

D2 Dressage Pre-Check 2024

Instructor should only sign when the candidate can consistently perform the “Riding Expectations” while performing the skills in each box.

RIDING EXPECTATIONS: Candidate should ride in an enclosed area without lead line, demonstrating control while maintaining a safe basic balanced position at the medium walk and working trot, and should begin to develop the canter. These expectations are applied to each block of the test.

Topic	Sign and Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mount and dismount independently (using mounting block if necessary).• Shorten and lengthen reins at walk	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and halt and discuss 2 reasons for doing this.• Demonstrate free walk and medium walk on light contact.• Ride at the walk and working trot on correct diagonal, performing simple turns and 20-meter circles at the rising or sitting trot to show awareness of bend.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ride at the canter in both directions in an enclosed area and correcting any wrong leads.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ride without stirrups at the walk.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss performance to include if mount was looking in the directions of the turns (bend) and whether or not mount was on correct leads.• Discuss how to pass others safely while riding in an enclosed area.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain a balanced position at the walk and/or trot over 3-4 ground poles or cavaletti in rising trot or half-seat.• Discuss ways to improve ride and balance.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perform USDF Intro Test C from memory.• Discuss performance to include whether mount picked up correct leads, was mount looking in the direction of	

the turns (bend), and if circles were round and the correct size.	
• Ride with confidence and control, up and down hills (if available), on public or private property (open field or open space), and in a group at the walk.	
• Discuss 2-3 ways to show “good manners” or courtesy while riding on someone else’s property. (e.g., regarding gates, planted rows in fields, etc.)	