



WSDAC BASIC LEVEL TEST A - GAITED

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PURPOSE
In addition to the requirements of the Introductory Level, the horse at Basic Level has developed increased balance and activity of the hindquarters to achieve improved connection and softness with the rider.

All saddle gait work may be ridden sitting or rising unless stated.
Halts may be through the walk.

READER PLEASE NOTE: (Anything in parentheses should not be read)

INTRODUCE
Working lope; 20 m circle at working lope

ENTRY NUMBER:	
ARENA SIZE: Small or Standard RIDE TIME: Approximately 4:00 (Small) or 5:00 (Standard) (from entry at A to final halt)	
MAXIMUM POINTS:	240

COEFFICIENT

		TEST	DIRECTIVES	POINTS		TOTAL	REMARKS
1	A X	Enter working saddle gait Halt. Salute Proceed working saddle gait	Regularity and quality of gait; willing, calm transition; straight, attentive halt; immobile (min. 4 seconds).				
2	C C-M-B	Track right Working saddle gait	Bend and balance in turn and corner; quality of saddle gait.				
3	B B	Circle right 20 m Proceed straight ahead working saddle gait	Regularity and quality of saddle gait; shape and size of circle; bend and balance.				
4	A	Circle right 20 m developing working lope right lead in first half of circle	Willing calm transition to lope, regularity and quality of lope; size and shape of circle; bend and balance.		2		
5	A	Circle right 20m developing working saddle gait last quarter of circle Proceed to E	Willing calm transition to saddle gait, regularity and quality of lope; size and shape of circle; bend and balance.				
6	Between E&H H-C-M	Develop working walk Working walk	Willing calm transition; regularity and quality of walk.				
7	M-E E-K	Change rein free walk Working walk	Regularity of walks; reach and ground cover allowing complete freedom to stretch forward and downward; straightness and willing calm transitions.		2		
8	Between K&A A-F-B	Develop working saddle gait Working saddle gait	Regularity of walks; reach and ground cover allowing complete freedom to stretch forward and downward; straightness and willing calm transitions.				
9	B B-M-C	Circle left 20m Working saddle gait	Regularity and quality of saddle gait; shape and size of circle; bend and balance.				
10	C	Circle left 20 m developing working lope first half of circle	Willing calm transition to lope, regularity and quality of lope; size and shape of circle; bend and balance.		2		
11	C C-H	Circle left 20 m developing working saddle gait in last quarter of circle Working saddle gait	Willing calm transition to saddle gait, regularity and quality of lope; size and shape of circle; bend and balance in turn and corner;				
12	Between H&E	Develop working walk	Willing, calm transition; quality of walk.				
13	E-F F-A	Change rein free walk Working walk	Regularity of walks; reach and ground cover allowing complete freedom to stretch forward and downward; straightness and willing calm transitions.		2		
14	A D X	Turn down centreline Working saddle gait Halt. Salute	Bend and balance in turn; regularity and quality of saddle gait willing calm transitions; straight attentive halt (min. 4 seconds).				

Leave arena at A in walk on a long rein



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COLLECTIVE MARKS				
GAITS (Freedom and regularity)		1		
IMPULSION AND ENERGY (Desire to move forward, clarity of the steps, suppleness of the back, engagement of the hindquarters)		2		
RIDER POSITION AND COMMUNICATION (Alignment and posture, weight placement, correct use of aids)		1		
COMPLIANCE (Willing cooperation, acceptance of the bridle, lightness of forehand, ease of movements, harmony between horse and rider)		2		
SUBTOTAL	FURTHER REMARKS:			
ERRORS: (-)				
TOTAL POINTS (Max points: 240)				

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		FINAL SCORE
_____	Maximum Points: 240	
<i>Name of Competition</i>		
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<i>Date of Competition</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Percent</i>
_____	_____	
<i>Name and Number of Horse</i>	<i>Name of Judge</i>	
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<i>Name of Rider</i>	<i>Signature of Judge</i>	