

# 2023 SOCTA Dressage Test

## WALK—TROT

**REQUIREMENT**  
 S: Free walk  
 Medium walk  
 Working trot rising  
 20 meter circle  
 Halt through walk

**PURPOSE:** To introduce the rider and/or horse to the sport of dressage, confirming that they are beginning to develop an understanding of correct dressage basics. The horse should be ridden freely forward in a steady tempo and clear rhythm, accepting contact with the bit. An understanding of test accuracy and geometry should be demonstrated.

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		TEST	DIRECTIVE IDEAS	POINTS	COEF	TOTAL	REMARKS
1.	A  Between X & C	Enter, working trot rising  Medium walk	Regularity, quality of trot; straightness, willing, calm transition.  Regularity, quality, of walk				
2.	C  M	Track right  Working trot rising	Bend and balance; willing, calm transition				
3.	A	Circle right 20 meters, working trot rising	Regularity; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
4.	K-X-M	Change rein, working trot rising	Regularity of trot; straightness; bend and balance in corner				
5.	C	Circle left 20 meters, working trot rising	Regularity; shape and size of circle; bend; balance				
6.	Between C & H	Medium walk	Willing, calm transition; regularity, quality				
7.	H-X-F	Free walk	Regularity, reach and ground cover with over track of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward				
8.	F-A  A	Medium walk  Down centerline	Regularity, quality, willing, calm transition, bend and balance in turn Straightness on centerline.				
9.	X	Halt and salute	Straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds)				

Leave arena in free walk. Exit at A.

**COLLECTIVE MARKS:**

Gaits (freedom and regularity).				
Impulsion (desire to move forward with suppleness of the back and steady tempo).				
Submission (acceptance of steady contact, attention, and confidence).		2		
Rider's position (keeping in balance with horse).				
Rider's effectiveness of aids (correct bend and preparation of transitions).				
Geometry and accuracy (correct size and shape of circles and turns).				

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**FURTHER REMARKS:**

SUBTOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
ERRORS ( - ) \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

To be deducted  
Errors of the course and omissions  
are penalized 1st Time = 2 points  
2nd Time = 4 points  
3rd Time = Elimination