARKS

Paces (freedom and regularity)				1		
Impulsion (desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps, relaxation of the back and engagement of the hindquarters)				1		
Submission (willing cooperation, harmony, attention and confidence; acceptance of bit and aids, straightness, lightness of the forehand and ease of movements)				2		
Rider's position and seat; correctness and effective use of the aids (Clarity, subtlety, independence, accuracy of test)				2		
TOTAL MARKS				260		
Course Errors (Cumulative)	1 st -2	2 nd - 4 (= 6)	3 rd Elimination	Minus Total Course Errors		
Technical Faults – Minus 0.5%	Reason:			Minus Total Technical Faults		
FINAL MARK						
PERCENTAGE						
						Judge Signature: _____

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