

## 2015 USEF FOURTH LEVEL TEST 1

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

#### **PURPOSE**

To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics, and has developed sufficient suppleness, impulsion and throughness to perform the Fourth Level tests which have a medium degree of difficulty. The horse remains reliably on the bit, showing a clear uphill balance and lightness as a result of improved engagement and collection. The movements are performed with greater straightness, energy and cadence than at Third Level.

#### **INTRODUCE**

Collected walk; very collected canter; walk pirouettes; multiple flying changes on diagonal \*Double Bridle Optional\*

### **ENTRY NO:**

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: 370

	E NOTE: Anything in parentheses should not be read.		COEFFICIENT			
	TEST	DIRECTIVE IDEA	POINTS		TOTAL	REMARKS
1. A X	Enter collected canter Halt, salute Proceed collected trot	Engagement, collection and quality of gaits; well defined transitions; straight, attentive halt; immobile (min. 3 seconds)				
2. C H-X-F Over X F	Track left Change rein, medium trot 6-7 steps collected trot Collected trot	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride with engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance; regularity and activity in collected steps; consistent tempo; well defined transitions		2		
3. K-X	Half pass right	Alignment, bend, fluency and crossing of legs; engagement and collection				
4. X	Circle right 10m	Shape and size of circle; bend; balance; engagement and quality of trot				
5. X-G C	Shoulder-in right Track right	Angle, bend and balance; engagement and collection				
6. M-X-K K	Change rein, extended trot Collected trot	Utmost ground cover with lengthening of frame, engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance				
7.	(Transitions M and K)	Well defined maintaining tempo and balance				
8. F-X	Half pass left	Alignment, bend, fluency and crossing of legs; engagement and collection				
9. X	Circle left 10m	Shape and size of circle; bend; balance; engagement and quality of trot				
10. X-G C	Shoulder-in left Track left	Angle, bend and balance; engagement and collection				
11. H S-R R	Collected walk Half circle left 20m in extended walk Collected walk	Regularity; suppleness of back; activity; overtrack; freedom of shoulder; stretching to the bit; clear transitions		2		
12. M Between G & H	Turn left Half pirouette left Proceed collected walk	Regularity; activity of hind legs; bend; fluency; size		2		
13. Between G & M	Half pirouette right Proceed collected walk	Regularity; activity of hind legs; bend; fluency; size		2		
14.	(Collected walk) HS/RMG(H)G	Regularity; suppleness of the back; activity; collection				
15. G H	Collected canter left lead Turn left	Precise, fluent transition; engagement and collection				
16. S-K K	Medium canter Collected canter	Moderate lengthening of frame and stride with engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness and uphill balance; consistent tempo; well defined transitions				
17. A D-E	Down centerline Half pass left	Alignment and bend while moving fluently forward and sideways; engagement and collection				
18. E-H H	Counter canter Flying change of lead	Straightness, engagement and collection; clear, balanced, fluent flying change				
19. M-F F	Extended canter Collected canter	Utmost groundcover with lengthening of frame, engagement, elasticity, suspension, straightness				
20.	(Transitions M and F)	Well defined maintaining tempo and balance				
21. A D-B	Down centerline Half pass right	Alignment and bend while moving fluently forward and sideways; engagement and collection				
22. B-M M	Counter canter Flying change of lead	Straightness, engagement and collection; clear, balanced, fluent flying change				
23. C	Circle left 20m, 5-6 strides of very collected canter between quarterlines	Lowering of haunches in very collected canter; well defined transitions; engagement and collection throughout; shape, size of circle; bend		2		



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24. H-X-F	Change rein, three single flying changes of lead, near first quarterline, near X, and near last quarterline	Clear, balanced, fluent, straight flying changes; engagement; quality of canter				
25. A X	Down centerline Halt, salute	Bend in turn; engagement, collection and quality of canter; well defined transition; straight, attentive halt; immobile (min. 3 seconds)				
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 THE AIDS (Clarity, subtlety, independence, accuracy of test)		1						
SUBTOTAL	FURT	HER	REMAR	RKS:				
ERRORS: (- )								
TOTAL POINTS (max points: 370)								

Name of Judge  Signature of Judge	FINAL SCORE  Maximum Pts: 370  Points  Percent	Name and Number of Horse  Name of Rider	Name of Competition  Date of Competition	2015 USEF FOURTH LEVEL TEST 1  UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.
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