



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.

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.