



# 2016 WSDAC RIDE-ABILITY TESTS

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### OBJECTIVE

Western Dressage Ride-Ability Tests are used to show the correct training of the horse as it pertains to Western Dressage with a series of obstacles not uncommon to see either on the trail or in the training pen.

Tests are designed with obstacles and paces relative to the level of training. The Ride-Ability tests are designed to demonstrate the horses' development of athleticism, correctness, and willingness of negotiating the test, while displaying correct training principles.

Each Ride-Ability test is to be scored on proper execution of movements, impulsion and energy, rider position and communication, and compliance.

### SHOW ORGANIZERS

Safety is our #1 priority. Current WSDAC rules apply to this class. We ask that each competition consider the level of your competitors.

Average ride time is 6 minutes.

The actual obstacles have been left open for interpretation so that the organizers may utilize whatever equipment they have to conduct the class. Ground poles and pylons are mandatory.

Where the competitor has to pick up the objects, you may use a jump standard, barrel or etc. In the case of an indoor, you could hang the object up or lay on the side of the kickboards.

Suggested objects for toss into bucket: Bean bags, carrots, apples, brushes. The bucket is to be placed near the judge. If you use multiple objects, make sure there is nothing too spooky like a plastic bag to contain them. A material like bag would be the most suitable.

For the stop at F in both levels at the far end of the arena, we suggest a coat or blanket that the rider can easily pick up and deposit from a wall, jump standard or from a person standing on the outside of the ring.

Poles, bridges, etc. may be used for the 2 obstacles on the diagonal lines. The centre line will consist of ground poles or a small cross rail on the centre line before X and trotting poles after X. maximum of 4 poles after X. The 5 pylons are located 1.5 m from the track and placed 7 m apart. The middle pylon will be directly across from E. Make sure that the circle lines are not interrupted by the pylons.

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