

LIGHT HANDS EQUITATION – Walk Test 3

The Light Hands Dressage monthly online tests, created by Steve Halfpenny, are for people who are interested in the art of dressage and good horsemanship. These online competitions can provide you with the option of joining with others who don't wish to be forced into riding in a way they do not really like or enjoy. It will provide a platform of training and competition where you can ride in whatever saddle you like and even ride in a halter if you wish.

Competing in an online dressage event is easy and fun to do. There is no travelling, no stress, no riding in public and a whole month to get your test ridden, videoed and submitted. We have an ever growing variety of classes from which to choose from.

Light Hands World Dressage Championships: Each month we will also be hosting the Monthly World Light Hands Dressage Championships. In order to be eligible to represent your country:

- There must be a minimum of three riders entered from your country that month
- You can ride any of the Light Hands Equitation dressage tests
- When both of these criteria are met, you will automatically be representing your country in that months Light Hands Equitation World Dressage Championships. Winners of the Light Hands Equitation World Dressage Championships will be announced online. This is a wonderful way to represent your country and improve your horsemanship.
- Each month, once there is a minimum of 3 riders, all test scores from each country are added together, and an average score is got for each country based on that months entries. We will publish the Light Hands Equitation World Dressage Championship leaderboard each month.

What we are looking for: Light Hands Dressage is where good horsemanship comes first and responsive, confident and happy horses are our first priority, thereby providing a relaxed and fun range of activities for you to participate in, through the art of dressage with the lightest contact on the reins and soft and supple horses. This will be a place where relaxation and softness in the movements will be judged higher than extravagant movements with tension.

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Name of Competition: _____ Date: _____

Horse : _____ Rider : _____

		Test	Directives	Points	Comments
		Purpose: To introduce the rider and/or horse to Light Hands Equitation. To show an understanding of the free walk gait and introduce the working walk. Continue the development of arena figure geometry.	Requirements: Free walk. Working walk. 20m circle ; 10m circle Halt. Rein back. Soft feel.	Conditions: Arena : 20m x 40m Average time:5:30 Maximum Possible Points: 230	
1	A	Enter at A free walk. Pick up soft feel before halt at X. Maintain immobility and salute.	Straightness on centreline. Clear walk rhythm with soft feel. Halt maintained		
2	C	Continue to C free walk. Track right.	Straightness on centreline. Balance and bend in turn		
3	Between R & B	Develop working walk	Horse maintains light contact with nose slightly in front of the vertical		
4	B	10m circle working walk	Balance and bend on circle whilst maintaining a light contact with nose slightly in front of the vertical		
5	B	20m circle free walk	Roundness and size of circle, walk rhythm and bend		
6	Between F & Z	Develop working walk Continue to K	Horse maintains light contact with nose slightly in front of the vertical		
7	K-X-M	Free walk Continue to S	Clear walk rhythm, straightness on diagonal. Energy and bend		

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8	Between S & E	Develop working walk	Horse maintains light contact with nose slightly in front of the vertical		
9	E	10m circle left working walk	Balance and bend in turn		
10	E	20m circle left free walk	Roundness and size of circle, walk rhythm and bend		
11	Between K & W	Develop working walk	Roundness and size of circle, walk rhythm and bend		
12	A X	Turn onto centreline Halt	Balance and bend in turn		
13	X	Rein back 2 - 4 strides Maintain immobility and salute	Backwards steps are straight, with light aids. Halt immobile.		
			Subtotal		

Exit arena in free walk at A

COLLECTIVE REMARKS	Mark	Points	Comments
Gait : Freedom and regularity	x 2		
Soft Feel :	x 4		
Harmony and Partnership	x 2		
Rider: Rider's position and application of the aids	x 2		
Subtotal			
Errors/penalties			
Total Points(max 230)			
Percentage			

Judge's Name: _____ **Signature** _____

Steve Halfpenny is the founder of Light Hands Equitation, the principal trainer for horses that come to the Silversand Centre to be started or for re-training and also delivers the Light Hands Equitation Program. He travels extensively delivering clinics in Australia, NZ, UK and Germany.

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