2027 USEF FIRST LEVEL TEST 1

PURPOSE

In addition to the Training Level requirements, the horse should now be willingly on the bit with improved balance, bend and throughness. The horse is developing the ability to move sideways and with sufficient thrust to perform lengthenings at trot and canter. Accuracy and correct geometry are required. The exercises should be performed with ease and harmony.

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

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

INTRODUCE

Halt direct from trot;
10m half circle at trot;
15m circle in canter;
lengthening of
stride in trot.

ENTRY NO:

Conditions:

ARENA SIZE: Standard

AVERAGE RIDE TIME: 5:30

(from entry at A to final halt)

Suggested to add at least 2 min. for scheduling purposes

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.	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				
5.	A	Medium walk	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of walk; overtrack; bend and balance in corner; straightness		2		
6.	V-R R	Change rein, free walk Medium walk	Regularity and quality of walks; reach and ground cover with overtrack; free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward; straightness; willing, calm transitions		2		
7.	M C	Working trot Working canter left lead	Willing, clear transitions; regularity and quality of gaits; bend and balance in corners		2		
8.	E	Circle left 15m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
9.	F-X-H X	Change rein Working trot	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of gaits; bend and balance in corner		2		
10.	C	Working canter right lead	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner				
11.	B	Circle right 15m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
12.	A	Working trot	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner				
13.	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 corner				
14.	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; retaking reins without resistance		2		
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 1st Time = 2 points 2nd Time = 4 points 3rd Time = Elimination Other Penalties - Technical faults: 0.5% (percentage points) to be deducted per fault.	**SUBTOTAL:** **ERRORS:** (-) **FAULTS -.5%** (-)
	TOTAL POINTS: (Max Points: 270)

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Name of Competition

Date of Competition

Name and Number of Horse

Name of Rider

Final Score
Maximum Pts: 270

Points

Percent

Name of Judge

Signature of Judge

Dressage Riding Standards Guidelines

Score Sheet effective date: December 1, 2026 - November 30, 2030

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