



## TRAKEHNER BREEDERS' FRATERNITY MARE PERFORMANCE TEST

N.B. Although this is primarily intended for mares, geldings are allowed to carry out this test, as an indication of their riding qualities

### **Expected standards for presentation for the test:**

- Mares should be three years old or older (geldings accepted of similar age)
- Problem-free mounting and dismounting of both the rider and the test rider
- Basic rideability;
  - a. ability to perform the three basic paces, demonstrated on a circle and change of rein through the length of the arena,
  - b. during the test – lengthen the stride (no medium trot),
  - c. problem free change into canter on both reins (vocal assistance permitted),
  - d. free jumping.

### **The Judging Procedure:**

- 1 The mare performance test is taken on one day only. Horses may appear in the arena two at a time, in groups decided entirely by the judges.
- 2 The judging commission will consist of three people, at least two of which will be Trakehner judges and one of them a recognised test rider.
- 3 The judging objective is to assess the suitability of the mare to improve offspring towards the breeding goal: to produce a better riding horse.
- 4 The elements of the judging procedure are as follows:
  - Conformation
  - Basic paces; walk, trot, canter on both reins (judged under own rider)
  - Rideability (judged by test rider)
  - Jumping suitability (through free jumping; 1m max height; distance approx 6.7 –7.0 m between three jumps)
- 5 Marking.
 

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| 10 – excellent   | 4 – deficient      |
| 9 - very good    | 3 – fairly bad     |
| 8 - good         | 2 – bad            |
| 7 – fairly good  | 1 – very bad       |
| 6 – satisfactory | 0 – not considered |
| 5 – sufficient   |                    |
- 6 Marks for individual horses are reached as follows:

| Characteristics | Judge 1 | Test rider | Judge 2 | Total |
|-----------------|---------|------------|---------|-------|
| Conformation    | 10      |            | 10      | 20    |
| Basic paces     | 10      | 10         | 10      | 30    |
| Ridability      | 5       | 20         | 5       | 30    |
| Free jumping    | 10      |            | 10      | 20    |
| Total           | 35      | 30         | 35      | 100   |

Half marks are allowed, and the end result is expressed through a Final Mark which is calculated as total marks awarded divided by 10, to 2 decimal points.

The minimum pass level for the test is 6.00. The test may be repeated, but only once.

### **Alternative Performance Criteria**

The alternative to a Mare performance test is a proven competition record of 4 or 5 year old mares of at least 3 placings in Novice Classes in either dressage, jumping or eventing.

6 year old mares and over should prove at least 3 placings in an intermediate test or 6 placings in Novice competition in any of the three disciplines.