



2019 IEA Open Rider Test

PURPOSE
<p>Purpose: To confirm that the rider sits in the correct posture and alignment and shows correct mechanics in walk, trot, and canter. The seat is sufficiently independent for the rider to maintain a steady, elastic rein contact and encourage the horse to stretch into that contact. The horse is actively forward showing impulsion and balance required for the level, bends equally to the left and right sides on turns and circles, and makes smooth transitions.</p>

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Arena: Small/Standard
 Actual Average Time: 3:50
 Maximum Possible Points: 180

All trot work to be ridden rising or sitting. Transitions to halt may be performed through the walk.

	TEST	DIRECTIVE	POINTS	REMARKS
1.	A X C	Enter working trot Halt, Salute Track left working trot		Rider alignment, symmetry, steady elastic rein contact. Straightness on centerline, smooth balanced halt. Bend and balance through the turn
2.	E- B Centerline	Half circle left 20m 3-6 steps of walk Proceed working trot		Rider maintains posture and balance through turns; Horse is bent on half circle and shows smooth forward transitions with a few well-defined walk steps
3.	M C	Working Canter Left lead Circle left 15m		Shows correct seat mechanics and timing in canter. Horse is bent on a circle; makes a balanced transition; moves willingly forward at the canter
4.	H-K K-A	Lengthen stride in canter Develop working canter		Performs a smooth, balanced transition to an active canter encouraging the horse to lengthen the stride with smooth balanced transitions forward and downward
5.	A F-H H	Working trot Change rein and Lengthen stride in trot Working trot		Rider gives freedom and encourages the horse to lengthen the stride while maintaining balance and elastic contact through the body and hand
6.	C M-X-F F	Medium Walk Free Walk Medium Walk		Rider maintains balanced, position through transitions. Rider gives freedom for horse to lengthen the stride while stretching head and neck forward and downward. Transitions smooth with an obvious difference in length of stride
7.	A	Working trot		Rider shows mechanics in trot; steady elastic rein contact. Horse moves willingly in active trot
8.	E-B Centerline	Half circle right 20m 3-6 steps of walk Proceed working trot		Rider maintains posture and balance through turns; Horse is bent on half circle and shows smooth forward transitions with a few well-defined walk steps
9.	F A	Working Canter right lead Circle right 15m		Shows correct seat mechanics and timing in canter. Horse is bent on a circle; makes a balanced transition; moves willingly forward at the canter
10.	K-H H-C	Lengthen stride in canter Develop working canter		Performs a smooth, balanced transition to an active canter encouraging the horse to lengthen the stride with smooth, balanced transitions forward and downward
11.	C M-X-K K	Working trot Change rein and Lengthen stride in trot Working trot		Rider gives freedom and encourages the horse to lengthen the stride while maintaining balance and elastic contact through the body and hand
12.	A X	Down centerline Halt, Salute		Bend and balance through the turn, straightness on centerline to a smooth balanced halt

