



**2023 USEF INTRODUCTORY  
LEVEL – TEST C  
WALK–TROT–CANTER**

December 1, 2022 -  
November 30, 2026

<b>PURPOSE</b>	To introduce the rider and/or horse to the sport of dressage, confirming that they are beginning to develop an understanding of correct dressage basics. The horse should be ridden freely forward in a steady tempo and clear rhythm, accepting contact with the bit. An understanding of test accuracy and geometry should be demonstrated.	<b>ENTRY NO.</b>	
		<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	Free walk Medium walk Working trot rising Working canter 20 meter circle Halt through walk
<b>SUGGESTED SCHEDULING TIME</b>	6:00 Standard Arena 5:00 Small Arena (Possibly longer for schooling shows)	<b>MAXIMUM POINTS</b>	200

**READER PLEASE NOTE:**  
*Anything in parentheses should not be read.*

This unique series of tests provides an opportunity for the horse and/or rider new to dressage to demonstrate elementary skills. The tests have been designed to encourage correct performance and to prepare the horse for the transition to the USEF tests.

TEST			DIRECTIVES
1.	A X	Enter working trot rising Halt through medium walk Salute - Proceed working trot rising	Regularity, quality of trot; willing, calm transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)
2.	C	Track right, working trot rising	Regularity; bend and balance in turn and corner
3.	B	Circle right 20 meters, working trot rising	Regularity; shape and size of circle; bend; balance
4.	A Before A	Circle right 20 meters developing working canter in first quarter of the circle, right lead Working trot rising	Regularity of gaits; shape and size of circle; bend; balance
5.		(Transition in & out of canter)	Willing and calm transitions
6.	K-X-M	Change rein, working trot rising	Regularity of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corners
7.	E	Circle left 20 meters, working trot rising	Regularity; shape and size of circle; bend; balance
8.	A Before A	Circle left 20 meters developing working canter in first quarter of the circle, left lead Working trot rising	Regularity and quality of gaits; shape and size of circle; bend; balance
9.		(Transition in & out of canter)	Willing and calm transitions
10.	Between F & B	Medium walk	Willing, calm transition; regularity, quality, overtrack
11.	B-H H	Free walk Medium walk	Regularity and quality of walks; reach and ground cover with overtrack; allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward; straightness; Willing, calm transitions
12.	Between C & M	Working trot rising to A	Willing, calm transition; regularity of trot; bend and balance in corner; straightness
13.	A X	Down centerline Halt through medium walk Salute	Bend and balance in turn; regularity of trot; willing, calm transition; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)

Leave arena in free walk. Exit at A.



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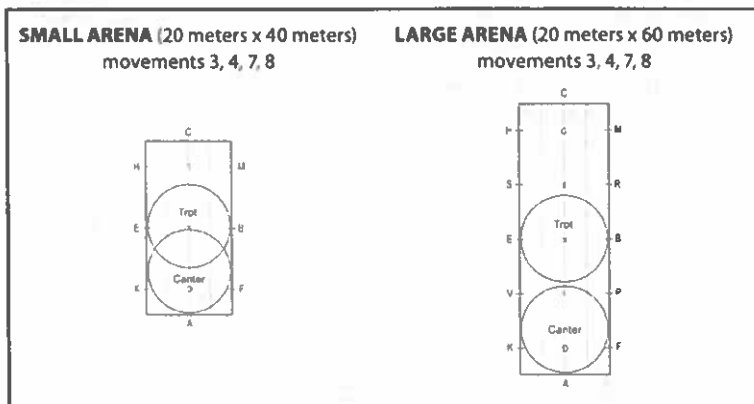
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**INSTRUCTION:**

- All trot work to be ridden rising.  
Transitions from walk to trot and trot to walk may be performed through sitting trot with the objective of performing a smooth transition.
- Turns from center line to long side and long side to center line should be ridden as a half circle, touching the track at a point midway between the center line and the corner, and vice versa.

**COMMENT:**

Horses should be ridden on a light but steady contact, with the exception of the free walk in which the horse is allowed complete freedom to stretch neck forward and downward.





2023 Eventing EV 85 TEST 1 Average Ride Time 4 Mins (Small) Suggest adding 2 mins per test for scheduling			Max mark	Coefficient
1	A- X -C C	Enter in working Trot. Proceed without halting. Track left	10	
2	E	Circle left 20m working trot	10	
3	Between K-A	Working canter left lead	10	
4	A	Circle left 20m working canter	10	
5	A-F-B	Working canter	10	
6	Between B-M	Working trot	10	
7	Between C-H H-X-F	Medium walk Change rein at free walk on a long rein	10	2
8	F-A	Medium walk	10	
9	A	Working trot	10	
10	E	Circle right 20m working trot	10	
11	Between H-C	Develop working canter right lead	10	
12	C	Circle right 20m working canter right lead	10	
13	C-M-B	Working canter	10	
14	Between B-F	Working trot	10	
15	A X	Down centerline Halt; salute	10	
<b>Collective Mark</b>				
Harmony of athlete and horse			10	2
<b>Total Possible Points</b>			180	

Leave arena free walk on long rein at A.

All trot work may be done rising or sitting unless stated otherwise.

Halt may be done through the walk.



2023 Eventing EV 90 TEST 1 Average Ride Time 4 Mins (Small) Suggest adding 2 mins per test for scheduling			Max mark	Coefficient
1	A- X -C C	Enter in working trot. Proceed without halting Track right	10	
2	M-X-K K-A	Change rein working trot Working trot	10	
3	A	1/2 20m circle left to X	10	
4	X	1/2 20m circle right to C	10	
5	Between C & M	Working canter right lead	10	
6	B	Circle right 20m in working canter	10	
7	Between F & A	Working trot	10	
8	A	1/2 20m circle right to X	10	
9	X	1/2 20m circle left to C	10	
10	Between C & H	Working canter left lead	10	
11	E	Circle left 20m in working canter	10	
12	Between K & A	Working trot	10	
13	A-F F-X-M	Medium walk Free walk on long rein on two diagonals	10	2
14	M-C C	Medium walk Working trot	10	
15	E	Circle left 20m, in rising trot allowing horse to stretch forward and downward while maintaining contact. Before E, re-take the reins	10	
16	E-K-A A	Working trot Down centerline	10	
17	X	Halt; salute	10	
<b>Collective Mark</b>				
Harmony of athlete and horse			10	2
<b>Total Possible Points</b>			200	

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2023 Eventing EV 100 TEST 1 Average Ride Time 4 Mins (Small) Suggest adding 2 mins per test for scheduling			Max mark	Coefficient
1	A C	Enter in working trot. Proceed without halting. Track left	10	
2	Between E & K	Half 15m circle left, returning to the track at H	10	
3	Between B & F	Half 15m circle right, returning to the track at M	10	
4	C	Circle left 20m, in rising trot allowing horse to stretch forward and downward while maintaining contact. Before C, re-take the reins	10	
5	H-X-F F	Change rein lengthen stride in trot (rising) Working trot	10	
6	A K-B B-M	Medium walk Free walk on long rein Medium walk	10	2
7	M C	Working trot Circle left 20m develop working canter left on centerline	10	
8	H-K K-A	Progressively lengthen stride at canter Working canter	10	
9	F-X X-H	Working canter Working trot	10	
10	Between H & C	Working canter right lead	10	
11	M-F F-A	Progressively lengthen stride at canter Working canter	10	
12	A	Circle right 20m working canter	10	
13	K-X X-M	Working canter Working trot	10	
14	M-C-E E-X	Working trot Half circle left 10m	10	
15	X G	Down centerline Halt; salute	10	
<b>Collective Mark</b>				
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