

MEA Encouragement Prix Caprilli Dressage Test



Event: _____ Date: _____ Judge's Name: _____

Rider's Name: _____ Horse's Name: _____

This is an encouragement test and can be completed in walk and trot. Canter is optional for the rider. However, the judge will award more marks if canter is attempted. All trot work is to be done rising.

			Mark		Score*	Judges comments
1	A X C	Enter working trot Halt, immobility, salute. Proceed in working trot Track right	10			
2	MXK	Change rein and jump Fence#1. Return to working trot.	10	x2		
3	A	Circle left 20m	10			
4	After A	Turn onto quarter line and jump Fence#2. Return to working trot.	10	x2		
5	C HB	Medium walk. Free walk.	10			
6	B F	Medium walk Working trot	10			
7	Between AK	Working canter right lead	10			
8	KXM	Change rein and jump Fence#1, landing in working canter.	10	x2		
9	M	Working trot	10			
10	Between CH	Working canter left lead	10			
11	E	Half 15m circle and jump Fence#2, proceed straight ahead.	10	x2		
12	Level with M	Working trot, then go large, left rein	10			
13	C Before C	Circle left 20m, letting the horse stretch and lower his neck Retake the reins, working trot.	10			
14	HXF	Change rein and jump Fence # 3. Return to working trot before F	10	x2		
15	A X	Turn right up the centre line, working trot Halt, immobility, salute.	10			

Collective marks

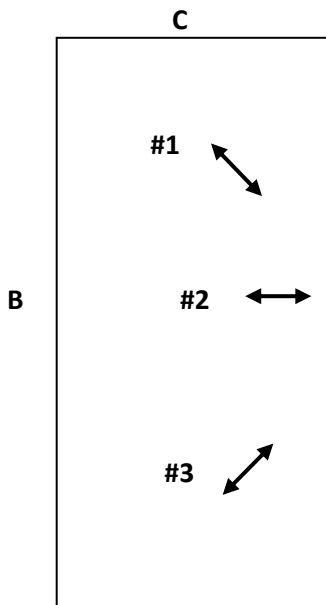
Paces (freedom and regularity)		X2		
Impulsion (desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps, relaxation of the back and engagement of quarters)		X2		
Submission (attention and confidence, harmony, lightness and ease of the movements, acceptance of the bridle)		X2		
Rider (position and seat, correctness and effect of the aids)		X2		
Total:		280		

Judge's Signature _____

Guidelines for Scoring MEA Encouragement Prix Caprilli Test

Prix Caprilli dressage tests have the same movements as dressage and are judged according to conventional dressage rules. However, Prix Caprilli tests include several small jumps. The aim of Prix Caprilli dressage tests is to show that the horse can complete a dressage test in a relaxed and obedient manner without the jumps disrupting the performance.

The emphasis is not the jumping style of the horse, it is on the horse's relaxation, obedience and evenness of pace.



The rider should establish a jumping position that will assist the horse in freely jumping over the fences without any resistance. This will usually require the rider to shorten his/her stirrups for the test. All trot work is rising and canter is optional. More marks will be awarded if canter is attempted.

Refusals and knockdowns are considered as “errors of course”. If a rail is knocked down, and is required to be replaced, the judge will sound the horn, the rider shall stop and wait for the rail to be replaced, and then continue the test at the point where the judge’s horn was sounded.

Dressage gear rules apply except horses are permitted to wear protective boots.

The location of the fences (height = cross bars) is shown in the diagram of the arena on the left. The arena is 20x60m.