

## 2019 Dressage - Connection Level Test 2

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<i>Connection Level:</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>►Rhythm, Relaxation, Steady Tempo</li> <li>►Consistent Bend and Balance</li> <li>►Straightness, Engagement, &amp; Impulsion are developing</li> <li>►Energy flows from engaged hindquarters through a supple back to a soft, steady connection to rider's hand</li> </ul>		
<i>Tests incorporate movements that develop connection as energy from the hindquarters travels through the back &amp; to the bit</i>				
<b>NEW MANEUVERS: 15m canter, half 10m trot, 180° turn on the hind (TOH)</b>				
<b>Arena and Set up: Dressage court 20m x 40m or 20m x 60m</b>				
		TEST	DIRECTIVES	Coeff
1	A X	Enter working trot Halt, salute, proceed working trot	Straightness on centerline. Willing and smooth transitions. Willing, square, immobile halt. Quality of gaits	1
2	C	Track left working trot	Bend and balance in turns. Quality of gait	1
3	E-X X	Half circle left 10m working trot Proceed on diagonal to H, track right	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait, straightness	1
4	Q3	Working walk	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
5	Bfr Q4 Q4	Shorten stride 180° TOH right, develop working trot	Willing and smooth transitions. Accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	2
6	E	Circle left 20m free trot, before E gather reins	Quality of stretch, accuracy of circle. Willing and smooth transitions	2
7	Btwn K&A	Working canter left lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
8	A	Circle left 15m working canter, continue to M	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait, straightness	1
9	M Q4	Working trot Working walk	Willing, balanced, smooth transitions. Quality of gait	1
10	Bfr Q3 Q3	Shorten stride 180° TOH left, develop working trot	Willing and smooth transitions. Accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	1
11	B-X X	Half circle right 10m working trot proceed on diagonal to M	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait, straightness	1
12	HEK K	Lengthen stride of trot Working trot	Straightness, presentable lengthening, tempo, smooth transitions, quality of gait	2
13	B-X X-E	Half circle left 10m Half circle right 10m	Accuracy of circles, bend and balance. Quality of gait	2
14	Btwn H&C	Working canter right lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
15	C	Circle right 15m working canter, continue to F	Accuracy, bend and balance, quality of gait, straightness	1
16	F A	Working trot Working walk	Willing, balanced, smooth transitions. Quality of gait	1
17	KXH H	Free walk Working walk	Quality of stretch, straightness, lengthening of stride, smooth transitions	2
18	C	Working trot	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
19	B-X	Half circle right 10m working trot	Accuracy of circle, bend & balance. Quality of gait	1
20	X G	Down centerline Halt, salute	Straightness on centerline. Willing, square, immobile halt. Quality of gait	1
COLLECTIVE MARKS				Coeff
GAITS (purity, quality, elasticity, and regularity of tempo and rhythm)				1
SUPPLENESS & RELAXATION (looseness, flexibility, softness and balance)				2
RESPONSIVENESS, ATTENTIVENESS & HARMONY (the horse's willingness to receive the rider's aids)				2
RIDER - position (balance, position and independence of seat and legs)				2
RIDER - use and position of HANDS (quality of connection, lightness)				2
ACCURACY (geometry, timing, execution of transitions)				2