



Mount Crawford Dressage Club

MCDC In-Hand (Led) Dressage Test #1

Event/Class: _____ (Unbroken/Broken) No: _____ Date: _____

Handler: _____ Horse: _____

Horses can be presented in a halter or bridle with snaffle bit. Colts over the age of 12 months must be bitted. Bandages/leg wraps are not permitted.

Handlers must be presented as per MCDC rules for attire (including a helmet and appropriate footwear)

Arena size: 60m x 20m

Test			Directive Ideas	Max Mark	Coefficient	Judges marks	Remarks
1	A	Enter in medium walk, with the handler leading from the horses left (near) side.	Straightness on centreline; obedience in halt; balance and bend in turn	10			
	X	Halt and salute. Proceed in medium walk					
	C	Track left					
2	S	Working trot	Quality of transition; clear trot rhythm	10			
3	E	Turn left	Bend in turn; clear trot rhythm	10			
4	XI	Trot loop left to the 3/4 line	Size and shape of loops; clear trot rhythm	10			
5	IG	Trot loop right to the 1/4 line	Size and shape of loops; clear trot rhythm	10			
6	G	Transition to Medium Walk	Quality of transition; clear walk rhythm; bend in turn	10			
	M	Turn Left					
	MCH	Medium Walk					
7	HI	Change rein in free walk allowing the horse to stretch out head and neck and lengthen steps.	Freedom to stretch neck; clear walk rhythm and lengthening of stride; straightness on diagonal	10	2		
8	IR	Medium Walk, Turn left at R	Quality of medium walk; bend in turn	10			
	RC	Medium Walk					
9	C	Halt for 5 seconds	Immobility and straightness in halt; clear backwards steps; transition to medium walk.	10	2		
		Rein back 3-4 steps					
		Proceed in medium walk					
10	CHS	Medium Walk	Quality of the walk	10			
11	S	Turn Left	Balance of turn; obedience into halt	10			
	I	Halt					
12	I	Turn on the forehand 180° to the left	Obedience and straightness of horse through turns on the forehand; correct crossing of hind legs; obedience while handler changes side	10	2		
		Immobility while handler changes to the right side of the horse.					
		Turn on the forehand 180° to the right					
13	I	Proceed in medium walk towards R (handler will be on offside/right of horse)	Quality of the medium walk; balance of turn	10			
	R	Turn right					
14	BX	Half circle right	Bend and balance in turn	10			
15	XI	Medium Walk	Straightness on centreline; quality of medium trot; balanced and sustained halt	10			
	IG	Medium trot					
	G	Halt, transition through walk.					

Leave arena on a loose lead

Collective Marks				
Paces and Impulsion (Freedom and regularity, desire to move forward, elasticity of the steps, suppleness of the back)	10	2		
Harmony and Submission (Attention and confidence, harmony, lightness and ease of movements)	10	2		
Handler and Overall Presentation (General ability of the handler, control of the horse, correctness and effectiveness of the aids, overall presentation of the horse and handler)	10	2		
Total Marks		240		
Penalties (Error of Course): 1st error = 2 points, 2nd error = 4 points, 3rd error = Elimination		Minus Total Errors		Position:
		Final Mark		Judges' Name:
		Total score in %		Judge's Signature:

GUIDELINES FOR IN-HAND/LED DRESSAGE TEST:

The purpose of the In-Hand Dressage test is to introduce the horse to the competition arena.

Horses must show obedience, submission and a willingness to go forward in a soft contact.

A caller is allowed, but can only call each movement once.

Discretionary use of the voice or 'clicking' by the handler is allowed.

Errors of course include - Incorrect gait, not following the test or incorrect movements at a marker.

A third error of course equals elimination, however the judge may allow the test to proceed and continue scoring.

Horses may be eliminated if:

- * Resistance is shown for more than 30 seconds per movement.
- * There is a safety issue to the handler, horse or general public.
- * Unauthorised/outside assistance is required.
- * Lameness/unsoundness or any other health issues are noticed.
- * Exceeding 45 seconds to enter the arena after the judge has sounded the bell/horn.
- * Third error of course.