

## 2019 Dressage - Connection Level Test 5

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Connection Level:</i>  <i>Tests incorporate movements that develop connection as energy from the hindquarters travels through the back &amp; to the bit</i></p>	<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>
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**NEW MANEUVERS: shoulder-fore, one loop counter-canter, 3 loop serpentine**

**Arena and Set up: Dressage court 20m x 40m or 20m x 60m**

		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-B	Half circle left 20m working trot	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1
4	B-M M	Shoulder-fore Proceed working trot	Bend, balance, accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	2
5	C-A	3 loop serpentine working trot	Accuracy, bend and balance. Quality of gait	1
6	B	Working canter left lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
7	H-K	One loop 5m off track working canter maintaining left lead	Accuracy, bend and balance. Quality of gait	2
8	A	Working trot	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
9	FXH	Change rein free trot, before H gather reins	Quality of stretch, straightness, lengthening of stride, smooth transitions	2
10	B-E	Half circle right 20m working trot	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1
11	E-H H	Shoulder-fore Proceed working trot	Bend, balance, accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	2
12	C-A	3 Loop serpentine working trot	Accuracy, bend & balance. Quality of gait	1
13	Btwn A&K	Working walk	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
14	KXH H	Change rein free walk Working walk	Quality of stretch, straightness, lengthening of stride, smooth transitions	2
15	C	Working trot	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
16	B	Working canter right lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
17	K-H	One loop 5m off track working canter maintaining left lead	Accuracy, bend and balance. Quality of gait	2
18	C	Halt through the trot, stand for 4 seconds, proceed working trot	Willing, square, immobile halt. Relaxation and patience. Quality of gaits	1
19	B-X X	Half circle left 10m working trot Down centerline	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	1
20	G	Halt, back 4-6 steps, halt and salute	Willing, square, immobile halts. Willing and accurate footfalls	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