

# 2023 NWAH GAITED FIRST LEVEL TEST 1

## PURPOSE

To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, and in addition to the requirements of Training Level, has developed improved balance, lateral suppleness and throughness, as well as the thrust to perform lengthenings of stride. The horse should be on the bit.

## INTRODUCE

10m half circle at flat walk; 15m circle in canter; lengthening of stride in flat walk

## ENTRY NO:

### Conditions:

ARENA SIZE: Standard  
AVERAGE RIDE TIME: 5:30  
(from entry at A to final halt)  
*Suggested to add at least 2 min. for scheduling purposes*

**MAXIMUM PTS: 270**

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

TEST		DIRECTIVES	POINTS	COEF	TOTAL	REMARKS
1.	A X	Enter flat walk Halt, salute Proceed flat walk	Regularity and quality of flat walk; willing, clear transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)			
2.	C E-X	Track left Half circle left 10m, returning to track at H	Regularity and quality of flat walk; shape and size of half circle; bend; balance; straightness			
3.	B-X	Half circle right 10m, returning to track at M	Regularity and quality of flat walk; shape and size of half circle; bend; balance; straightness			
4.	C Before C C	Circle left 20m in flat walk, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward while maintaining contact Shorten the reins Flat walk	Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact, maintaining balance and quality of flat walk; bend; shape and size of circle; willing, clear transitions	2		
5.	H-P P	Change rein, lengthen stride in flat walk Flat walk	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of flat walk; straightness; consistent tempo; willing, clear transitions; bend and balance in corner			
6.	A	Medium walk	Willing, clear transition; regularity, quality, overtrack; bend and balance in corner; straightness	2		
7.	V-R R	Change rein, free walk Medium walk	Regularity and quality of walks; reach and ground cover with overtrack of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward; straightness; willing, clear transitions	2		
8.	M C	Flat walk Working canter left lead	Willing, clear transitions; regularity and quality of gaits; bend and balance in corners	2		
9.	E	Circle left 15m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance			
10.	F-X-H X	Change rein Flat walk	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of gaits; straightness; bend and balance in corner			
11.	C	Working canter right lead	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner	2		
12.	B	Circle right 15m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance			
13.	A	Flat walk	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of flat walk; straightness; bend and balance in corner			
14.	K-R R	Change rein, lengthen stride in flat walk Flat walk	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of flat walk; straightness; consistent tempo; willing, clear transitions; bend and balance in corners			
15.	E X G	Half circle left 10m Down centerline Halt, salute	Bend and balance in half circle; regularity and quality of flat walk; willing, clear transition; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)			
		Leave arena at A at free walk.				

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COLLECTIVE MARKS				
GAITS (Freedom and regularity)		1		
IMPULSION (Desire to move forward; elasticity of the steps; suppleness of the back; engagement of the hindquarters)		2		
SUBMISSION (Willing cooperation; harmony; attention and confidence; acceptance of bit and aids; straightness; lightness of forehand and ease of movements)		2		
RIDER'S POSITION AND SEAT (Alignment; posture; stability; weight placement; following mechanics of the gaits)		1		
RIDER'S CORRECT AND EFFECTIVE USE OF AIDS (Clarity; subtlety; independence; accuracy of test)		1		
FURTHER REMARKS:				
To be deducted Errors of the course and omissions are penalized			SUBTOTAL:	
			ERRORS:                    (-                    )	
			TOTAL POINTS: (Max Points: 270)	
1st Time = 2 points 2nd Time = 4 points 3rd Time = Elimination				

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 Name of Competition

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 Date of Competition

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 Name and Number of Horse

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 Name of Rider

**Final Score**  
 Maximum Pts: 270

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 Points

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 Percent

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 Name of Judge

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 Signature of Judge