



Dressage NZ



2023 Version Dressage Tests - Summary of All Changes

Introductory - Advanced Level | Effective 1/9/23



This summary has been prepared by the USDF and modified by the Dressage NZ Judges Committee to assist Riders, Coaches and Judges to prepare /or the updated 2023 test-cycle effective 1/9/23.

All test sheets will be updated to reflect the new test cycle including the copyright information. The 2019 versions must not be used by any QC for Graded or Non-Graded competition after 1/9/23.

The test sheets are available to OC who are permitted to run events under ESNZ & Dressage NZ rules.

Purpose of the Levels:

The new wording is clearer, more consistent in terminology; and better reflects the progression of the levels.

General Comments

Introductory – Four collective marks only (from 6 in 2019 version)

Introductory Level - Elementary Level

The Directive for Free walk now includes “overtrack”

Additional resources:

Kristi Wysocki (FEI 4* judge) is on the USDF Test Writing Taskforce and provided some great insights into the rationales for the changes to the new tests.

<https://dressageradio.horseradionetwork.com/2022/11/05/693-the-new-2023-tests-with-kristi-wysocki/>

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/6BobDYpTbtuNKI3shVpWt2>

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Changes in the 2023 Version (from 2019)

Introductory (Level 0)

- Test A - No change to test pattern, clarity where mvmts start and finish
- Test B - No change
- Test C - No change
- Test D - No change (Into D is an ESNZ test)
- *****Tests E & F are deleted in the 2023 version .**

Preliminary Level:

- Test A - Movement 6 - the walk transition is now between C & H instead of at C.
- Test B - No Changes.
- Test C - **NEW TEST**
- Test D – Prelim Test D is an ESNZ Test.
Reworked Mvmt 4: Giving the rein in trot over X is replaced with trot -walk trot transition.
- Mvmts 11-12: Free walk KB, Medium walk BH

Novice (Level 2)

- Test A - Lengthen stride at canter is removed. Now 15 mvmts in test the not 17
- Test B - The score for Turn down centerline and the Leg-yield (Nos: 3 & 5) are combined.
Now 19 mvmts in the test, not 21
- Test C – **NEW TEST**

Elementary (Level 3)

- Test A - The last simple change was removed and replaced with a transition to trot. (*Movement # 18*)
- Test B - **NEW TEST**
- Test C - no changes to pattern – “shorten the walk” was replaced with “Collect the walk, in preparation for half-turns on the hindquarters in walk (Nos: 13 & 14)

Medium (Level 4 - NZL Tests)

- Test A - **NEW TEST**
- Test B - No Changes
- Test C – No changes mvmts 1-15 Reworked Mvmts 16 -22

Advanced Medium (Level 5) – Equivalent AUS Medium

- “Shorten the walk” is replaced with “Collect” prior to Half Pirouettes and Walk-Canter transitions.
- Added coefficients for Flying Changes

Advanced (Level 6)

- Test A –**NEW TEST**
- Test B -Extended canter is now before Working (*Quarter*) Pirouettes. The coefficients are moved
- Test C –**NEW TEST including the removal of the M 10m circles in true/counter-canter.**
The USDF floor plan is modified to include some counter-canter after the half-pirouettes in preparation for the Prix St Georges (Nos: 17 & 20)