2027 USEF FOURTH LEVEL TEST 2

PURPOSE

In addition to the Third Level requirements, the horse now has improved balance, equal lateral suppleness (bend), throughness, and elasticity. The horse should maintain a consistent uphill balance and self-carriage with ease. Increased engagement facilitates clear differences between the collected, medium and extended gaits. Cadence is clearly shown in all trot and canter work. Transitions should be well defined, balanced and harmonious. The horse should demonstrate confidence, throughness, and engagement so that all movements are performed with straightness, impulsion, harmony, and ease.

All trot work must be ridden sitting.

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

INTRODUCE

Counter change of hand in canter; tempi changes every fourth stride; working partial pirouettes in canter

ENTRY NO:

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

		TEST	DIRECTIVES	POINTS	COEF	TOTAL	REMARKS
1.	A X	Enter collected canter Halt, salute Proceed collected trot	Engagement, collection and quality of gaits; well defined transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)				
2.	C M-B	Track right Shoulder-in right	Angle, bend and balance; engagement and collection				
3.	B-K K	Change rein, medium trot Collected trot	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride with engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance; consistent tempo; well defined transitions				
4.	A D-E	Down centerline Half pass left	Alignment, bend, fluency and crossing of legs; engagement and collection				
5.	E-G C	Half pass right Track left	Supple change of bend; alignment, fluency and crossing of legs; engagement and collection				
6.	H-E	Shoulder-in left	Angle, bend and balance; engagement and collection				
7.	E-F F	Change rein, medium trot Collected trot	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride with engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance; consistent tempo; well defined transitions				
8.	A K-R	Collected walk Change rein, extended walk	Regularity; suppleness; activity; freedom of shoulder; extended walk shows utmost ground cover, with horse stretching to the bit; well defined transitions		2		
9.	R M Between G & H	Collected walk Turn left Half pirouette left Proceed collected walk	Regularity; activity of hind legs; bend; fluency; size; self-carriage		2		
10.	Between G & M H	Half pirouette right Proceed collected walk Turn right	Regularity; activity of hind legs; bend; fluency; size; self-carriage		2		
11.		(Collected walk) [AK/RMG(H)G(M)GHC]	Regularity; suppleness of the back; activity; collection; self-carriage				
12.	C	Collected canter right lead	Precise, fluent transition; engagement, collection, and quality of canter				
13.	M-F F	Medium canter Collected canter	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride with engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance; consistent tempo; well defined transitions				
14.	A D-B	Down centerline Half pass right	Alignment and bend while moving fluently forward and sideways; engagement and collection		2		
15.	B	Flying change of lead	Clear, balanced, fluent, straight flying change; engagement and collection				
16.	B-G C	Half pass left Track left	Alignment and bend while moving fluently forward and sideways; engagement and collection		2		
17.	H-X-F F	Change rein extended canter Collected canter and flying change of lead	Utmost ground cover with lengthening of frame, engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance; well defined transitions; clear balanced, fluent, straight flying change				
18.	K-X Approaching X Toward F	On diagonal develop very collected canter Working pirouette right toward the letter F Proceed collected canter	Bend and balance of working pirouette; straightness, regularity, engagement and collection of canter		2		
19.	K-X-M	Change rein, three flying changes every fourth stride	Clear, balanced, fluent, straight flying changes; engagement; quality of canter		2		
20.	H-X Approaching X Toward M	On diagonal develop very collected canter Working pirouette left toward the letter M Proceed collected canter	Bend and balance of working pirouette; straightness, regularity, engagement and collection of canter		2		
21.	H	Collected trot	Well defined, balanced transition; engagement and collection				
22.	S-F F	Change rein, extended trot Collected trot	Utmost ground cover with lengthening of frame, engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness; well defined transitions maintaining tempo and balance				

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23.	A X	Down centerline Halt, salute	Bend and balance in turn; engagement, collection and quality of trot; well defined transition; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)				
Leave arena at A in a 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 Other Penalties - Technical faults: 0.5% (percentage points) to be deducted per fault.	**SUBTOTAL:** **ERRORS:** (-) **FAULTS -.5%** (-) **TOTAL POINTS:** (Max Points: 380)

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Name of Competition

Date of Competition

Name and Number of Horse

Name of Rider

Final Score
Maximum Pts: 380

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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