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VK Equestrian – Functional Flatwork

Development Level – Test A Arena size 20m x 40m & 20m x 60m (March 2026)

Section:

Class:

What Judges Are Looking For

Development Level tests require clear, regular rhythm in **walk, trot, and canter** with consistent tempo and balance throughout the test. Horses should show straightness on centre lines, sidelines and diagonals, and correct bend and balance through corners and circles.

Centre lines should show straightness, a balanced transition to halt, immobility for at least three seconds, and a correct salute.

Circles must be accurately shaped and sized, with steady contact and a soft, elastic outline appropriate to the level.

Transitions should be prompt, smooth, and balanced, maintaining rhythm before and after each movement. The horse should begin to show developing engagement and acceptance of the contact.

***In the free walk on a long rein, the horse should demonstrate a clear four-beat rhythm, stretch forward and down willingly whilst maintaining contact, maintain straightness, and show ground cover with overtrack.**

Judges will also assess:

- Quality, regularity, and consistency of the paces
- Developing impulsion and forward energy
- Submission, relaxation, and acceptance of the bridle
- Rider position, effectiveness of the aids, and overall harmony

To be ridden in an ordinary snaffle and all trot work may be ridden sitting or rising. **Transitions into and out of the halt may be made through the walk.**

Horse & Rider:

Event:

Movements of Test			Mark	x 2	Total	Feedback
1.	A X C	Enter in Working Trot Halt, immobility, & Salute (Immobility minimum 3 seconds) Proceed in Working Trot Track right				
2.	B BFA	Circle right 20m diameter in Working Trot Working Trot				
3.	Between AK KE	Develop Working Canter right lead Working Canter		x 2		
4.	E	Circle right 20m diameter Working Canter right lead				
5.	Between EH HC	Working Trot Working Trot		x 2		
6.	CM	Medium Walk				
7.	MXK	*Change rein in Free Walk on a long rein		x 2		

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8.	KA	Medium Walk				
9.	AFB	Working Trot				
10.	B BMC	Circle left 20m diameter Working Trot Working Trot				
11.	Between CH HE	Develop Working Canter left lead Working Canter		x 2		
12.	E	Circle left 20m circle Working Canter left lead				
13.	Between EK	Working Trot		x 2		
14.	A	Turn down the centre line Working Trot				
15.	X	Halt, immobility, & Salute (Immobility minimum 3 seconds)				
		Leave the arena in walk on long rein at A	No Mark		No Mark	
		Subtotal	200			

Errors of Course (EC)	First-1	Second-3	Third-5	Fourth - Elimination	Total
Technical Faults (TF)	First-1	Second-1	Third-1	Fourth - Elimination	Total

Subtotal		
200		
Paces	x 2	
Impulsion	x 2	
Submission	x 2	
Rider	x 2	
(EC)	Less	
(TF)	Less	
Total		
280		

Overall Feedback:

Judge: _____ **Date:** _____

Total for Test

Percentage: _____

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