2019 Western Dressage - Connection Level Test 2

Connection Level:

Tests incorporate movements that develop connection as energy from the hindquarters travels through the back & to the bit

▶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

NEW MANEUVERS: 15m lope, half 10m jog, 180° turn on the hind (TOH)

Aı	rena 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	С	Track left working jog	Bend and balance in turns. Quality of gait	1	
3	E-X X	Half circle left 10m working jog 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 jog	Willing and smooth transitions. Accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	2	
6	E	Circle left 20m free jog, before E gather reins	Quality of stretch, accuracy of circle. Willing and smooth transitions	2	
7	Btwn K&A	Working lope left lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1	
8	А	Circle left 15m working lope, continue to M	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait, straightness	1	
9	M Q4	Working jog Working walk	Willing, balanced, smooth transitions. Quality of gait	1	
10	Bfr Q3 Q3	Shorten stride 180° TOH left, develop working jog	Willing and smooth transitions. Accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	1	
11	B-X X	Half circle right 10m working jog proceed on diagonal to M	Accuracy of circle, bend and balance, quality of gait, straightness	1	
12	HEK K	Lengthen stride of jog Working jog	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 lope right lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1	
15	С	Circle right 15m working lope, continue to F	Accuracy, bend and balance, quality of gait, straightness	1	
16	F A	Working jog 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	С	Working jog	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1	
19	В-Х	Half circle right 10m working jog	Accuracy of circle, bend and 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	
GAITS (purity, quality, elasticity, and regularity of tempo and rhythm)	1
SUPPLENESS & RELAXATION (looseness, flexibility, softness and balance)	
RESPONSIVENESS, ATTENTIVENESS & HARMONY (the horse's willingness to receive the rider's aids)	
RIDER - position (balance, position and independence of seat and legs)	2
RIDER - use and position of HANDS (quality of connection, lightness)	
ACCURACY (geometry, timing, execution of transitions)	2