# 2023 NWHA GAITED FIRST LEVEL TEST 3

#### **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 strides. The horse should be on the bit

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

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

#### INTRODUCE

10m circle at flat walk; change of lead through flat walk; shallow loops at canter

### **ENTRY NO:**

Conditions

ARENA SIZE: Standard AVERAGE RIDE TIME: 6:00 (from entry at A to final halt) Suggested to add at least 2 min. for scheduling purposes

MAXIMUM PTS: 360

		TEST	DIRECTIVES	POINTS	COEF	TOTAL	REMARKS
1.	A X	Enter flatwalk Halt, salute Proceed flatwalk	Regularity and quality of flat walk; willing, clear transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)				
2.	C H-X-F F	Track left Change rein, running walk Flatwalk	Bend and balance in turn; moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of running walk; willing, clear transitions; straightness; consistent tempo				
3.	V-I	Leg yield right	Regularity and quality of flat walk; consistent tempo; alignment; balance and flow		2		
4.	l C	Circle left 10m Straight ahead Track right	Regularity and quality of flat walk; shape and size of circle; bend; balance; straightness on centerline				
5.	B Before B	Circle right 20m flatwalk, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward while maintaining contact Shorten the reins	Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact, maintaining balance and quality of flatwalk; bend; shape and size of circle; willing, clear transitions		2		
6.	А	Canter right lead	Willing, clear transition; regularity and quality of canter; bend and balance in corner				
7.	K-X-H	Slightly after K begin a single loop to X returning to the track slightly before H, maintaining lead	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of loop; positioning; balance		2		
8.	С	Circle right 15m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
9.	M-F F	Lengthen stride in canter Working canter	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of canter; willing, clear transitions; straightness; consistent tempo				
10.	K-X-M X	Change rein Flatwalk	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; bend and balance in corner				
11.	С	Medium walk	Willing, clear transition; regularity, quality, overtrack		2		
12.	H-X-K K	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		
13.	А	Flatwalk	Willing, calm transition; bend and balance in corner				
14.	P-I	Leg yield left	Regularity and quality of flatwalk; consistent tempo; alignment; balance and flow		2		
15	 	Circle right 10m Straight ahead Track right	Regularity and quality of flatwalk; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
16	M-X-K K	Running Walk Flatwalk	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of running walk; willing, clear transitions; straightness; consistent tempo				
17	А	Working canter left lead	Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gait; bend and balance in corner				
18.	F-X-M	Slightly after F begin a single loop to X returning to the track slightly before M, maintaining lead	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of loop; positioning; balance		2		
19.	С	Circle left 15m	Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				

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20.	H-K K	Lengthen stride in canter Working canter	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride; regularity and quality of canter; willing, clear transitions; straightness; consistent tempo			
21.	F-X-H X	Change rein Change of lead through flatwalk	Willing, clear transitions; regularity and quality of gaits; straightness			
22.	C B X G	Flatwalk Half circle right 10m Down center line Halt, salute	Bend and balance in corner and half circle; regularity and quality of flatwalk willing, clear transition; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)			
Leave arena at A in free walk						

Leave arena at A in free walk.

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				ERRORS:	(-	)
1st Time = 2 points 2nd Time = 4 points 3rd Time = Elimination  Movements #7 and #18				TOTAL POINTS: (Max Points: 360)		

**2023 NWHA GAITED FIRST LEVEL** Points Name and Number of Horse Final Score
Maximum Pts: 360 Name of Competition Signature of Judge Date of Competition Name of Judge Percent

Score Sheet effective date: December 1, 2022 - November 30, 2026