

2019 Western Dressage - Connection Level Test 1

<p><i>Connection Level:</i> <i>Tests incorporate movements that develop connection as energy from the hindquarters travels through the back & to the bit</i></p>			<p>►Rhythm, Relaxation, Steady Tempo ►Consistent Bend and Balance ►Straightness, Engagement, & Impulsion are developing ►Energy flows from engaged hindquarters through a supple back to a soft, steady connection to rider's hand</p>	
Arena and Set up: Dressage court 20m x 40m or 20m x 60m				
TEST			DIRECTIVES	Coeff
1	A X	Enter working jog Halt, salute, proceed working jog	Straightness on centerline. Willing and smooth transitions. Willing, square, immobile halt. Quality of gaits	1
2	C	Track right working jog	Bend and balance in turns. Quality of gait	1
3	B	Circle right 15m working jog	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	2
4	B	Working lope right lead and immediately circle 20m right working lope	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Accuracy of circle, bend and balance. Quality of gait	1
5	A	Working jog	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
6	KXM M	Change rein, lengthen stride in jog Working jog	Straightness, presentable lengthening, tempo, smooth transitions, quality of gait	2
7	Q3	Halt, hesitate, 180° TOF right, proceed working walk	Willing, square, immobile halt. Balance, accurate footfalls. Willing and smooth transition. Quality of gait	2
8	Q4	Halt, hesitate, 180° TOF left, proceed at free walk	Willing, square, immobile halt. Balance, accurate footfalls. Quality of stretch and gait	2
9	H Bfr E	Working walk Working trot	Willing, balanced, smooth transitions. Quality of gait	1
10	E	Circle left 15m working jog	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait	2
11	E	20m circle working lope left lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Accuracy of circle, bend and balance. Quality of gait	1
12	A	Working jog	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
13	FXH H	Change rein, lengthen stride in jog Working jog	Straightness, presentable lengthening, tempo, smooth transitions, quality of gait	2
14	B	Circle right 20m free jog, before B gather reins	Quality of stretch. Accuracy of circle. Willing and smooth transitions	2
15	A X	Down centerline Halt, back 4-6 steps, proceed working jog	Straightness, smooth transitions. Willing, square, immobile halt. Willing and accurate footfalls. Quality of gaits	1
16	G	Halt, salute	Straightness on centerline. Willing, square, immobile halt	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