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Arena size 60m x 20m Test Time 6.00 Minutes (from entry at A to final halt)
Suggested Draw Time – 8:00 minutes

ID NO

Horse:	Rider:
Event:	Date:
Judge Name:	JUDGE POSITION:

Purpose: To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, and in addition to the requirements of Preliminary Level, has developed the thrust to achieve improved balance and throughness and maintains a more consistent contact with the bit.

Introduces: 10m circle at trot, change of lead through trot; counter canter

Instructions: To be ridden in a snaffle. All trot sitting or rising unless stated otherwise

TEST		DIRECTIVE IDEAS	Judges Marks (10)	Coefficient	Total	REMARKS
1	A X Enter in working trot Halt, Salute Proceed in working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; willing clear transitions; straightness, attentiveness; immobility (min 3 secs)				
2	C HXF FV Track left Change rein, Lengthen stride in trot Working trot	Bend and balance in turns; moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of trot; willing, clear transitions; straightness; consistent tempo;				
3	VI Leg yield right	Regularity and quality of trot, consistent tempo; alignment, balance and flow		2		
4	I I C CB Circle left 10m Straight ahead Track right Working trot	Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of circle; bend; balance; straightness on centreline				
5.	B Before B BA Circle right 20m rising trot, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward while maintaining contact Shorten the reins Working trot	Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact, maintaining balance and quality of trot; bend; shape and size of circle; willing, clear transitions		2		
6	A Canter right lead	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner				
7	KXH HC One loop maintaining the right lead Working canter	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of loop; positioning; balance		2		
8	C CM Circle right 15m Working canter	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
9	MF FK Lengthen stride in canter Working canter	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of canter; willing, clear engaged transition; straightness; and consistent tempo, bend and balance in corners, regularity and quality of canter				
10	KXM X Change rein Working trot	Willing, clear transitions; regularity and quality of paces; straightness				
11	C CH Medium walk Medium walk	Willing clear transition; regularity and quality of walk; over track; bend; balance; straightness		2		
12	HXK KA Free walk on a long rein Medium walk	Regularity and quality of walks; reach, over track and ground cover of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward into a light contact; straightness; clear, balanced transitions		2		

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13	A	Working trot				
	AP	Working trot				
14.	PI	Leg yield left		2		
15	I	Circle right 10m				
	I	Straight ahead				
	C	Track right				
16	MXK	Lengthen stride in trot				
	K	Working trot				
17	A	Working canter left lead				
18	FXM	One loop maintaining the left lead		2		
	MC	Working canter				
19	C	Circle left 15m				
	CH	Working canter				
20	HK	Lengthen stride in canter				
	KAF	Working Canter				
21	FXH X	Change rein Change of rein through trot (3-4 steps)				
	HM	Working canter				
22	M	Working trot				
	B	Half circle right 10m				
	X	Down center line				
	G	Halt, salute				

Leave arena in walk on a long rein at A

COLLECTIVE MARKS

Paces (freedom and regularity)					1		
Impulsion (desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps, relaxation of the back and engagement of the hindquarters)					1		
Submission (willing cooperation, harmony, attention and confidence; acceptance of bit and aids, straightness, lightness of the forehand and ease of movements)					2		
Rider's position and seat; correctness and effective use of the aids (Clarity, subtlety, independence, accuracy of test)					2		
TOTAL MARKS					350		
Course Errors (Cumulative)	1 st -2	2 nd - 4 (= 6)	3 rd Elimination	Minus Total Course Errors			
Technical Faults - Minus 0.5%	Reason:			Minus Total Technical Faults			
FINAL MARK							
PERCENTAGE							
				Judge Signature: _____			

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