

2019 Western Dressage - Connection Level Test 4

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: 180° to 180° TOH and TOF, jog on loose rein				
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	2
3	M-X X	Change rein working jog Halt at X	Straightness. Willing, square, immobile halt	1
4	X	180° TOH right, 180° TOH left, proceed working jog to K	Willing, accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	1
5	A D-M	Down centerline Leg yield right	Straightness, balance, accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	2
6	M	Working lope left lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
7	Q3-Q2 A	Lengthen stride in lope Working lope	Straightness, presentable lengthening, tempo, smooth transitions, quality of gait	2
8	F-X After X	Change rein working lope Develop working jog	Straightness. Willing, smooth, balanced transitions. Quality of gaits	1
9	B	Circle right 20m free jog, gather reins	Quality of stretch, accuracy of circle. Willing and smooth transitions	1
10	A D-H	Down centerline Leg yield left	Straightness, balance, accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	2
11	H	Working lope right lead	Willing, balanced, smooth transition. Quality of gait	1
12	Q4-Q1 A	Lengthen stride in lope Working lope	Straightness, presentable lengthening, tempo, smooth transitions, quality of gait	1
13	K-X After X	Change rein working lope Develop working jog	Straightness. Willing, smooth, balanced transition. Quality of gaits	2
14	H-X X	Change rein working jog Halt	Straightness. Willing, square, immobile halt	1
15	X	180° TOF left, 180° TOF right, proceed working walk to F	Willing, accurate footfalls. Quality of gait	2
16	Q2 K-H	Working jog Loosen reins and maintain the jog	Straightness, steady tempo. Quality of gait	1
17	Btwn H&C	Gather reins	Lack of tension	1
18	MXK K	Free walk Working walk	Quality of stretch, straightness, lengthening of stride, smooth transitions	2
19	A X	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