# 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	POIN	COEF	T0T/	REMARKS
1. д	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.

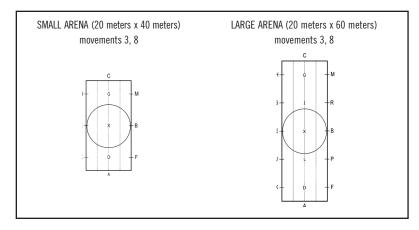
# **COLLECTIVE MARKS:**

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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COMMENT:

neck torward and downward.

Points

Percent

Name of Judge/Position

Signature of Judge

the horse is allowed complete freedom to stretch contact, with the exception of the free walk in which Horses should be ridden on a light but steady

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE POINTS: 160

Name of Rider

FINAL SCORE



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# All trot work to be ridden rising.

to centerline should be ridden as a half circle, Turns from centerline to long side and long side objective of performing a smooth transition centerline and the corner, and vice versa touching the track at a point midway between the be performed through sitting trot with the Transitions from walk to trot and trot to walk may

Number and Name of Horse

Date

# INSTRUCTION

(Possibly longer for schooling shows) 5:00 Standard Arena 4:00 Small Arena

Name of Competition

SUGGESTED SCHEDULING TIME

Class

elementary skills. The tests have been designed to encourage correct performance and to prepare the horse for the

This unique series of tests provides an opportunity for the horse and/or rider new to dressage to demonstrate

transition to the USEF tests.

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Score Sheet effective date: December 1, 2022 - November 30, 2026