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VK Equestrian – Functional Flatwork

Development Level – Test D Arena size 20m x 40m (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.**

****Introducing - The working trot-stretching trot:** the horse maintains clear, regular trot rhythm, willing stretch forward and downward, elastic contact maintained (no loss of balance), circle shape and size correct, smooth and balanced shortening of reins just before the indicated marker.

*****Introducing Teardrops** (½ 20m Circle E–B, or B-E, Short Diagonal Return)

Accuracy of half 20m circle and diagonal line; regularity and quality of the pace; consistent tempo; correct bend on the curve; clear straightness on the diagonal; balance and fluency maintained throughout.

#Introducing two half 20m loops - Accuracy of half 20m circle shape and placement; regularity and quality of the pace; consistent tempo; correct bend on each loop; straightness across centreline at X; balanced, fluent change of bend.

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		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-E E-M	***Half 20m right circle Working Trot Change rein Working Trot		x 2		
3.	MCHE	Working Trot				
4.	E-B B-H	***Half 20m left circle Working Trot Change rein Working Trot		x 2		
5.	HC CM	Working Trot Medium Walk				

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6.	MXK Before K	*Change rein in Free Walk on a long rein Retake Reins and proceed in Medium Walk		x 2		
7.	KA	Working Trot Working Trot				
8.	Between AF B	Working Canter left lead 20m circle left Working Canter		x 2		
9.	Between BM MC	Working Trot Working Trot		x 2		
10.	C	**Working Trot – stretching trot – 20m circle left		x 2		
11.	CX XA	#Half 20m circle left Working Trot Half 20m circle right Working Trot		x 2		
12.	Between AK E	Working Canter right lead 20m circle right Working Canter		x 2		
13.	Between EH HCB	Working Trot Working Trot		x 2		
14.	B-X	Half 10m Circle right Working Trot				
15.	X G	Down Centre Line Working Trot Halt, Immobility, & Salute (Immobility minimum 3 seconds)				
		Leave the arena in walk on long rein at A	No Mark		No Mark	
		<u>Subtotal</u>	240			

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

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Paces	x 2	
Impulsion	x 2	
Submission	x 2	
Rider	x 2	
(EC)	Less	
(TF)	Less	
Total 320		

Overall Feedback:

Judge: _____ **Date:** _____

Total for Test

Percentage: _____

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