



Drive-1 Challenge Test

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Arena 40m x 80m, continuous or non-continuous arena surround with 7 cones obstacles. Suggested Draw Time – 12 minutes

Event Identification No.:

Horse/s	Athlete
Backstepper/Navigator/s	Date
Judge Name	Judge Position

May be used for EA Participant or Competitor classes. When used as a Competitor class, horse/s must be EA registered.

PURPOSE – to confirm that the horse/s demonstrate correct basics, are supple, move freely forward in a clear rhythm with a steady tempo, accepting contact with the bit.

INTRODUCES – walk, free walk, halt, reinback, working trot, beginning training of lengthened trot, 20m circles

INSTRUCTIONS – Transitions to and from halt may be executed through the walk (progressively).

- Horses/ponies must be at least four years old.
- There is no time limit on the cones section. The Cones phase should be executed in working trot. This phase should be driven smoothly, showing rhythm, looseness, flow, connection to driver, straightness through cones and bend through body as required, according to the FEI Scale of Training.
- Judge ONE will be positioned at B. Judge TWO, when used for Competitor events, will be positioned at C.
- Two- or four-wheeled carriages may be used. Wheel width shall be 138cm for all singles, pony pairs and pony four-in-hand 148cm for horse pairs, and 158cm for horse four-in-hand. Cones width will have at least a 40cm clearance (e.g. 178cm for a 138cm vehicle).
- A competent adult navigator/backstepper shall be on the carriage at all times, for child (under 18) drivers. A navigator/backstepper is compulsory for all singles and pairs in this test. A navigator AND a backstepper is required on all four-in-hands in this test.
- EA-approved helmets are compulsory for everyone on the carriage. Gloves necessary for athlete and navigator/backstepper/s. Aprons optional.
- Back/body protectors are compulsory for drivers and navigator/backsteppers under 18 years. They are strongly encouraged for everyone on a carriage.
- This test can be commanded, unobtrusively, by the navigator/backstepper without penalty. Athletes are strongly encouraged to KNOW THEIR TEST.

TEST			Judge Directives	REMARKS
1	A C CA	Enter at working trot and proceed directly to E, follow the track to C (Judging commences at C) Proceed at working trot	Quality of working trot	
2	A AK	Circle 40m right Working trot	Consistent tempo, regularity Bending to circle line, set out and shape of figure	
3	KXM MCH	Working trot on the diagonal Working trot	Consistent tempo, regularity Straightness on diagonal line	
4	H HE EX	Transition to walk Walk Turn left to X	Transition, quality of walk	
5	X B	Halt for 3 secs with driver over X. Reinback 3 to 4 steps Proceed at walk to B Turn right	Transition to halt, immobility Clear diagonal steps back Quality of submission in rein back and willingness to move forward	
6	BF F	Free walk on a longer rein Retake the reins	Transitions, Straightness, ground cover, stretch over the back in free walk	
7	A	Halt for 10 seconds, driver at A Proceed at working trot	Transition to halt Immobility, willingness to move forward	
8	AC	Two loop serpentine, with change of bend over X facing B, working trot	Consistent tempo, regularity Bend, set out and shape of loops	
9	HXF FAKHC	Show some lengthened trot strides over X Working trot around the arena to C	Consistent tempo, regularity Willingness to lengthen and maintain balance	
10	C B	Commence Cones Phase. Cones 1 through 7 Turn right after 3 After completion, drive up to the judge at B Halt with driver side-on at B Salute	Obedience & flow through cones Preparations by driver Transition to halt at B, immobility	
Leave arena at working trot				

Drive 1 Challenge Test - ATHLETE NAME & HORSE/S ID								
Category	Description	Judging Directives			Marks (out of 10)	Co-eff	Total	Comments
Dressage	Basic Paces, Walk	Regularity, freedom in the shoulder, active hind-quarters, stretching to the contact, relaxation				2		
	Basic paces, Trot	Rhythm, Consistent tempo, swinging back, stretching to the contact when required, quality of the lengthened strides				2		
Cones		Obedience, maintaining consistent tempo, suppleness, contact, forward engagement, confidence and following the aids				2		
Overall Impression	Education of the horse/s according to the Training Scale	Rhythm, Suppleness, Contact (elasticity, willingness to stretch over the back, bending, obedience, responsiveness including halts). Multiples – harmony between the horses				2		
Athlete		Use of aids, handling of the reins, athlete position, set out and preparation for figures and transitions.				2		
PENALTIES	Minus Dressage Penalties, as per EA Rules	1st error deduct 0.5%	2nd error deduct an additional 1%	3rd error elimination .	No gloves on athlete and/or backstepper/ navigator, deduct 1%	deduct ___%	Description of penalties if needed	
	Minus Cones Penalties, as per EA Rules	Knocking down 1 or 2 balls in the same obstacle, deduct 1%. Maximum deduction for balls knockdown will be 3%				deduct ___%	Total number of cones obstacles for this test is SEVEN (7) Number of obstacles with cones down _____ Description of other penalties if needed.	
TOTAL	Out of a POSSIBLE 100%						Judge Signature _____	

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