

Assisted Walk Test: AW 2-22

Dressage arena size 40m x 20m Test time approx. 4:00 minutes. 2022

Suitable for Riders developing confidence in competition, who may need some support at times. Suitable for led riders.

Instructions: To be ridden in snaffle bridle. Trot work may be ridden sitting or rising or a combination of the two.

Safety is the first priority

Notes to Judges: The object of this test is to judge the Rider's position and coordination of their basic aids. All transitions may be progressive.

The horse/pony is not expected to be "on the bit" but should be calm, obedient and responsive to the aids of the rider. The Rider should initiate all movements of the test.

Notes to Assistants

The Assistant should not lead the horse but allow the Rider to direct the horse around the arena. They must give the Rider every encouragement to have control. The Assistant should only communicate with the judge before or during the test if the Rider is unable to, or if approached directly by officials.

The Assistant should stay by the horse/pony's shoulder. They should only intervene to control the horse if required for safety.

The Assistant must always be on the inside of the horse/pony when in an enclosed arena and by the horse/pony's shoulder. Never in front of the horse/pony.

The lead rein is to be attached to a metal ring fitted to the back of a cavesson noseband between the jawbones on a bridle or to the back of a headcollar fitted under the bridle if a dropped noseband is used. The lead rein may not be attached to the bit.

The Assistant must hold the rein at least 30cm from the snap clip.

The Assistant must change sides during the halt in the middle of the dressage test.

Assistant's Dress

- a) The Assistant should wear safe and suitable dress that is clean, tidy and smart, to respect the competition status. Riding attire is not required, but clothing must be safe and appropriate for an equestrian competition environment and allow the Assistant to control the horse at walk and trot, and in an emergency. -Gloves are advisable.
- b) Footwear that covers the whole foot and instep is required. It should have a non-slip sole that allows the Assistant to run on an arena surface beside the horse/pony.
- c) A secured Equestrian Australia approved helmet is recommended, but optional. If a shade hat is used it must be fitted to avoid being blown off.
- d) The Assistant may NOT wear spurs or carry a whip.

Not permitted - singlet tops, short shorts or clothes that may detract from the horse/pony/rider performance.

Permitted – jodhpurs, riding boots or running shoes, polo shirts, T shirts, short-sleeved or long-sleeved shirts, clean jeans that are in good order.

Notes to Riders:

The Rider must wear a secured Equestrian Australia approved helmet.

The Rider must wear fully enclosed footwear (to cover the whole foot and heel).

The Rider is encouraged to wear riding attire where possible. Dressage competition clothing is not required, but clothing must be safe and appropriate for an equestrian competition environment.

The Rider may not wear spurs.

The Rider may carry a whip (no longer than 1.2m on a horse and 1m on a pony).



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Event:	Date:
Horse:	Rider:
Bridle Number:	
Judge Name:	Judge Position:

ASSISTED TEST LEAD REIN - WALK TEST: 2		DIRECTIVES	MAX MARKS	JUDGE'S MARKS	REMARKS
1	A C	(Assistant to be on the left side of the horse/pony.) Enter in medium walk Track left	10		
2	HE E X	Medium walk Turn left Circle left 10m	10		
3	X X	On returning to X Halt. Immobility. Assistant to change to the right side of the horse/pony. After a few straight steps if necessary, Circle right 10m	10		
4	XB B BFA	Medium walk Track right Medium walk	10		
5	AX	Down centre line X Halt	10		

	C	Assistant to change to the left side of the horse/pony Track left				
6	HE Before E	Allow the horse to stretch forward and downward. Just before E Retake the reins Medium walk	Lower head and neck, show longer steps with overtrack. Straightness. Smooth retake.	10		
7	EX X	Half 10m circle Turn left down centre line	Bend on half circle, activity, straightness.	10		
8	G	Halt, immobility, salute	Straightness, balance, immobility.	10		
Leave arena at walk at A						

COLLECTIVE MARKS						
Horse/pony: Rhythm (tempo and regularity), and willing cooperation.		10				
Rider: Correct position, effectiveness of aids, control of horse/pony, competence to guide the horse/pony. Achievement of harmony and relaxation in the horse/pony. Clarity of aids.		10				
TOTAL MARKS		100				
Course Errors: 1 st = -2 2 nd = -4 3 rd = Elimination						
FINAL MARKS						
PERCENTAGE %						
Technical fault - where the Assistant has to encourage the horse/pony to move off after 60 seconds without a depart, or other intervention is required, such as assist the horse/pony to halt, 0.5% is deducted from the total percentage.						

FINAL %			Judge's Signature.....
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