# NOVICE DRESSAGE TEST 2020

## (20m x 40m Arena)

**The Test** | **Max. Marks** | **Directives**
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1. A | 10 | Regularity and straightness. Quality of turn. Quality of trot, regularity and tempo.
C  |  |  
M |  |  
2. B | 10 | Fluency of transition and clarity of walk.
E |  |  
3. A | 10 | Balance and tempo maintained and a clear release.
4. B | 10 | Fluency of transition and clarity of walk.
E |  |  
5. C | 10 | Balance and tempo maintained and a clear release.
B |  |  
7. X | 10 x 2 | Relaxation, ground cover, stretching forward and down. Purpose and suppleness. Regularity, purpose and freedom of walk.
A |  |  
Between M & C |  |  
9. C | 10 | Quality of canter. Uniform bend on circle line. Quality of canter, regularity and tempo.
HEK |  |  
10. A | 10 | Uniform bend on circle line. Fluency and balance of transition.
11. FXH | 10 | Quality of trot. Regularity and tempo.
C |  |  
MBF |  |  
KX |  |  
On the centre line halt, immobility, salute. |  |  
15. Paces | 10 | Freedom and regularity.
16. Impulsion | 10 x 2 | Desire to move forward, elasticity of steps, suppleness of the back and engagement of the hindquarters.
17. Submission | 10 x 2 | Attention and confidence, harmony, lightness and ease of the movements, acceptance of the bridle and lightness of the forehand.
18. Rider position and seat. | 10 x 2 | Correctness and effect of the aids.

Approx. time 4 1/2 minutes.
All trot work to be executed ‘sitting’ or ‘rising’.

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CONDITIONS

The test will be conducted and judged in accordance with The Pony Club Dressage Rules.

To be ridden in a snaffle (for definition see 'Dressage Rules') and with both hands except where otherwise stated. All transitions from one pace to another may be progressive, except where otherwise stated.

The test may not be commanded at Area Competitions or at the Championships.

Penalties for errors over the course
1st Error ............... 2 marks
2nd Error ............... 4 marks
3rd Error ............... 8 marks
4th Error ............Elimination

The use of the voice is prohibited and will be penalised by the loss of two marks from those that would have been awarded for the movement in which this occurred.

A competitor whose hat comes off or chinstrap comes undone whilst riding in the competition must, on penalty of elimination replace it or do it up before continuing. He may dismount without penalty to recover the hat or have it passed up from the ground, or he may stop without penalty to do up the chinstrap.

The A, F, B, M, C, H, E, K Letter Markers should be placed about 50 cms outside the Arena.
The G, X and D Letters are not marked on the Arena.