## SCORING

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## ABOUT THIS MANUAL

- Many modern-day dressage shows, particularly licensed/recognized shows, use computer software to manage shows, including scoring.
- This manual does not cover computerized methods for scoring as many/most schooling shows do not operate a computer during the show. Instead, it covers the old-fashioned hand-written method using calculators and ball point pens.
- The overall procedure is the same whether computers or calculators and ball point pens are used.


## FUNCTIONS

- Scoring is the process of multiplying points by coefficients (if applicable), adding total points on the dressage test sheet, deducting points (USEF/USDF tests) or percentages (FEI tests) for errors, and calculating the final points and final percent that determine the class placing.
- Different types of dressage tests are scored differently. This manual cannot discuss the details of each type of dressage test; however, it will attempt to explain the basics.
- Runners bring tests from the judge area to the scorers. (At small shows scorers may also be runners.)
- Scorers calculate the points and percentages directly from the score sheets using a calculator.
- Before scoring the test, scorers should:
- Check the score sheet to ensure that all movements/elements and collective marks have a score.
- Check that the judge has signed the test.
- If there is a problem with the score sheet, bring it to the show manager or show secretary for clarification.


## NUMBER OF SCORERS

- A minimum of two scorers should be available at all times.
- The ideal number is two scorers per ring.
- One person should be the head scorer, who ensures that final scores are properly entered on the show handwritten score sheet and/or the computer and/or the large score sheets.


## CALCULATORS



- Some shows use an adding machine with tape; however, tapes are not required.
- If you have a favorite calculator at home, bring it with you.



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## Summary Flow Chart

## THE FOLLOWING FLOW CHART SUMMARIZES THE SCORING PROCESS



Score sheet is stored with other sheets from the class


Provide the sheets to the awards section


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- The raw scores are written by the scribe in the 1 POINTS column.
- Note the 2 Coefficient column
- Only some of the movements have coefficients.
- If a movement has a coefficient, scorers multiply the applicable POINTS by the COEFFICIENT to get the 3 TOTAL for the movement.
- Most of the coefficients are (4) 2.
- Under 5 COLLECTIVE MARKS, there are coefficients of 61 and 72.




## Summary of USEF/USDF Error Handling for Specific Test Groups

| TEST | ERROR POINTS OR PERCENTAGES |
| :---: | :---: |
| USEF/USDF Intro - $4^{\text {th }}$ Level USEF/USDF Dev Horse PSG USEF/USDF Dev Horse GP | - $1^{\text {st }}$ Error = Minus two (2) points <br> - $2^{\text {nd }}$ Error $=$ Minus an additional four (4) points, for a total of minus six (6) points. <br> - $3^{\text {rd }}$ Error $=$ Elimination |
| USEF/USDF 4-Year-Old | - $1^{\text {st }}$ Error $=$ Minus $0.5 \%$ from the total score [percent] received. <br> - $2^{\text {nd }}$ Error $=$ Minus $1 \%$ from the total score [percent] received (total of minus 1.5\%) <br> - $3^{\text {rd }}$ Error $=$ Elimination |
| USEF/USDF Freestyle | - TECHNICAL EXECUTION DEDUCTIONS: Minus 4 points for each forbidden movement, but not for each recurrence of the same forbidden movement. <br> - ARTISTIC IMPRESSION DEDUCTIONS: Minus 1 point for overtime penalty (test that is too long). <br> - ERRORS: Minus 2 points for each error (described on test sheet). |
| USEF/USDF Quadrille | - $1^{\text {st }}$ Error = Minus two (2) points <br> - $2^{\text {nd }}$ Error = Minus an additional four (4) points, for a total of minus six (6) points. <br> - $3^{\text {rd }}$ Error $=$ Elimination |
| Pas de Deux | - TOTAL TECHNICAL EXECUTION: Minus 4 points for each forbidden movement, but not for each recurrence of the same movement. <br> - TOTAL ARTISTIC IMPRESSION: Minus 1 point for overtime penalty (test that is too long). |

NOTE: Except for the USEF 4-Year-Old Test, all USEF/USDF tests have errors subtracted as POINTS (not PERCENTS).

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## USEF DR123. Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving.

1. After each performance and after each judge has given their Collective Marks which must be done with due consideration, and signed the test, the judges' sheets pass into the hands of the scorers. Scores and comments must be written in ink. Any corrected score must be initialed by the judge having made the correction. The marks are multiplied by the corresponding coefficients where applicable and then totaled. Penalty points incurred for errors in the execution of the test are then deducted on each judge's sheet. Scores and comments may also be recorded electronically, and must be signed either electronically, or by hand, by the judge(s) for the test or class, before being tabulated.
2. The total score for the classification is obtained by adding the total points and determining the percentage score. With more than one judge, the percentage score is determined by adding the sum total points earned from all judges and dividing by the total available points. For FEl tests, penalty percentage points for errors of course, errors of test/execution, and technical faults are deducted from the total score (per Judge). If there are two or more judges, the points awarded by each judge will be published separately in addition to the total score. Total results and scores (to include technical, artistic or quality \% scores) must be published in marks as well as in percentages with numbers to three places after the decimal point. Numbers of five (5) and above are rounded up (eg. $63.4555 \%=63.456 \%$ ). Scores must be posted on a public scoreboard as soon as possible after each ride. The public scoreboard may be in either paper or electronic format. The name of each judge must be posted along with the position where they are sitting. When multiple judges officiate from different positions, scores must be posted in the following order: E, H, C, M, B.
3. Individual Classification. In all competitions the winner is the competitor having the highest percentage, the second placed competitor is the one with the next highest percentage, and so on. In case of equality of points the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner. When the scores for General Impressions are equal after coefficients have been applied, the horses must remain tied. Exception: For Young Horse classes, the marks for "Submission" and "Perspective" / "General Impression" must be combined and divided by two in order to break the tie. If still equal, the "Submission" mark would decide. Errors on a test may not be used to break ties. Final results for each class must be posted as soon as possible after the class is completed and all results must include total points and percentages, eliminated horses, and the placing of each horse that receives an award. Percentages must be carried out to the third place after the decimal point with numbers of five (5) and above rounded up (eg. $63.4555 \%=63.456 \%$ ). If a competitor withdraws (scratches) prior to a class or is excused, eliminated or a "no show" prior to or during the performance of a test, the words "scratched", "excused", "eliminated", or "no show" or abbreviations of each, must appear after the competitor's name in the result sheet. Competitors may not "withdraw" or "scratch" after the final salute of a test. Only the judge at " C " may give permission to withdraw during a test. Competition Management has no authority to grant permission for a rider to withdraw or scratch during or after a test. The published final results may be in paper or electronic format and must remain posted throughout the entire competition. The name of each judge must be posted along with the position where they are sitting. When multiple judges officiate from different positions, scores must be posted in the following order: E, H, C, M, B.
4. Electronic scoreboards are permitted, however, when multiple judges officiate in a class, scores from other judges must not be visible to the judges of the same class. Scoreboards that show a running score (total average percentage) and open scoring (average marks per movement for all judges) to the audience are encouraged. However, in classes with multiple judges, electronic scoreboards must not be placed where any judge in the class can see the running scores or open score format. The movement marks of each individual judge may only be shown to the public, not to the judges. Scoreboards that display only the final scores after each horse has finished its test are permitted and may be visible to the judges.
5. Printed provisional scores from previous tests should not be provided to the judges during an ongoing class.
6. Total scores and marks for each movement may be published by competition management, however, complete scoresheets or judge's comments are considered private and shall not be published.
7. In a USEF/USDF Championship class, the horse must obtain $57 \%$ or better to be named Champion or Reserve Champion. When either or both the first or second placed horse does not receive a score of $57 \%$ or better, the horse(s) will receive non-championship ribbons only. The awards ceremony for the class will still be held, with all horses that placed in the class participating and all other horses receiving normal championship awards.
8. Video tape may not be used to dispute a judge's decision.
9. When the total of the scores for General Impressions is equal, ties in classes which involve prize money shall remain tied for the purpose of dividing prize money.
10. A judge is free to leave when all scores from their class(es) are totaled.
11. If a mathematical error on the scoresheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within 1 hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of that competition day. Competition Management must announce said posting and must make test sheets available to competitors immediately.
12. After the awards for a class have been presented, the judge's score sheet should be given to the competitor. The score sheet must be handed directly to the competitor or their representative. Privacy must be maintained. Score sheets may be provided electronically to the competitor, but they shall, upon request, also be provided with a printed copy.
13. Participation in prize-giving (awards) ceremonies by placed rider/horse combinations may be mandatory and failure to participate may result in loss of prizes and prize money at the discretion of Competition Management. Specific requirements and penalties for failure to participate in prize-giving ceremonies must be announced in the prize list. It is recommended that dress and saddlery for ceremonies be the same as in the competition, but that dark or white leg bandages or boots are also allowed. Bell boots are permitted. Rosettes should be placed on the horses' bridles prior to the ceremony. The judge at " $C$ " should be invited to participate in the prize-giving. Competition Management is responsible for the safe conduct of ceremonies and must excuse any horse that threatens the safety of participants. At all times when horses are grouped together, riders and/or grooms are responsible for their actions. Carelessness or irresponsible behavior may result in possible penalties under Federation rules.
14. It is recommended that scorers may not be a competitor, or an owner, coach, trainer or family member of a competitor/horse in the class(es) in which they are scoring.

## \& FEI Tests - Errors

## USEF DR122.5. Execution and Judging of Tests - Errors.

a. When a competitor makes an "error of the course" or error of test/execution (takes the wrong turn, omits a movement, etc.) the President of the Jury warns them by sounding the bell. The President shows the competitor, if necessary, the point at which they must take up the test again and the next movement to be executed then leaves the competitor to continue by themselves. However, in some cases when, although the competitor makes an "error of the course" or error of test/execution, the sounding of the bell would unnecessarily impede the fluency of the performance, for instance if the competitor makes a transition from medium trot to collected walk at V instead of at K or cantering up the center line from A makes a pirouette at $D$ instead of at $L$, it is up to the President to decide whether to sound the bell or not. However, if the bell is not sounded at an error of course or error of test/execution in which the movement, or a requirement of the movement, is repeated and the error occurs again, only one error is recorded. If a rider
performs in a rising trot when a sitting trot is required, or vice versa, the bell must be sounded and the rider warned that this is an error that accumulates if repeated, leading to elimination at the third occurrence. Exception: The bell is not sounded for errors in Freestyles.
b. In National [USDF/USEF] tests, every "error of the course" or error of test/execution, whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalized, except as noted above:

1. The first time by $\mathbf{2}$ points.
2. The second time by 4 points; [ 6 points total].
$1^{\text {st }}$ Error $=-2$ pts
3. The third time the competitor is eliminated. However, at the discretion of the judge, the rider may continue to finish the test. If the competitor's continued presence in the ring is about to interfere with the start of the next scheduled ride, then the judge must excuse him/her from the ring.
c. In FEI tests [FEI YR thru GP] (except those listed under "c.3" and "d" below), every "error of the course" or error of test/execution whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalized, except as noted above:
4. The first time by 2 percentage points from the total score received;
5. The second time by elimination; However, at the discretion of the judge, the rider may continue to finish the test. If the competitor's continued presence in the ring is about to interfere with the start of the next scheduled ride, then the judge must excuse him/her from the ring.
6. For FEI Para-Equestrian tests, refer to the test sheets for the calculation of errors. See also DR309.2.
d. For USEF and FEI Young Horse tests, and FEI Children, Pony Riders and Junior tests, the deduction for an error of course or error of test/execution shall be:
7. First error: $-0.5 \%$ ( $1 / 2$ percentage point) from total score received.

## ERRORS OF COURSE:

$1^{\text {st }}$ Error: - 2\%
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Error $=$ Elimination
OTHER ERRORS:

- $0.5 \%$ per fault

2. Second error: $-\mathbf{1 . 0 \%}$ (one percentage point) from total score received.
3. Third error: Elimination.
e. For FEI Level and USDF Freestyle tests, two points will be deducted for each error; however, they are not cumulative and will not result in elimination.
f. When the competitor makes an "error of the test/execution" (trots rising instead of sitting; at the salute does not take the reins in one hand, etc.) they must be penalized as for an "error of the course." In principle, a competitor is not allowed to repeat a movement of the test unless the President of the Jury decided on an error of course or error of test/execution (rings the bell). If, however, the rider has started the execution of a movement and attempts to do the same movement again, the judge(s) must consider the first movement shown only and, at the same time, penalize for an error of course.
g. If the Jury has not noted an error the competitor has the benefit of the doubt.
h. The decision as to whether or not an error of course or error of test/execution has been made will be that of the judge at C . The other judges' scores will be adapted accordingly upon approval of the judge at $C$.
i. The penalty points are deducted on each judge's sheet from the total points obtained by the competitor.
j. Other Penalties (Technical Faults). For designated USEF High Performance classes all of the following are considered (technical faults), and $0.5 \%$ (zero point five percentage points) will be deducted per (fault) by each judge. These deductions are not cumulative and will not result in elimination (including for Freestyle tests) except as noted below. It is the responsibility of the Judge at C to decide whether a penalty should be applied and the other judges' sheets should be marked accordingly to ensure consistency.
4. Entering the space around the arena with a whip or with boots/bandages on the horse's legs or with discrepancy in dress (e.g. lack of gloves);
5. Entering the dressage arena with whip or with boots/bandages on the horse's legs or with discrepancy in dress (e.g. lack of gloves). will entail elimination;
6. Not entering the arena within forty-five 45 seconds; entering more than ninety (90) seconds after the bell entails elimination;;
7. Entering the arena before the sound of the bell;
8. For Freestyle classes, entering the arena after more than thirty (30) seconds of music but within ninety (90) seconds;
9. If the Freestyle test is longer or shorter than stipulated on the test sheet, zero point five percentage points ( $0.5 \%$ ) will be deducted from the total artistic score; for other technical faults $0.5 \%$ (zero point five percentage points) will be deducted per fault from the technical score.
10. Using voice or clicking the tongue repeatedly;

6 . Athletes not taking the reins in one (1) hand at the salute.
k. Judges may not mark or deduct points for an error for any reason other than as described in DR122.5; i.e. dress code violations (DR120) cannot be penalized by an error.

## SCORING

## Overview of a Typical USEF/USDF Dressage Test

## KEY SCORING AREAS OF A USEF/USDF TEST SHEET:

- 1 POINTS: A number assigned by the judge for each movement/element. Entered by the scribe.
- 2 COEFFICIENTS: Some movements/elements have a "coefficient" to give more weight to the movement.
- 3 TOTAL: POINTS x COEFFICIENT for each movement/element. Calculated by scorers.
- 4 SUBTOTAL: Sum of the TOTAL points. Calculated by scorers.
- 5 ERRORS: Points ( -2 or -6 ) to be subtracted from the SUBTOTAL due to rider errors. Entered on test sheet if the scribe has not done so.
- 6 TOTAL POINTS: SUBTOTAL minus ERRORS. Calculated by scorers.
- 7 PERCENT: TOTAL POINTS divided by max points (found on test sheet).
- 8 Signature of Judge: Scorers should ensure the judge has signed the test sheet. If it is not signed, the test sheet must be taken back to the judge for signature.



## CALCULATIONS:

| POINTS | COEFFICIENT | TOTAL POINTS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 |  | 6 |  |
| 7 | 2 | 14 |  |
| etc | etc | etc |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sum }= \\ & \text { SUBTOTAL } \\ & \text { POINTS } \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow$ | SUBTOTAL POINTS 4 <br> - ERROR POINTS 5 |
|  |  |  | TOTAL POINTS 6 |
|  |  |  | / Max Points |
|  |  |  | * 100 |
|  |  |  | PERCENT 7 |

## EXAMPLE CALCULATIONS W \& WO ERRORS:

$1^{\text {st }}$ Error: -2 points
$2^{\text {nd }}$ Error: -4 points (-6 points total)
$3^{\text {rd }}$ Error: Elimination

| TR3 TEST / MAX POINTS = $\mathbf{2 5 0}$ / No Error |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| SUBTOTAL POINTS | 1754 |
| - ERROR POINTS | 05 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 1756 |
| / Max Points: | 0.70000 |
| $\times 100$ | 70.000 |
| PERCENT | $70.000 \% ~ 7$ |

For multiple judges (multiple test sheets):

- Mean of FINAL POINTS = MEAN FINAL POINTS
- Mean of FINAL PERCENT = MEAN FINAL PERCENT

TR3 TEST / MAX POINTS = 250 / One Error

| SUBTOTAL POINTS | 175 4 |
| ---: | ---: |
| - ERROR POINTS | -25 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 1736 |
| / Max Points: | 0.69200 |
| $\times 100$ | 69.200 |
| PERCENT | $69.200 \% ~ 7$ |

TR3 TEST / MAX POINTS = $\mathbf{2 5 0}$ / Two Errors

| SUBTOTAL POINTS | 175 4 |
| ---: | ---: |
| - ERROR POINTS | -6 5 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 1696 |
| / Max Points: | 0.67600 |
| $\times 100$ | 67.600 |
| PERCENT | $67.500 \% ~ 7$ |

## SCORING

## USEF/USDF Intro - $4^{\text {th }}$ Levels, Dev PSG \& Dev GP Tests >

## First Scorer > Test Sheet

- Dressage test sheets arrive in the scoring section looking similar to these figures.
- Scores and percents are first calculated by the first scorer, then the second scorer checks the work and completes the Final Score box on the test.


## FIRST SCORER:

- Note the 1 points section, 2 show and entry information, and 3 judge name and signature.
- Check the test for any errors done by the scribe (movements/elements without points, etc.) or the judge (missing collective marks, missing signature, etc.). If there are errors, return the test to the judge.



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## First Scorer > Points with Coefficients

- To avoid errors, start with the points with coefficients.
- Multiply the 1 POINTS by the 2 COEFFICIENT (2 on this test) to get the 3 TOTAL for each movement.
- Write the TOTAL in the appropriate box.
- Always use a decimal, even if the value is 13.0, 14.0, etc.

|  |  | test | directives | points | COEF | total | REMARKS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A} \\ & \mathrm{X} \end{aligned}$ | Enter working trot Halt, salute Proceed working trot | Regularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds) immobility (min. 3 seconds) |  |  |  | $\pm$ halt |
| 2. | $\begin{gathered} c \\ H-X-K \end{gathered}$ | Track left <br> Slightly after H begin a single loop to $X$ returning to the track slightly before $K$ | Regularity and quality of trot: bend and balance in turns; shape and size of loop; changes of bend; balance | $6.0$ | 2 | $12.0$ | Adequate |
| 3. | Between A \& F | Working canter left lead | Willing, calm transition: regularity and quality of gaits; bend in corner; straightness | 5.0 |  |  | On FH |
| 4. | B | Circle left 20m | Regularity and quality of canter shape and size of circle: bend; balance | 4.0 |  |  | Broke to trot |
| 5. | $\begin{gathered} H-x-F \\ x \end{gathered}$ | Change rein <br> Working trot | Regularity and quality of gaits: willing, calm transition; straightness; bend in corner | 5,0 |  |  | Trans on FH |
| 6. | A | Medium walk | Willing, calm transition: regularity, quality | 7.0 | 2 | 14.0 |  |
| 7. | $\begin{gathered} K-X-H \\ H \end{gathered}$ | Free walk <br> Medium walk | Regularity and quality of walks; reach, overtrack, and ground cover of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward; straightness: willing, caim transitions | 6.5 | 2 | 13.0 | Allow more stretch |
| 8. | $\begin{gathered} c \\ M-X-F \end{gathered}$ | Working Trot <br> Slightly after $M$ begin a single loop to $X$ returning to the track slightly before F | Regularity and quality of trot, shape and size of loop; changes of bend and balance | 7.0 | 2 | 14.0 | Good bend Good geomexy |
| 9. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Between } \\ & A \& K \end{aligned}$ | Working canter right lead | Willing, calm transition: regularity and quality of gaits. bend and balance in corner; straightness | 4.0 |  |  | Buck@dopart |
| 10. | E | Circle right 20 m | Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance | 6.0 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { off course } \\ & -z \text { error } \end{aligned}$ |
| 11. | C | Working trot | Willing, caim transition: regularity and quality of trot | 7.5 |  | 7.5 | Good Xans. obedient |
| 12. | B <br> Before B <br> B | Circle right 20 m in rising trot allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward <br> Shorten the reins Working trot | Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact, maintaining balance and quality of trot; bend; shape and size of circle; willing, calm transitions | 7.0 | 2 | 14,00 | Good stretek |
| 13. | A | Down centerline Halt, salute | Bend and balance in turn; regularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transition: straight, attentive halt; immobile (min. 3 seconds) | 4.0 |  |  | Backed up |
| Lesve arena at A in free walk |  |  | $110.5 r$ |  |  |  |  |



- Next, in the 1 TOTAL column, write the 2 POINTS WITHOUT COEFFICIENTS.
- Include decimals, even if it is \#.0.

| TEST |  |  | directives | POINTS <br> 8.0 | COEF | TOTAL <br> 8.0 | REMARKS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A} \\ & \mathrm{X} \end{aligned}$ | Enter working trot Halt, salute Proceed working trot | Reqularity and quality of trot: willing, calm transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds) |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | $\begin{gathered} c \\ H-X-K \end{gathered}$ | Track left <br> Slightly after $H$ begin a single loop to X returning to the track slightly betore K | Regularity and quality of trotit bend and balance in turns; shape and size of loop; changes of bend; balance | 6.0 | 2 | 12.0 | Adequate |
| 3. | Between A\&F | Working canter left lead | Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; bend in corner; straightness | S. 0 |  | S. 0 | $2, F H$ |
| 4. | B | Circle left 20m | Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance | 4.0 |  | 4.0 | 2 bike to trot |
| 5. | $\begin{gathered} H-X-F \\ x \end{gathered}$ | Change rein Working trot | Regularity and quality of gaits; willing, calm transition; straightness; bend in corner | 5,0 |  | 5.0 | 2 ins an FH |
| 6. | A | Medium walk | Willing, calm transition; regularity, quality | 7.0 | 2 | 14.0 |  |
| 7. | $\begin{gathered} K-X-H \\ H \end{gathered}$ | Free walk <br> Medium walk | Regularity and quality of waiks; reach, overtrack, and ground cover of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward; straightness; willing, calm transitions | 6.5 | 2 | 13.0 | Allow more stretch |
| 8. | $\begin{gathered} c \\ M-X-F \end{gathered}$ | Working Trot <br> Slightly after M begin a single loop to X returning to the track slightly before F | Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of loop; changes of bend and balance | 7.0 | 2 | 14.0 | Goud bend Good geomexy |
| 9. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Between } \\ & \text { A\&K } \end{aligned}$ | Working canter right lead | Willing calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits; bend and balance in corner; straightness | 4.0 |  | 4.0 | 2 cke dopart |
| 10. | E | Circle right 20 m | Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance | 6.0 |  | 6.0 | 2 If course $z$ error |
| 11. | C | Working trot | Willing, calm transition: regularity and quality of trot | 7.5 |  | 7.5 | 2 <br> drans bedient |
| 12. | $\begin{gathered} \text { B } \\ \text { Before B } \\ \text { B } \end{gathered}$ | Circle right 20 m in rising trot allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward <br> Shorten the reins Working trot | Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact, maintaining balance and quality of trot; bend; shape and size of circle; willing, calm transitions | 7.0 | 2 | 14.00 | Goodstretch |
| 13. | $\begin{aligned} & A \\ & X \end{aligned}$ | Down centerline Halt, salute | Bend and balance in turn; regularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transition; straight, attentive halt; immobile (min. 3 seconds) | 4.0 |  | 4.0 | 2 kcked up |
| Levere arena at A in free walke. |  |  |  |  |  | $110.5 r$ |  |


| collective marks |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gaits (freedom and regularity) | 7.0 | 1 | 7,0 |  |
| IMPULSION (Desire to move forward; elasticity of the stepszsuppleness of the bachengagement of the hindquarters) | 6.0 | 2 | 12.0 |  |
| SUBMISSION (Willing cooperation; harmony; attention and confidence (acceptance orbilpand aids; straightness; lightness of forehand and ease of movements. | 5.5 | ? | 11,0 | Often Mbit |
| RIDER'S POSTIION AND SEAT (Alignment, posture: stability: weight placement; following mechanics of the gaits) | 6.0 | 1 | 6.0 |  |
| RIDER'S CORRECT AND EFFECTIVE USE OF AIDS (Clarity: subtety; independence; accuracy of test) | 6.0 | 1 | 6.0 |  |
| FURTMER REMARKS: <br> Goud pair. Work on | Wark an suppleness |  |  |  |

## SCORING

## USEF/USDF Intro - $4^{\text {th }}$ Levels, Dev PSG \& Dev GP Tests >

## First Scorer > Determine Subtotal

## - Add all the numbers in the 1 TOTAL column

 and write the number in the test 2 SUBTOTAL box.- Although not required, it is a good idea to make a sub-subtotal for each page, then add the page sub-subtotals to determine the test 2 SUBTOTAL. This makes it easier for the second scorer to verify the math of the first scorer.



## First Scorer > Errors, Total Points, Percent

- $1^{\text {st }}$ Error: 2 points deducted
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ Error: 4 points deducted (6 points total deducted)
- $3^{\text {rd }}$ Error: Elimination


## ERRORS:

- Look for 1 errors entered on the sheet. Errors are usually written in red, but not always.
- If not already done by the scribe, enter the total number of point deductions for errors (either -2 points for one error or -6 points for two errors) in the 2 ERRORS box.
- See errors section for details.


## TOTAL POINTS:

- From the 3 SUBTOTAL subtract the 3 ERRORS to determine the 4 TOTAL POINTS.
- Write the number in the 4 TOTAL POINTS box.


## PERCENT:

- Divide the 4 TOTAL POINTS by the max points (found on the test sheet) to determine the PERCENT. In this example, the math is $150.5 / 250=60.200 \%$.
- Round UP if the $4^{\text {th }}$ decimal point is 5 or greater.
- Although there is no nearby box for this, write the 5 PERCENT, with 3 decimal places, near the TOTAL POINTS.
- This completes the work of the first scorer. The test sheet is now given to the second scorer for verification.


## NOTE: Test Percentage and Rounding Rules:

1. Final percent is three decimal points ( $65.123 \%$, not $65.12 \%$ or $65.1234 \%)$.
2. If the fourth decimal is 4 or smaller, the third decimal is not changed:

$$
65.1814 \%=65.181 \%
$$

3. If the fourth decimal is 5 or greater, round up the third decimal:
$65.1815 \%=65.182 \%$

| TEST |  |  | directives | Points | COEF | total | REmarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | $\begin{aligned} & A \\ & X \end{aligned}$ | Enter working trot Halt, salute Proceed working trot | Reqularity and quality of trot; willing, calm transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility (min. 3 seconds) | 8.0 |  | 8.0 | ¢ halt |
| 2. | $\begin{gathered} c \\ H-X-K \end{gathered}$ | Track left <br> Slightly after H begin a single loop to $X$ returning to the track slightly before $K$ | Regularity and quality of trot; bend and balance in turns; shape and size of loop; changes of bend; balance | 6.0 | 2 | 12.0 | Adequate |
| 3. | Between $A \& F$ | Working canter left lead | Willing, calm transition: regularity and quality of gaits: bend in corner; straightness | 5.0 |  | S. 0 | On FH |
| 4. | B | Circle lett 20m | Regularity and quality of canter: shape and size of circle; bend; balance | 4.0 |  | 4.0 | Broke to trot |
| 5. | $\begin{gathered} H-X-F \\ x \end{gathered}$ | Change rein <br> Working trot | Regularity and quality of gaits: willing, calm transition; straightness; bend in corner | 5,0 |  | 5.0 | Trans on FH |
| 6. | A | Medium walk | Willing, calm transition; regularity, quality | 7.0 | 2 | 14.0 |  |
| 7. | $\begin{gathered} K-X-H \\ H \end{gathered}$ | Free walk <br> Medium walk | Regularity and quality of walks; reach, overtrack, and ground cover of free walk allowing complete freedom to stretch the neck forward and downward; straightness; willing, calm transitions | 6.5 | 2 | 13.0 | Allow more stretch |
| 8. | $\begin{gathered} c \\ M-X-F \end{gathered}$ | Working Trot <br> Slightly after M begin a single loop to X returning to the track slightly before $F$ | Regularity and quality of trot; shape and size of loop; changes of bend and balance | 7.0 | 2 | 14.0 | Goud bend Good geomexy |
| 9. | Between A \& K | Working canter right lead | Willing, calm transition; regularity and quality of gaits: bend and balance in corner: straightness | 4.0 |  | 4.0 | Bucke dopart |
| 10. | E | Circle right 20 m | Regularity and quality of canter; shape and size of circle; bend; balance | 6.0 |  | 6.0 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { of } 1 \text { ourse } \\ & -z \text { error } \end{aligned}$ |
| 11. | C | Working trot | Willing, calm transition: regularity and quality of trot | 7.5 |  | 7.5 | Cood Xans. obedient |
| 12. | B <br> Before B <br> B | Circle right 20 m in rising trot allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward <br> Shorten the reins Working trot | Forward and downward stretch over the back into a light contact, maintaining balance and quality of trot; bend; shape and size of circle; willing, calm transitions | 7.0 | 2 | 14.00 | Grod stretch |
| 13. | A | Down centerline Halt, salute | Bend and balance in turn; regularity and quality of trot: willing, calm transition; straight, attentive halt: immobile (min. 3 seconds) | 4.0 |  | 4.0 | Backed up |
|  | ene arena at $A$ in | tree malk |  |  |  | 110.5 | r |



## Second Scorer > Verification

## SECOND SCORER:

- Check TOTAL Calculations: Ensure the POINTS x COEFFICIENT calculations were done correctly.
- Check SUBTOTAL Calculation: Ensure the SUBTOTAL sum was calculated correctly.
- Check TOTAL POINTS Calculation: Ensure any errors were correctly subtracted from the SUBTOTAL to determine the TOTAL POINTS.
- Check PERCENT Calculation: Ensure the PERCENT was calculated correctly.


## DISCREPANCY HANDLING:

- If there is a discrepancy between the first and second scorers, the two scorers should recalculate, or a third scorer can participate, until two (or more) people agree on the numbers.


Take to three decimal points. Round UP if the $4^{\text {th }}$ decimal point is 5 or greater.

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## SCORING

## Second Scorer > Enter Points and Percent

- After the scores are verified by the additional scorers), the second (or third) scorer enters the (1) Final Score 2 Points and 3 Percent on the score sheet.
- Verify that the judge has (3) signed the score sheet.

- Record the [Final] Points and [Final] Percent on the handwritten scoresheet and/or the score posters.
- Store the test sheet with other sheets for the class.
- When scoring for the class is finished, place the class, record the placings on the handwritten scoresheet and/or the score posters, arrange for the ribbons for each test, and provide the tests and ribbons to the competitors.
- Scoring and error handling for FEI tests is a bit more difficult, as seen in the next section.


## 2023 USEF FOUR-YEAR-OLD DRESSAGE TEST

|  | TEST |
| :---: | :---: |
| A | Enter in working trot |
| X | Halt - salute, proceed in working trot |
| C | Track to the right |
| B-X | Half circle right 10 m returning to the track at M |
| E-X | Half circle left 10 m returning to the track at H |
| M-X-K | Lengthen stride in trot |
| K | Working trot |
| A-C | 3 loop serpentine width of arena |
| C | Medium walk |
| C-H | Medium walk |
| H-P | Free walk |
| P-F | Medium walk |
| F | Working trot sitting |
| Between A and K | Working canter right lead |
| E | Circle right 15m |
| M-X-K | Change rein |
| X | Working trot |
| K | Sitting trot |
| Between A and F | Working canter left lead |
| B | Circle left 15m |
| H-X-F | Change rein |
| X | Working trot |
| K-X-M | Lengthen stride in trot |
| M | Working trot |
| C | Circle left 20 m , rising trot, allowing the horse to stretch forward and downward |
| Before C | Shorten the reins |
| C | Working trot |
| E-X | Half circle left 10 m |
| X | Down centerline |
| G | Halt - immobility - salute |

- $1^{\text {st }}$ Error: $0.5 \%$ deducted
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ Error: $1 \%$ deducted (1.5\% total deducted)
- $3^{\text {rd }}$ Error: Elimination

NOTE: This USEF/USDF test have errors deducted as percents, not points.

| ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TASKS | COMMENTARY | MARK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trot <br> Rhythm; looseness; suppleness; swinging back; ability to bend the joints of the hindquarters; ground cover | 7 (2) | 7.3 |
| Walk <br> Rhythm, relaxation, activity, ground cover | (2) | 8.7 |
| Canter <br> Rhythm, looseness, suppleness, natural balance, uphill tendency. ability to bend the joints of the hindquarters, ground cover | 1 | 6.9 |
| Submissiveness (Willing Cooperation) <br> Contact, straightness, obedience, responsiveness to the aids of the rider | (2) | 8.1 |
| Perspective <br> As a young dressage horse, standard of training on the basis of the "scale of training" according to the age | (2) | 7.3 |
| Total Marks | (3) | 38.3 |
| Divided by $5=$ TOTAL SCORE | (4) | 7.66 |
| Errors: <br> For Young Horse tests, the deduction for an error shall be: First Error: -.5\% from total score received Second Error: - 1\% from total score received Third Error: Elimination | - ERROR 5 | 0.5\% |
| TOTAL SCORE | (7) | 7.01 |
| FINAL SCORE in \% | (8) 70 | 01\% |
| Marks from 0 to 10 , decimals allowed (e.g. 7.3 or 8.7 ) The idea is to find horses with elastic natural gaits, trained in a $c$ | Marks from 0 to 10 , decimals allowed (e.g. 7.3 or 8.7 ) |  |

- The first page defines the movements of the test; however, the individual movements are not scored.
- The second page has 1 five individual tasks, each of which receive a 2 Mark (a numerical score from $0-10$, decimal points allowed).
- 3 Total marks = Sum the five 2 Marks to determine the.
- 4 TOTAL SCORE = 3 Total marks / 5 .
- Subtract 5 ERROR (0.5\% or 1.5\%)
- 6 FINAL TOTAL SCORE $=4-5$
- 7 FINAL SCORE in $\%=6 * 10$

USEF/USDF 4-yo Test - One Error

| TOTAL SCORE | 7.66 |
| ---: | ---: |
| - ERROR | $0.5 \%$ |
| TOTAL SCORE [\%] LESS ERROR \% | 7.01 |
| FINAL SCORE in \% | $\mathbf{7 0 . 0 1 \%}$ |

## 2023 USDF $1^{\text {st }}$ Level Freestyle

| $1{ }^{\text {TECH }}{ }^{\text {a }}$ LL EXECUTION |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cumisux wems | ${ }^{\text {\%amax }}$ | \% | unim | \% | numas |
| 1. Medium walk 220 m | 10 | 6.5 |  | 6.5 |  |
|  | ${ }^{10}$ | 7.0 | 2 | 14.0 |  |
| 3. 10 -meter circle RIGHT in working trot | 10 | 6.0 |  | 6.0 |  |
| 4. $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10-meter circle LEFT } \\ & \text { in working trot }\end{aligned}$ | ${ }^{10}$ | 7.5 |  | 7.5 |  |
|  | 10 | 6.5 | 2 | 13.0 |  |
| 6. Lexielidut urf in | 10 | 5.0 | 2 | 10.0 |  |
| 7. Lengthen stride in trot on a straight line | 10 | 6.5 |  | 6.5 |  |
|  | 10 | 4.0 |  | 4.0 |  |
|  | 10 | 6.5 |  | 6.5 |  |
| 10. Change of lead through trot RIGHT | 10 | 4.0 | 2 | 8.0 |  |
| (11. Chane ef fleat trough | 10 | 6.5 | 2 | 13.0 |  |
| 12. Lenthen stridid in canter on a staigt tind | 10 | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
|  | 10 | 6.5 |  | 6.5 |  |

Further Remarks:

| 3 | 108.5 | Total Technical Execution <br> (180 points possible) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6 | -4 | Deductions <br> (forbidden movements) |
| 6 | 102.5 | Final Technical Execution <br> (2 points off for each error, not <br> (180 points possible) | | Forbidden movements will incur a deduction of |
| :--- |
| 4 points from Total Execution for each forbidden |
| movement, but not for each recurrence of the |
| same movement. |

## - ARTISTIC IMPRESSION:

- During the test, the judge provides 7 JUDGE'S MARKS for each element. Marks may be in tenths.
- Scorers, using coefficients when applicable, calculate the 8 FINAL SCORE for each element.
9 TOTAL ARTISTIC IMPRESSION = Sum of the FINAL SCORES.
10 DEDUCTIONS = Minus 1 point for overtime penalty (test that is too long).
- 11 FINAL ARTISTIC IMPRESSION = TOTAL ARTISTIC IMPRESSION minus DEDUCTION.
- 12 FINAL SCORE = Sum of 11 FINAL ARTISTIC IMPRESSION and 6 FINAL TECHNICAL EXECUTION.
- 13 PERCENTAGE = (12 FINAL SCORE / Max Pts) * 100 (Max Pts are on test sheet).
- Musical freestyle tests have two types of scores:
- TECHNICAL EXECUTION
- ARTISTIC IMPRESSION
- TECHINCAL EXECUTION:
- 1 JUDGE'S MARKS = Points assigned by the judge for each COMPULSARY ELEMENT. Marks are full or half points.
(2) FINAL SCORE = JUDGE'S MARKS * COEFFICIENT for each COMPULSUARY ELEMENT.
(3) Total Technical Execution = Sum of the FINAL SCORES.
(4) Deductions $=$ Minus 4 points for each forbidden movement (described on the test sheet).
5 Errors: Minus 2 points for each error (described on test sheet).
- 6 Final Technical Execution = Total Technical Execution minus (Deductions + Errors).


## TECHNICAL EXECUTION

- DEDUCTIONS: Minus 4 points for each forbidden movement.
- ERRORS: Minus 2 points for each error.

ARTISTIC IMPRESSION

- DEDUCTIONS: Minus 1 point for a test that is longer than allowed = overtime penalty.

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## Quadrille First Level Test

| Conditions: Arena 20 mx 60 m |  | ponis |  |  | Approximate Time: 6:00 minutes <br> remabis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | TEST |  | cof | total |  |
|  | A Enter single fileat walk or trot L Divide, On halfoircle to track, 1's right, 2'sleft. Between $\boldsymbol{P} \& \boldsymbol{F}, \boldsymbol{V} \& \boldsymbol{K}$ files trot as one A Turndowncenterline in pairs | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 1. $\frac{\mathrm{D}}{\mathrm{X}}$ | Proceed in pairs at working trot Halt, fan formation, salute Proceed working trot in pairs | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 2. C | Track left, forming single file 2, 1, 4, 3 | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 3. S-P | When leader reaches S, individual left obliques across arena | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 4. Between F\& A A Centered on L | Form pairs in the corner Turn onto centerline in pairs Individual left and right 10 meter circles, forming a doverleaf | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 5. $\mathrm{X}-\mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{X}-\mathrm{M}$ | Files leg-yield left and right individually, 1 's right, 2 's left | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 6. C Centeredon I | Turn onto centerline, forming pairs Individual left and right 10 meter circles, forming a doverleaf | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 7. $X-F \& X-K$ <br> A | Files leg-yield left and right individually, 1's left, 2's right Cross over | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 8. FXH KXM C | Lengthen trot rising and thread the needle, 1's ahead of 2's <br> Cross over, 2's and 4's on A side, 1's and 3's on C side | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 9. $\mathrm{B} \& E$ | Centered on $B$ and $E$, individual left and right turns across arena, and pass through, centered on X. All turn toward C when reaching track | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 10. Between B-R \& E-S A | Individual $1 / 2$ circles, forming single file on centerline Files track left | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { 11. } \mathrm{P} \\ \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{X} \\ \\ \mathrm{X}-\mathrm{E} \\ \mathrm{~S} \end{gathered}$ | Walk as one when leader reaches $P$ <br> File $1 / 2$ circle left, forming pairs in the tum, before reaching the quarterline <br> Pairs $1 / 2$ cirde right and form single file upon reaching track <br> Trot as one when leader reaches S | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { 12. } \mathrm{H} \\ \mathrm{C} \\ \mathrm{M} \end{array}$ | Canter individually, right lead Circle right 15 meters Trot individually | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { 13. } \mathrm{B} \\ \mathrm{E} \end{gathered}$ | Centered on B, individual right turns across arena Centered on E, individual leftturns, forming a single file | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| 14. K <br> A <br> FXH <br> X | Canter in dividually, left lead Circle left 15 meters <br> Change rein <br> Trot individually | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 15. } C \\ & X-P \& X-V \end{aligned}$ | Turn on centerline, forming pairs Individual right and left obliques when leaders reach X, 1's right, 2's left | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { 16. } V \& P \\ G \end{gathered}$ | When leaders reach V \& PP, individual $1 / 2$ circles left and right, forming pairs on centerline Halt, fan formation. Salute | 7.0 |  | 7.0 |  |

## COLLECTVE MARKS



- 1 POINTS = The points provided by the judge for each TEST (movement).
- 2 TOTAL = POINTS * COEFFICIENT (when applicable) for each TEST (movement) and COLLECTIVE.
- 3 Sub Total = Sum of the TOTALs.
- (4) Error(s) = Points deducted for an error.
- 5 Total = Sub Total minus Errors.
- 6 Percent = Total / Max Pts (on test sheet).

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1 st Error =-2 pts
2nd Error =-4 pts (-6 pts total)
3rd Error = Elimination
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MAXIMUM POSSIBLE POINTS: 220
FINAL SCORE
159.0 5

Points
72.272\% 6

Judy Judge
Name of Judge/Position

Judy Judge

Signature of Judge

- Pas de Deux combines the elegance and impact of dressage musical freestyle with the added element of two horses and riders performing together. Competitive Pas de Deux must include movements and figures choreographed to meet the technical requirements of the particular level with music chosen to highlight the pair. Pas de Deux has great spectator and audience appeal due to the increased dynamic of two horses and riders dancing in the arena.
- The Pas de Deux has a Technical Execution Score and an Artistic Impression Score that are combined to a final percent score.
- TECHNICAL EXECUTION:
- 1 JUDGE'S MARKS = Points from the judge for each of five judged element. The scale is $1-10 ; 0.5$ points are allowed.
- 2 FINAL SCORE = JUDGE'S MARKS * COEFFICIENT for each judged element.
- 3 TOTAL TECHNICAL EXECUTION = sum of the FINAL SCORES
- 4 DEDUCTIONS = minus 4 points for each forbidden movement
- 5 FINAL TECHNICAL EXECUTION = TOTAL TECHNICAL EXECUTION minus DEDUCTIONS.


## - ARTISTIC IMPRESSION:

- 6 JUDGE'S MARKS = Points from the judge for each of judged element. The scale is 1-10; 0.1 points are allowed.
- 7 FINAL SCORE = JUDGE'S MARKS * COEFFICIENT for each of the judged criteria.
- 8 TOTAL ARTISTIC IMPRESSION = sum of the FINAL SCORES
- 9 DEDUCTIONS = minus 1 point for overtime penalty (long test)
- 10 FINAL ARTISTIC IMPRESSION = TOTAL ARTISTIC IMPRESSION minus DEDUCTIONS.
- Final Score and Percentage:
- 11 FINAL SCORE = FINAL ARTISTIC IMPRESSION + FINAL TECHNICAL EXECUTION.
- 12 PERCENTAGE = (FINAL SCORE / 200) * 100 .

| TECHNICAL EXECUTION <br> Time Requirements: no minimum times for any level including $F E$ <br> Training - Fourth; 5:00 maximum PSG-Intermediate; $5: 00$ maximum <br> Grand Prix; 6:00 maximum <br> Judge's marks may be given in half or full points Second Level and above: All trot work must be sitting. |  | 1 |  | LEVEL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Nubers | coeframer | spome | nemanas |
| 1. Compulsory Elements Technical Execution | 10 | 6 | 3 | 18 |  |
| 2. Performance as a Pair spacing, alignment, synchrony | 10 | 7 | 4 | 28 |  |
| 3. Gaits - rhythm \& quality | 10 | 6 |  | 6 |  |
| 4. Impulsion energy, elasticity, engagement | 10 | 6 |  | 6 |  |
| 5. Submission-basic issues of submission, technical aspect of the riders | 10 | 6 |  | 6 |  |
| Further Remarks: |  | TOTAL <br> Dob <br> FINAL | CHNICAL EXECUTION UCTIONS CHNICAL EXEUTION |  |  |



| TECHNICAL SCORE | $60 \times 5$ |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| ARTISTIC SCORE | $69.8 \mathbf{1 0}$ |  |  |
| FINAL SCORE | $129.8 \mathbf{1 1}$ |  |  |
| PERCENTAGE | $64.900 \%$ (200 TOTAL POSSIBLE) | $\%$ |  |

## SCORING

## FEI TESTS

- Most FEl tests have two types of errors:

1. Errors of Course - a percent deduction
2. Other Errors - a percent deduction

- Different tests have different definitions for each of these error types.
- Different tests have different percents deducted for each of these error types.
- This can get confusing!

Summary of FEI Error Handling for Specific Test Groups

| TEST | ERROR PERCENTAGES |
| :---: | :---: |
| FEl Prix St-Georges FEI Intermediate I FEl Intermediate A FEl Intermediate B FEI Intermediate II FEI Short Grand Prix FEI Grand Prix FEI Grand Prix Special FEI Grand Prix 16-25 FEI Young Rider FEI Regional Games | Errors of Course: <br> - $1^{\text {st }}$ Error $=$ Minus two percentage points ( $-2 \%$ ) <br> - $2^{\text {nd }}$ Error = Elimination <br> Other Penalties / Technical Faults: <br> - Minus zero-point five percent (0.5\%) to be deducted per fault. |
| FEl Young Horse <br> FEI Children <br> FEI Pony <br> FEI Junior Rider | Errors of Course: <br> - $1^{\text {st }}$ Error $=$ Minus zero-point five percentage point ( $-0.5 \%$ ) <br> - $2^{\text {nd }}$ Error $=$ Minus one percentage point ( $-1 \%$ ), for a total of $-1.5 \%$. <br> - $3^{\text {rd }}$ Error $=$ Elimination <br> Other Penalties / Technical Faults: <br> - Minus zero-point five percent $(0.5 \%)$ to be deducted per fault. |
| FEI Freestyle | Other Penalties / Technical Faults: <br> TECHNICAL EXECUTION: <br> - Entering the arena after more than thirty (30) seconds of music: minus 0.5\%. <br> - Other technical faults minus $0.5 \%$ per fault <br> ARTISTIC PRESENTATION: <br> - Minus $0.5 \%$ for time penalty (more than 6 minutes or less than 5 min 30 sec from time on test sheet). |

NOTE: All FEI tests have errors subtracted as PERCENTS (not POINTS).

ARTICLE 424. PENALTIES - ERROR - ELIMINATION

## 1. Error of course.

a. 1.1. When an Athlete makes an "error of course" (takes the wrong turn, omits a movement, etc.) the Judge at C warns them, by sounding the bell. The Judge at C shows the Athlete, if necessary, the point at which they must take up the test again and the next movement to be executed, then leaves them to continue on their own. However, in some cases when, although the Athlete makes an "error of course", the sounding of the bell would unnecessarily impede the fluency of the performance - for instance if the Athlete makes a transition from medium trot to collected walk at $V$ instead of at $K$, or, cantering up the centre line from $A$, makes a pirouette at $D$ instead of at $L$ - it is up to the Judge at $C$ to decide whether to sound the bell or not. However, if the bell is not sounded at an error of course and the test requires the same movement to be repeated and the Athlete again makes the same error, the Athlete is only penalised once.
b. 1.2. The decision as to whether or not an error of course has been made will be at the sole discretion of the Judge at $C$. The other Judges' scores will be adapted accordingly.

## 2. Error of test/execution.

a. 2.1. When an Athlete makes an "error of the execution of the test" (trots rising instead of sitting, etc.) they must be penalized as for an "error of course". In principle an Athlete is not allowed to repeat a movement of the test unless the Judge at C decides on an error of course (sounds the bell). If, however, the Athlete has started the execution of a movement and attempts to do the same movement again, the Judges must consider the first movement shown only and at the same time, penalise for an error of course.

## 3. Unnoticed error.

a. 3.1. If the Ground Jury has not noted an error, the Athlete has the benefit of the doubt and will therefore not be penalised for the error.

## 4. Penalties

a. 4.1. "Error of Course" and error of test/execution.
i. 4.1.1. Every "error of course" or error of test/execution, whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalised, except as noted above.

| First Error | Two (2\%) percentage points subtracted from the total score [percent] (per Judge). |
| :--- | :--- |
| Second Error | Elimination |

ii. For Young Horses tests, Children, Pony and Junior tests, the deduction for the first error is zero point five percentage points (0.5\%) from the total score, for the second error one percentage point (1\%) and for the third error, Elimination.

| First Error | Zero point five (0.05\%) percentage points subtracted from the total score [percent] (per Judge). |
| :--- | :--- |
| Second Error | One (1\%) percentage point from the total score [percent] |
| Third Error | Elimination. |

b. 4.2. Other Penalties - Technical faults.
i. 4.2.1. It is the responsibility of the Judge at C to decide whether a penalty should be applied and the other judges' sheets should be marked accordingly to ensure consistency.
ii. 4.2.2. All of the following are considered technical faults, and zero point five percentage points ( $0.5 \%$ ) will be deducted per fault by each Judge, but these deductions are not cumulative and will not result in Elimination (including for Freestyle tests):

- Entering the space around the arena with a whip or with boots/bandages on the Horse's legs or with discrepancy in dress (e.g. lack of gloves). If the test has already started before the discrepancy has been noticed, the Judge at C stops the Athlete and if needed and possible, an assistant may enter the arena to remove the item(s). The Athlete then continues the test from the movement where they were stopped. The marks given before they were stopped are not changed.
- Entering the arena before the sound of the bell.
- Not entering the arena within forty-five (45) seconds after the bell, but within ninety (90) seconds.
- For Freestyle tests, entering the arena after more than thirty (30) seconds of music.
- Using voice or clicking the tongue repeatedly.
- Athletes not taking the reins in one (1) hand at the salute.
iii. 4.2.3. If the Freestyle test is longer or shorter than stipulated on the test sheet, zero-point five percentage points ( $0.5 \%$ ) will be deducted from the total artistic score, for other technical faults zero-point five percentage points ( $0.5 \%$ ) will be deducted per fault from the technical score.
c. 4.3. Penalty Percentage Points.

The penalty percentage points are deducted on each Judge's sheet from the total [percentage] points obtained by the Athlete. In Children classes and classes for 7 yo Horses, penalty percentage points have to be deducted from both judging procedures (technical judges and quality judges).

## SCORING

## KEY SCORING AREAS OF A FEI TEST SHEET:

- 1 MARKS: A number assigned by the judge for each movement. Entered by the scribe.
- 2 COEFFICIENTS: Some movements have a "coefficient" to give more weight to the movement.
- 3 FINAL MARK: MARKS $\times$ COEFFICIENT. Calculated by scorers.
- 4 PRELIMINARY POINTS: Total on test sheet. Sum of the FINAL MARKS. Calculated by scorers.
- 5 PRELIMINARY PERCENT: PRELIMINARY POINTS / Max Points (on the test sheet). Calculated by scorers.
- 6 ERROR OF COURSE \% DEDUCTION: \% subtracted from PRELIMINARY PERCENT due to an error of course.
- 7 OTHER ERROR \% DEDUCTION: \% subtracted from PRELIMINARY PERCENT due to an other error.
- 8 TOTAL SCORE in 5 (FINAL PERCENT): PRELIMINARY PERCENT - (ERROR OF COURSE \% + OTHER ERROR OF COURSE \%).
- 9 FINAL POINTS: TOTAL on test sheet. FINAL PERCENT x Max Points.

| grand Prix |  |  | FEI DRESSAGE |  |  |
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## SCORING

GP TEST / Max Points = 460 / No Error(s)

| SUBTOTAL POINTS = FINAL POINTS | 13007 |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| $/$ Max Points | 0.65217 |
| $\times 100$ | 65.217 |
| FINAL PERCENT: | $65.217 \% 6$ |

## To be deducted / penalty points:

1. ERRORS OF COURSE:

- $1^{\text {st }}$ Error: 2\% deducted
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ Error: Elimination

2. OTHER ERRORS: $0.5 \%$ deducted for each other error.

For multiple judges (multiple test sheets):

- Mean of FINAL PERCENT = MEAN FINAL PERCENT.
- Mean of FINAL POINTS = MEAN FINAL POINTS.

GP TEST / Max Points = 460 / 1 Other Error Only SUBTOTAL POINTS = PRELIM POINTS 1 2 200

| / Max Points: |  | 0.65217 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| X 100 |  | 65.217 |
| PRELIMINARY PERCENT | 3 | 65.217 |
| - ERROR OF COURSE PERCENT | 4 | 0 |
| - OTHER ERROR PERCENT | 5 | $-0.5 \%$ |
| FINAL PERCENT | 6 | $64.717 \%$ |
| x Max Points |  | 29769.82 |
| /100 |  | 297.70 |
| FINAL POINTS | 7 | 297.70 |

GP TEST / Max Points = 460 / 1 Error of Course Only SUBTOTAL POINTS = PRELIM POINTS 1 (2) 300 / Max Points: 0.65217

| X 100 |  | 65.217 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| PRELIMINARY PERCENT | 3 | 65.217 |
| - ERROR OF COURSE PERCENT | 4 | $-2 \%$ |
| - OTHER ERROR PERCENT | 5 | 0 |
| FINAL PERCENT | 6 | $63.217 \%$ |
| $x$ Max Points | 29079.82 |  |
| $/ 100$ | 290.798 |  |
| FINAL POINTS | 7. | 290.798 |

GP TEST / Max Points = 460 / Both Error Types

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\text { / Max Points: } \quad 0.65217
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X 100
65.217

| PRELIMINARY PERCENT | 3 | $65.217 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| - ERROR OF COURSE PERCENT | 4 | $-2 \%$ |
| - OTHER ERROR PERCENT | 5 | $-0.5 \%$ |
| FINAL PERCENT | 6 | $62.717 \%$ |
| $x$ Max Points | 28849.82 |  |
| $/ 100$ |  | 288.50 |
| FINAL POINTS | 7 | 288.50 |

## TEST SHEET EXAMPLE WITH BOTH ERROR TYPES:



FEI DRESSAGE TEST FOR 5-YEAR OLD HORSES Final Event : $\qquad$ Date :
Competitor No: Name : __ NF NF:

## Time 5'00" (for information only)

## Test

## Enter in working trot

Halt - salute, proceed in working trot
Track to the left
Serpentine 3 loops (touching the long side)
Medium trot
Collected trot
Medium walk
Turn on the haunches throwgh walk, proceed collected trot
Circle 10 m
Turn left
Turn right
Circle 10 m
Medium trot
Collected trot
Medium walk
Medium walk, let the horse stretch on a long rein
Retake the reins
Medium walk
Proceed in working canter right
Working canter
Medium canter
Collected canter
Half circle 10 m , returning to the track at E
Half circle 20 m , counter canter
Counter canter
Simple change of leg
Collected canter
Medium canter
Collected canter
Change rein
Half circle 20 m , counter canter
Counter canter
Simple change of leg
Collected canter
Working trot
Half circle 20 m , let the horse gradually stretch on a long rein,
sitting trot
Retake the reins
Down the centre line
Halt - immobility - salute

- The first page defines the movements of the test; however, the individual movements are not scored.
- The second page has 1 five individual tasks, each of which receive a 2 Mark (a numerical score from $0-10$, tenth decimal points allowed).
- 3 Total marks = Sum of the five Marks.
- 4 TOTAL SCORE $=$ Total marks * 2 .
- Subtract 5 ERROR OF COURSE PERCENT (0.5\% or 1.5\%)
- Subtract 6 OTHER ERROR PERCENT (0.5\% per fault).
- 7 FINAL TOTAL SCORE $=4-(5+6)$
- 8 FINAL SCORE in $\%=7$ written as a \%.


## To be deducted / penalty points:

1. ERRORS OF COURSE:

- $1^{\text {st }}$ Error: $0.5 \%$ deducted
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ Error: $1 \%$ deducted (1.5\% total deducted)
- $3^{\text {rd }}$ Error: Elimination

2. OTHER ERRORS: $0.5 \%$ deducted for each other error.

FEI Dressage Test for 5-year old horses
Marking Sheet - including directives

| Assessment of individual tasks | Commentary |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1. Trot <br> Rhythm, suppleness, elasticity <br> impulsion, swinging back, ground <br> cover, willingness to collect |  |  |  |

## FEI YH TEST FINAL / Both Types of Error

| TOTAL SCORE | 4 | 76.6 |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| - ERROR OF COURSE PERCENT | 5 | $0.5 \%$ |
| - OTHER ERROR PERCENT | 6 | $0.5 \%$ |
| TOTAL SCORE [\%] LESS ERROR \% | $\mathbf{7}$ | 75.6 |
| FINAL SCORE in \% | $\mathbf{8}$ | $75.6 \%$ |

JR INDIV TEST / Max Points = $\mathbf{3 4 0}$ / No Error

| SUBTOTAL POINTS $=$ FINAL POINTS | $1 / 2207$ |
| ---: | :---: |
| $/$ Max Points | 64706 |
| $\times 100$ | 64.706 |
| FINAL PERCENT: | $64.706 \% 6$ |

To be deducted / penalty points:

1. ERRORS OF COURSE:

- $1^{\text {st }}$ Error: $0.5 \%$ deducted
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ Error: $1 \%$ deducted (1.5\% total deducted)
- $3^{\text {rd }}$ Error: Elimination

2. OTHER ERRORS: $0.5 \%$ deducted for each other error.

For multiple judges (multiple test sheets:

- Mean of FINAL PERCENT = MEAN FINAL PERCENT.
- Mean of FINAL POINTS = MEAN FINAL POINTS.

JR INDIV TEST / Max Points = 340 / 1 Other Error Only

| SUBTOTAL POINTS = PRELIM POINTS | 1 | 2 | 220 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| / Max Points: |  | 0.64706 |  |
| X 100 |  | 64.706 |  |
| PRELIM PERCENT | 3 | $64.706 \%$ |  |
| - ERROR OF COURSE PERCENT | 4 | 0 |  |
| - OTHER ERROR PERCENT | 5 | $-0.5 \%$ |  |
| FINAL PERCENT | 6 | $64.206 \%$ |  |
| x Max Points |  | 218300 |  |
| /100 |  | NA |  |
| FINAL POINTS | 7 | 218.3 |  |

JR INDIV TEST / Max Points = $\mathbf{3 4 0}$ / 1 Error of Course Only

| SUBTOTAL POINTS = PRELIM POINTS | (1)220 |
| :---: | :---: |
| / Max Points: | 0.64706 |
| X 100 | 64.706 |
| PRELIM PERCENT | (3) $64.706 \%$ |
| - ERROR OF COURSE PERCENT | (4) $0.5 \%$ |
| - OTHER ERROR PERCENT | 5 |
| FINAL PERCENT | (6) $64.206 \%$ |
| $x$ Max Points | 218300 |
| /100 | 218.3 |
| FINAL POINTS | (7) 218.3 |

JR INDIV TEST / Max Points = 340 / $\mathbf{1}$ Ea of Both Types of Error

| SUBTOTAL POINTS $=$ PRELIM POINTS | (1) 220 |
| :---: | :---: |
| / Max Points: | 0.64706 |
| X 100 | 64.706 |
| PRELIM PERCENT | $3 \longdiv { 5 4 . 7 0 6 \% }$ |
| - ERROR OF COURSE PERCENT | 4) $0.5 \%$ |
| - OTHER ERROR PERCENT | 5. $0.5 \%$ |
| FINAL PERCENT | (6) $63.706 \%$ |
| x Max Points | 21660.04 |
| /100 | 216.600 |
| FINAL POINTS | (7) 216.6 |

## TEST SHEET EXAMPLE WITH BOTH ERROR TYPES:

| Total 340 | 220 | (1) SUBTOTAL POINTS = 2 PRELIM POINTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To be deducted / penalty points Errors of course are penalised | $04.706 \%$ | 3 PRELIM PERCENT $=($ PRELIM PTS $/$ Max Pts) $\times$ |
| Errors of course are penalised <br> 1st error $=0.5$ percentage point |  |  |
| 2nd error $=1$ percentage point | $-0.5 \%$ | (4) ERROR OF COURSE PERCENT (0.5\% or 1.5\%) |
| 3rd error = Elimination |  |  |
| Other Penalties - Technical faults: $0.5 \%$ (percentage | $-0.50$ | 5 OTHER ERROR PERCENT (0.5\% per fault) |
| points) to be deducted per fault. |  |  |
| Total | 216.6 | TOTAL SCORE $63.706 \%$ |



## －ARTISTIC PRESENTATION：

－ 7 Marks：The raw score for each artistic element of the test．
－ 8 Final Marks＝Marks＊Coefficient for each artistic element．
－ 9 Total Points for Artistic Impression＝Sum of the Final Marks．
－ 10 Total marks for artistic execution in \％＝Total points for artistic execution／ 2.
－ 11 Artistic Execution Errors $=$ Minus 0．5\％per fault．
－ 12 Artistic Execution Final Percent＝Total marks for artistic execution in \％minus Artistic Execution Errors．
－FINAL PERCENT：
－ 13 Final Score in \％＝（Technical Execution Final Percent plus Artistic Execution Final Percent）／2．

GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE

## F．EI DRESSAGE

Competitor No：Name：
F：－Hose：

Note：Scoring－Refer to Guidelines for Judges－FEI Freestyle tests Remarks


In case two competitors have the same final score，the one with the higher marks for artistic impression will have the better placing
－There are two types of scores：
－TECHNICAL EXECUTION
－ARTISTIC

## －TECHNICAL EXECUTION：

－ 1 Marks＝The raw score for each technical element of the test．
－ 2 Final Mark＝Marks＊Coefficient for each technical element．
－ 3 Total（Points）for Technical Execution＝Sum of the Final Marks．
－ 4 Total marks for technical execution in \％＝Total Points for Technical Execution／ 2.
－ 5 Technical Execution Errors＝minus 0．5\％per fault．
－ 6 Technical Execution Final Percent＝Total marks for technical execution in \％minus Technical Execution Errors．

|  | Artistic marks <br> （ 0.1 decimals may be given） | 卷 | \％ | 莒 | 音 | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17. | Rhythm，energy and elasticity | 10 | 6.1 | 4 | 24.4 |  |
| 18. | Harmony between rider and horse | 10 | 6.7 | 4 | 26.8 |  |
| 19. | Choreography．Use of arena． Inventiveness | 10 | 7.1 | 4 | 28.4 |  |
| 20. | Degree of difficulty．Calculated risks | 10 | 6.0 | 4 | 24.0 |  |
| 21. | Music and interpretation of the music | 10 | 6.7 | 4 | 26.8 |  |
| Total points for artistic presentation |  | 200 |  |  | 0.4 | ） |
| Total points for technical execution |  |  |  |  | 7.0 | Points |
| Total marks for technical execution in \％ （Total points divided by 2 ） Other Penalties－Technical faults： $0.5 \%$（percentage points）to be deducted ser fault． |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & .500 \% \\ & .5 \% \\ & .000 \% \end{aligned}$ | \％ |
| Total points for artistic presentation |  |  |  |  | 0.4 | Points |
| Total marks for artistic presentation in \％ <br> （Total points divided by 2 ） <br> Time Penalty：More than $6^{\prime}$ or less than $5^{\prime} 30^{\prime \prime}$ ，deduct $0.5 \%$ from total artistic score． |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & .200 \% \\ & .5 \% \\ & .700 \% \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Final Score in \％ <br> （Technical＋artistic marks in \％divided by 2） |  |  |  |  | 850\％ |  |
| In case two competitors have the same final score，the one with the higher marks for artistic impression will have the better placing |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# OTHER SCORING INFORMATION 

- More Than One Judge
- Posting Scores
- Storing Test Sheets Before Placing a Class
- Resolving Tie Scores ("Equality of Points")
- Placing Classes
- Summary Flow Chart
- Final Hint


## USEF DR123.2. Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving.

- ...
- With more than one judge, the percentage score is determined by adding the sum total points earned from all judges and dividing by the total available points.
- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...
- When multiple judges officiate from different positions, scores must be posted in the following order: $E, H, C$, $M, B$.


## EXAMPLE

1
TOTAL
POINTS
Max Points $=400$

C Judge
235
58.750

B Judge
242
60.500

477
(3) SUM OF TOTAL POINTS $=235+242=477$ (Do not add the percentages).

- To determine the (4) AVERAGE POINTS, divide the SUM OF TOTAL POINTS by the \# of judges.
- Finally, to get the 5 FINAL PERCENTAGE, divide the AVERAGE POINTS by the max
number of points (this number is on the score sheet and is different for each test).


## SCORING

## USEF DR123.2. Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving.

- ...
- ...
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- ...
- Total results and scores (to include technical, artistic or quality \% scores) must be published in marks as well as in percentages with numbers to three places after the decimal point. Numbers of five (5) and above are rounded up (eg. $63.4555 \%=63.456 \%$ ).
- Scores must be posted on a public scoreboard as soon as possible after each ride. The public scoreboard may be in either paper or electronic format. The name of each judge must be posted along with the position where they are sitting.
- When multiple judges officiate from different positions, scores must be posted in the following order: $E, H, C$, $M, B$.
- Once the test has been scored, the scores and percentages are recorded and posted.
- Different shows record scores differently: - 1 Post a computer printout.
- 2 Handwritten score posters.
- 3 Online posting of scores.
- Combinations of any of the above.
- Scores may be recorded and posted by a designated person, by the head scorer, the show manager, the computer operator, etc. Check with show management to determine the procedures for the specific show.
- Remember to record and post:
- Points for each judge, if applicable
- Total points
- Technical and Artistic Scores, if applicable
- Final percentage
- Judge(s) name(s) and position(s)

- After the scores are calculated and posted, the score sheets must be safely stored until the class is completed.
- Storage methods can include
- 1 Paper files
- 2 Hanging files
- 3 Large envelopes, or
- 4 Large envelopes inside hanging files
- Choose the method that is best for the scoring team. If you have a specific preference, bring the supplies with you.

- After a class is finished and scored, you need to check for tie scores and resolve any ties.


## USEF DR123.3 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving. Individual Classification.

- In case of equality of points [a tie]:
- The competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions [Collective Marks] shall be declared the winner.
- When the scores for General Impressions [Collective Marks] are equal after coefficients have been applied, the horses must remain tied.
- Errors on a test may not be used to break ties.
- If two (or more) riders have the same (1) PERCENT, the rider with the higher 2 sum of the collective marks (after multiplying by the coefficients) receives the higher placing.

|  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 6 | 2 | 12 |  |
| IMPULSION (desine to move forwand, elasticity of the steps, suppleness of the back, angagrovent of the hindquarters) | 6 | 2 | 12 |  |
| SUBMISSION (attraticin and confidencc, harmony, lightresss and ease of | 6 | 2 | 12 |  |
|  | 6 | 3 | 18 |  |
| MURTIER REMARKS: $3^{\text {rd }} \text { place }$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |
| GATSS (tratamexd regestity) |  |  |  |  | 6 | 2 | 12 |  |
| MMPULSION (desine to move forwand, elasticity of the steps, suppleness of the back, angagronent of the hindquariers) | 7 | 2 | 14 |  |
| SUBMISSION (attreption and confidence, harmony, lightuess and sese of movements, acceptance of the bridle, lightness of the forchand) | 6 | 2 | 12 |  |
|  | 6 | ${ }^{3}$ | 18 |  |
| vertikr remanks: |  |  |  |  |



No $3^{\text {rd }}$ place

## SCORING

## USEF DR123.3. Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving. Individual Classification.

- In all competitions the winner is the competitor having the highest percentage, the second placed competitor is the one with the next highest percentage, and so on.
- Placing a class:
- When a class has been completed and posted, arrange the score sheets in sequence, highest percentage scores on top. Record the final placings on the front of each test sheet.
- Post the class placings on the handwritten
 score sheets, the score posters, the computer, etc.
- Once the class is placed, tests, ribbons, and trophies can be given to competitors. This is usually performed by the awards volunteer or other person.
- At the end of the show, the head scorer may be asked to determine the show high point award recipient and recipients of other available awards.



## SCORING

## Final Hint

- Final hint: When you are scoring for a large show, you may be working on MANY score sheets at one time. It is recommended that you develop three "distribution boxes" as follows:


Box 1 In Box

IN BOX - where runner places sheets from judges. First scorer gets sheets
from this box.

WAIT BOX - score sheets waiting for second scorer verification.


OUT BOX - score
sheets ready to be posted

STORAGE - posted score sheets waiting for class completion

## The End

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- I hope you have found this document to be helpful.
- Please report any errors to Leslie Raulin at LeslieRaulin@gmail.com.

Thank you!

