



Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee

2023 Dressage Tests - Summary of Changes all tests

Preparatory - Advanced Level

- *Note: This summary has been prepared by the USDF and modified by EADC to assist Riders, Coaches and Judges to prepare for the updated 2023 test-cycle.*
- *Where EADC have modified the floor plan or made descriptive changes to USDF tests for local conditions – these have been noted in **red**, and where previously agreed to notes on the markers between movements have been noted (to assist judges in assigning modifying marks to the correct movement) this has been noted in **blue**.*
- ***Note: The USDF Preparatory Tests were adopted by EADC as it was agreed that they provided rider and horse-friendly introduction to the sport of dressage while allowing for some appropriate progression and challenge to meet individual needs.***
- All test sheets were updated to reflect the new test cycle including the copyright information.

Purpose of the Levels:

The new wording is clearer, more consistent in terminology; and better reflects the progression of the levels.

General Comments

Preparatory Level - Elementary Level

The Directive for Free walk now includes “overtrack”

Medium - Advanced Level

“All trot work must be done sitting” *remains*.

Note - The option to rise in the medium trot remains at Elementary level

Preparatory Level:

- The directives were updated to be more cohesive with Training Level.

Changes in the Tests from 2018

Preliminary Level:

- Test 1 - Movement 6 - the walk transition is now between C & H instead of at C.
- Test 2 - No Changes.
- Test 3 - Revised similar to the 2015 version with a shallow loop at trot. Diagram added to score sheet for clarification.

Novice Level:

- Test 1 - Lengthen stride at canter was removed.
- Test 2 - The score for Turn down centerline and the Leg-yield (*Nos: 3 & 5*) were combined.
- Test 3 – Reworked – meaning **NEW TEST**

Elementary Level:

- Test 1 - The last simple change was removed and replaced with a transition to trot. (*Movement # 18*)
- Test 2 – Reworked – meaning **NEW TEST**
- Test 3 - no changes to pattern – *NB: EADC elected to use the phrase “Collect” in preference to “Shorten the walk, in preparation for half-turns in walk (Nos: 13 & 14)*

Medium Level:

- “Shorten the walk” was replaced with “Collect” prior to Half Pirouettes and Walk-Canter transitions.
- Added coefficients for Flying Changes starting with Test 1

Advanced Level:

- Test 1 – Reworked- meaning **NEW TEST**
- Test 2 -Extended canter is now before Working (*Quarter*) Pirouettes. The coefficients were moved
- Test 3 – Reworked – *meaning NEW TEST including the removal of the ½ 10m circles in true/counter-canter – EADC therefore modified the USDF floor plan to include some counter-canter after the half-pirouettes in preparation for the Prix St Georges (Nos: 17 & 20)*

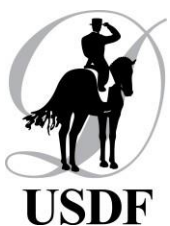
Additional resources:

Kristi Wysocki (FEI 4* judge) is on the USDF Test Writing Taskforce and provided some great insights into the rationales for the changes to the new tests.

<https://dressageradio.horseradionetwork.com/2022/11/05/693-the-new-2023-tests-with-kristi-wysocki/>

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/6BobDYpTbtuNKI3shVpWt2>

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