

Guidelines for the North American Three-Day Stallion Sport Test **(compliant with German FN Guidelines)**

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1. General regulations

1.1 Purpose, philosophy and responsibilities

The Three-Day Sport Test of Sport Horse and Pony stallions is a joint activity of The American Hanoverian Society, German Oldenburg Verband and Hannoveraner Verband. The purpose is to provide a selection tool for young sport horse and sport pony stallions based on their performance under saddle modeled after the principles laid down by the German Equestrian Federation. These three societies, called founding studbooks, formed an organization committee and the North American Stallion Sport Test LLC, which is responsible for the preparation and execution of this test.

Sport horse and sport pony stallions from other breed societies, who meet the requirements as laid down in these guidelines, are welcome to participate.

This test has been developed in Germany to be repeated after one year, so that a progress in the development of the horse or pony may be documented. A good preparation of the stallions for this test by experienced young horse trainers therefore is of utmost importance.

The founding studbooks require a stallion to repeat the test within a year with age appropriate requirements, which means, that the second test requires a stallion to be trained on a higher level than shown at the initial test. Each breed society, however, defines how to use this tool within their respective breeding program. Therefore the passing requirements of each breed society are defined in the respective studbook rules.

1.2 Rules and Registration

The Three-Day Stallion Sport Test Rules have been issued for owners of the stallions to be tested as well as for experts, officials, representatives of the breeders' associations, and other participating institutions and persons.

Only the owner or the authorized agent of the stallion to be tested can register the stallion for the performance test. By registering the stallion for the performance test, the owner must acknowledge in writing or electronically that he/she accepts the Rules and has carefully reviewed the contents.

1.3 Number of registered stallions

Stallion performance tests are carried out in groups. A minimum of five stallions are needed at each testing location to conduct the test.

1.4 Publication and application of test results

Scores are announced at the conclusion of the testing for each horse and are published online after the testing for all horses has concluded. The owner of the stallion shall receive an official final test certificate, including all their horse's scores, by mail following the testing.

The owners of the participating stallions are committed to accept the publication and the exchange of data of all stallions for performance testing purposes, for studbook registration, and for identification purposes.

2. Special regulations for the three-day sport test for stallions

2.1 Basic regulations

Sport tests are held over a period of three days. The tests are based on the rules of the German Equestrian Federation (FN) for stallion performance tests and specifically the sport test for stallions.

Sport tests for stallions of sport horse and sport pony breeds are hosted by specially appointed testing stations and are conducted without interruption, which means that the stallions are not permitted to leave the premises of the testing station during the test. If a stallion is removed from the testing venue

temporarily or completely for training/exercising purposes outside specified training times and locations, he shall be immediately disqualified from the test.

Only the official testing Veterinarian is allowed to evaluate or treat a stallion while it is present at the sport test.

The regulations of the corresponding testing station have to be strictly observed. Non-compliance will result in immediate disqualification.

2. 2. Admission requirements

Eligible stallions must be four-, five- or six-year-olds and must be registered with a sport horse or sport pony registry. Eligible stallions must have been accepted at a licensing by at least one sport horse registry or be registered to attend a licensing before or during the Sport Test, prior to acceptance in the testing. All eligible entries that comply with the admission requirements are entitled to participate at the sport test for stallions. Unless otherwise specified in the individual studbook stipulations, official age of all other horses shall be January 1 of the year of birth.

Only those stallions that are appropriately registered, age-appropriately trained and fit, and are familiar with the test components may participate in the test. The stallions need to meet the criteria in regards to constitution, fitness, well-being, health and composure.

All health documents referred to in section 2.6.1 must be submitted prior to arrival at the testing site; they are a requirement for the stallion to participate in the testing.

Stallions are NOT accepted to participate at the stallion performance if:

- they were treated with drugs or other prohibited pharmaceuticals;
OR
- they were exposed to forbidden methods or procedures to influence performances, capabilities or work ethic or any other kind of manipulation;
OR
- they were positively tested by the breeders' association or an equestrian federation for drugs or any other prohibited method or procedure to influence performances within three months before being presented at the stallion performance test (in case of anabolic drugs 12 months).

All stallions are subject to random drug screening at any time during, or while on grounds for, the Stallion Sport Test. FEI Drug Rules and Regulations and treatment guidelines will be followed.

2.3 Registration

Information on the sport test, including registration forms, can be found at www.stallionsporttest.com or by contacting the North American Stallion Sport Test LLC, 4067 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 1, Lexington, KY 40511 or calling 859-255-4141.

The stallions must be registered by the published deadlines.

2.4 Fees

The applicant shall settle registration fees with the North American Stallion Sport Test LLC upon registration. Stabling fees will be paid directly to the host facility at which they are enrolled.

The registration fee shall be refunded only if the test cannot be held due to an insufficient number of registrations or if 'Forces of Nature' require cancellation of the testing. Stallions that are enrolled, but cancel prior to the start of the testing are refunded minus the current cancellation fee agreed to on their Enrollment Form. There are no refunds for stallions that cancel after the start of the test or that cannot complete the testing due to any reason.

2.5 Delivery of stallions

Arrival of stallions at the testing site(s) must comply with the published schedule.

2.5.1 Documents to be presented

The following documents must be presented to the NASST office for each stallion, within the one week prior to the start of the testing unless an alternate time is listed:

- identity of stallion via copy of registration papers or breed registry passport (submitted with Enrollment Form);
- confirmation of licensing with an approved sport horse or sport pony registry, or proof of enrollment in a licensing with a registry prior to or at the stallion testing (submitted with Enrollment Form);
- Copy of a Negative Coggins (EIA) test dated within 12 months of the conclusion of the testing;
- Current Veterinary Health Certificate;
 - For stallions coming from states that have had Vesticular Stomatitis outbreaks in the past, the following statement must be included: *"I have examined all the animals identified on this certificate within 72 hours of shipment date and found them to be free from signs of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the last thirty (30) days, these animals have not been exposed to VS nor located on a VS confirmed or a VS suspected premises."* (CA site only)
- Proof of Flu/Rhino Vaccination within 180 days (but not within 7 days) of the testing dates;
- Documentation of Negative Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) Testing via blood draw required within 30-days of the start of the testing or, if a stallion is vaccinated for EVA, then proof of the initial negative testing and subsequent annual vaccinations is required. Stallions that are sero-positive and do not have a complete record of initial negative testing and annual vaccinations must have semen tested to prove non-shedder status within 30-days of the start of the testing.

The following documents must be presented for each stallion upon delivery:

- identity of stallion via original registration papers or breed registry passport;
- Copies of all required medical requirements noted above

2.5.2 Control of veterinarian standards

Every stallion shall be examined upon arrival by the Quality Management Commission according to veterinarian standards. The stallion shall be examined while standing, in the walk and in the trot in-hand. All stallions attending the testing are committed to the FEI drug, medication, and treatment standards and are subject to random drug screening.

2.6 Veterinary care and control, Quality Management Commission (QM-Commission), farrier

To guarantee veterinary care, an equine-specialist veterinarian must be on call throughout the entire competition dates, including during the night.

The Quality Management Commission (QM-Commission) shall control and record health, capability and suitability of all stallions for the testing round.

The organization committee shall appoint the QM-Commission for each testing round, composed of

- a representative of the organizer (Quality Commissioner);
- the testing site veterinarian

If necessary, the North American Stallion Sport Test LLC shall be entitled to also appoint as additional members of the QM-Commission

- The experts,
- A representative of the breeding associations involved,
- Another veterinarian

The QM-Commission will be responsible for

- The veterinary check upon arrival of the stallions;
- The veterinary check after having completed the final test and before leaving the testing station.

The results of the checks are recorded in a delivery report and in an inspection and examination report as outlined in the sample according to the German FN rules.

A farrier has to be on call during the whole course of the testing.

2.7 Quality-Commissioner and experts

The organization committee as defined in 1.1 is responsible for the execution of the sport test. The Quality Commissioner is its legal representative for the time of the testing.

The following experts are also involved in the execution of the sport tests:

- two judges (per discipline),
- one expert (per discipline),
- one test rider (per discipline),
- one station veterinarian, as well as,
- one or more stewards

Judges and test riders will be approved by the German FN and the North American Stallion Sport Test LLC organizing committee.

The experts shall be responsible to avoid any suspicion of partiality (for example relatives, breeders, owners, trainers, employer-employee relation, economic relationship).

All persons mentioned below have to maintain confidentiality about the preliminary results of the evaluations.

2.8 Behavior at the sport tests

All participants (applicants, stallion keepers, owners, breeders, riders) are requested to show fair sport composure throughout the testing process.

2.9 Composition of Evaluation Commission

The Evaluation Commission for each discipline is made up of two judges, complemented by one discipline expert and a test rider. They agree on a common assessment of all features on all days of the test.

A steward will attend the complete sport stallion training and testing period and supervise the warm-up area and training as well as the stable area.

The members of the Evaluation Commission shall decide together with the Quality Commissioner and, if required, with the Steward about possible non-admissions or disqualifications as laid down under the rules. The attending station veterinarian will be included in the decision in case of veterinary reasons.

2.10 Evaluation guidelines

The test standards are evaluated by awarding scores on a scale from 1 to 10; awarding decimals is permitted:

- 10 = excellent
- 9 = very good
- 8 = good
- 7 = fairly good
- 6 = satisfactory
- 5 = sufficient
- 4 = insufficient
- 3 = fairly bad
- 2 = bad
- 1 = very bad

The commission of experts decides in a joint judging procedure on the final result.

When assessing jumping abilities, mistakes at jumps and disobedience shall not be judged, however, it shall influence the final result. The dressage assessment for the dressage stallions shall not include leaving the arena or disobedience; however, it shall also have influence on the final result. Going off course under the own rider shall not count for the final result.

The stallion's suitability with view to improving the population or the breed predominates the decision on the final result, independent from the properties to assess the external conformation.

2.11 Non-admission and exclusion from the test

The Evaluation Commission of the corresponding test shall decide on non-admission and disqualification together with the Quality Commissioner and, if necessary, the steward and the responsible veterinarian.

2.11.1 Non-admission

A stallion is not eligible for the test if

- the admission requirements as stipulated above have not been fulfilled;
- the stallion arrives later than within the period of time stipulated;
- the vaccination and health regulations have not been fulfilled;
- the exhibitor fails to present the required documents upon delivery.

The Quality Commission decides whether a stallion is not eligible.

2.11.2. Exclusion

A stallion shall be excluded from the performance test if

- the stallion was diagnosed with health or constitution issues or lack in condition,
- proof about a prohibited medication or manipulation is apparent,
- the stallion's behavior is dangerous for the staff responsible, for himself or other stallions participating at the test,
- the stallion is temporarily or constantly removed from the testing station during the sport test, if semen is taken, or if he is used for breeding purposes,
- an infringement of the valid stable rules as regards the stallion was committed,
- proof of an infringement of the provisions of the rules as regards the stallion becomes apparent,
- it is obvious, that the stallion will not be able to cope with the requirements of the test due to lack of training.

2.12 Medication control, exclusion of stallions

The vet responsible for the stallion performance test in co-operation with the Evaluation Commission, the quality-commissioner and, if necessary the steward, are entitled to take drug tests during the stallion performance test at any time. Standard tests are taken during each sport test.

If the results show positive evidence of unlawful medication or manipulation, the stallion has to be excluded from the test with immediate effect. If the results are only apparent after the stallion has completed the test, the test result will be annulled; an already issued test certificate has to be cancelled, to be collected and the corresponding studbook registration has to be withdrawn.

3. Sport performance test for stallions – Focus Dressage

3.1 Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The test is designed for four- to six-year-old licensed stallions. All stallions will be assessed according to age-appropriate performance levels. The requirements are scaled as follows:

- 4-year old sport horse stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a USEF Four-Year Test dressage competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise.
- 5-year old sport horse stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of an FEI Five-Year Old dressage competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise.
- 6-year old sport horse stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of an FEI Six-Year Old dressage competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise.

The Evaluation Commission gains repeatedly information and impressions about the stallions, focused

on dressage, during the whole testing period for the following features:

- Trot
- Canter
- Walk
- Rideability
- Overall impression

The three-day sport test is composed as follows:

- Day Prior to Testing: Arrival
Horses arrive at facility.
- Day 1: Vet Check & Observed Training
Inspection of suitability for competition (vet-check) and stabling of the stallions. Appropriate training of the stallion in accordance with a specified time schedule in the warm-up arena under the own rider and under supervision of the steward, judges, discipline experts, and guest rider.
- Day 2: Training and sport test under the own rider

Appropriate training of the stallion in accordance with a specified time schedule in the warm-up arena under the own rider and under supervision of the steward and a judge.

Then specified, time limited training of stallions in the testing arena (max. 15 minutes per stallion) in a group of up to four stallions, attended by the Evaluation Commission.

In the afternoon, presentation of stallions by the own rider in a standard exercise (age-equivalent test) with the option to repeat the exercises upon instruction and evaluation of the Evaluation Commission.
- Day 3: Test rider inspection
Warm-up in the warm-up arena under the own rider and under the supervision of the steward. Short presentation of the stallion by the own rider in the testing arena, immediately followed by the test rider inspection.

Test rider inspection per stallion will be individually different when it comes to duration and intensity. The test rider will be in close consultation with the Evaluation Commission who will accompany the test by comments.

3.2 Equipment of horse and rider

Equipment of horse and rider has to comply with the principles of equitation and the principles of accident prevention and animal protection.

Equipment rider:

An ASTM/SEI certified riding helmet is compulsory for all riders during training and all parts of the test.

The following accessories are permissible:

- A pair of spurs (max. length of the shank 4.5 cm [including a smooth rowel]) that do not cause any sharp injuries during normal use. The spur has to be buckled in such manner that the shank points horizontally or downwards.
- A whip: A whip with a length of max. 120 cm (*including lash*) for all other training and test sessions.

Equipment horse:

Equipment for leg protection is permitted during the training on the first and second day of the test. Leg protection is not permitted during the competition judging on Day 2. Leg protection is permitted on Day 3. Allowed leg protection includes bandages, boots, bell boots and pastern rings. Magnets, weights, or any sort of weighted boot or bandage are not allowed. The equipment to protect the legs must not exceed the permissible maximum weight of 500 g per leg. Shoes (with or without cuffs) that are attached with nails or glue, or wraps that do not extend past the hair line of the hoof are permitted.

Each stallion must wear the assigned bridle numbers any time he is out of his stall. Numbers must be worn on both the right and left sides of either the halter, bridle, or saddle pad.

USEF Rules for allowable snaffle bridles and bits per the USEF Dressage Rulebook will apply.

3.3 Evaluation of features and determination of results

During the sport performance test for stallions focused on Dressage, one weighted final dressage score will be calculated. When determining the weighted final score for every stallion, the score awarded during the individual stages of the test and for the individual features will be weighted as follows:

Features	Weighted final dressage score (in %)
Trot	20,0
Canter	20,0
Walk	20,0
Rideability	30,0
Overall impression	10,0
Sum weighting factor	100,00

If a stallion must be withdrawn before he has fully completed all parts of the test, no final result can be determined. If the test is not completed on applicant's request, no final result will be determined either.

Scores are announced at the conclusion of the testing for each horse. Furthermore, comments will be given for each stallion after having completed the last part of the test, highlighting his performances during the entire sport test. Scores are published online after the testing for all horses has concluded. The owner of the stallion shall receive an official final test certificate including all their horse's scores, by mail following the testing.

4. Sport performance test for stallions – Focus Show Jumping

4.1 Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The test is designed for four- to six-year-old licensed stallions. All stallions will be assessed according to age-appropriate performance levels. The requirements are scaled as follows:

- 4-year old sport horse stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a novice level young jumper horse class (height up to 1.00m). The stallions are shown in a standard show jumping course. (available on the www.stallionsporttest.com website)
- 5-year old sport horse stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of an elementary young jumper horse class (height up to 1.10m). The stallions are shown in a standard show jumping course. (available on the www.stallionsporttest.com website)
- 6-year old sport horse stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a medium level young jumper horse class (height up to 1.20m). The stallions are shown in a standard show jumping course. (available on the www.stallionsporttest.com website)

The Evaluation Commission gains repeated information and impressions about the stallions, focused on show jumping, during the whole testing period for the following features:

- Canter
- Scope
- Style
- Rideability
- Overall impression

The three-day sport test is composed as follows:

- Day Prior to Testing: Arrival
Horses arrive at facility.
- Day 1: Vet Check & Observed Training
Arrival and inspection of suitability for competition (vet-check) and stabling of the stallions as well as free training in the warm-up and testing arenas under the own rider (basic gaits, without jumps) and under supervision of the steward, judges, discipline experts, and guest rider.
- Day 2: Training and sport test under the own rider

Appropriate training of the stallion in accordance with a specified time schedule in the warm-up arena under the own rider (without jumps) and under supervision of the steward and a judge.

Then specified, time limited training of stallions in the testing arena (max. 15 minutes per stallion) in a group of up to four stallions, attended by the Evaluation Commission.

Showing the stallions the corresponding standard course and jumping 2 to 3 obstacles (upright and oxer), specified by the Evaluation Commission, in appropriate relation to the stallion's age and performance capacity free of choice, is permitted.

In the afternoon presentation of stallions by the own rider in a standard jumper course (age-equivalent course heights).

Warm up of stallions in the warm-up arena over the fences under the supervision of a

steward is permitted.

Jumping two determined obstacles (upright and oxer) before the start of the test in the testing arena is permitted, too. After having completed the standard course, it is up to the Evaluation Commission to decide whether to repeat jumps or to increase the height of jumps age-appropriately.

- Day 3: Test rider inspection

Warm-up in the warm-up arena under the own rider (without jumps) and under the supervision of the steward. Short free presentation of the stallion by the own rider in the testing arena including jumping two specified obstacles (upright and oxer). The stallion will then be tested by the test rider in a standard jumper course

Test rider inspection per stallion will be individually different when it comes to duration and intensity. The test rider will be in close consultation with the Evaluation Commission who will accompany the test by comments.

4.2 Equipment of horse and rider

Equipment of horse and rider has to comply with the principles of equitation and the principles of accident prevention and animal protection.

Equipment rider:

An ASTM/SEI certified riding helmet is compulsory for all riders during training and all parts of the test.

The following accessories are permissible:

- A pair of spurs (max. length of the shank 4.5 cm [including a smooth rowel]) that do not cause any sharp injuries during normal use. The spur has to be buckled in such manner that the shank points horizontally or downwards.
- A whip with a max. length of 75 cm (incl. lash) is permitted during the test. A whip with a max. length of 120 cm (incl. lash) is permitted for the dressage work in the warm-up arena.

Equipment horse:

Equipment for leg protection is allowed for all parts of the competition. Allowed leg protection includes: Front Legs: bandages, boots, bell boots and pastern rings. Hind Legs: only ankle boots are allowed with a smooth inner structure (without bulging, without fur etc). Boots must have a single or double-opposite Velcro fastener with at least 5 cm width (no straps or buckles etc.). Length of the hard shell ankle boots is a maximum of 16 cm. The ankle boot shell must be completely closed and fit all the way around the pastern. Magnets, weights, or any sorted of weighted boot or bandage are not allowed. The equipment to protect the legs must not exceed the permissible maximum weight of 500 g per leg. Shoes (with or without cuffs) that are attached with nails or glue, or wraps that do not extend past the hair line of the hoof are permitted.

Each stallion must wear the assigned bridle numbers any time he is out of his stall. Numbers must be worn on both the right and left sides of either the halter, bridle, or saddle pad.

Each stallion must wear an English bridle. Allowable nosebands include dropped noseband, regular 'French' noseband, regular noseband with a flash attachment, or a Figure-8 noseband. A running martingale is allowed but may not be fixed. Standing martingales are not allowed. Allowable bits include single or double-jointed snaffles, mullen mouth, pelhams, or the pessoa bit.

4.3 Evaluation of features and determination of results

During the sport performance test for stallions focused on Show Jumping, one weighted final jumping score will be calculated. When determining the weighted final score for every stallion, the score awarded during the individual stages of the test and for the individual features will be weighted as follows:

Features	Weighted final jumping score (in %)
Canter	20,0
Scope	25,0
Style	25,0
Rideability	20,0
Overall impression	10,0
Sum weighting factor	100,00

If a stallion must be withdrawn before he has fully completed all parts of the test, no final result can be determined. If the test is not completed on applicant's request, no final result will be determined either.

Scores are announced at the conclusion of the testing for each horse. Furthermore, comments will be given for each stallion after having completed the last part of the test, highlighting his performances during the entire sport test. Scores are published online after the testing for all horses has concluded. The owner of the stallion shall receive an official final test certificate including all their horse's scores, by mail following the testing.

5. Sport performance test for sport pony stallions

5.1 Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The test is designed for four- to six-year-old licensed sport pony stallions. Sport pony stallions must be presented both in dressage and show jumping disciplines. All stallions will be assessed according to age-appropriate performance levels. The requirements are scaled as follows:

- 4-year old sport pony stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a USEF Four-Year Test dressage competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise.
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a novice level young jumper horse class (height up to .9m). The stallions are shown in a standard show jumping course. *(available on the www.stallionsporttest.com website)*
- 5-year old sport pony stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of the Five-Year Old Pony dressage competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise.
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of an elementary young jumper horse class (height up to 1.00m). The stallions are shown in a standard show jumping course. *(available on the www.stallionsporttest.com website)*
- 6-year old sport pony stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of the Six-Year Old Pony dressage competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise.
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a medium level young jumper horse class (height up to 1.10m). The stallions are shown in a standard show jumping course. *(available on the www.stallionsporttest.com website)*

The Evaluation Commission gains repeatedly information and impressions about the pony stallions during the whole testing period for the following features:

- Trot
- Canter
- Walk
- Jumping Ability
- Rideability
- Overall impression

The three-day sport test is composed as follows:

- Day Prior to Testing: Arrival
Horses arrive at facility.
- Day 1: Arrival and free training
Arrival and inspection of suitability for competition (vet-check) and stabling of the stallions as well as free training in the warm-up and testing arenas under the own rider (basic gaits, without jumps) and under supervision of the steward, judges, discipline experts, and guest rider.
- Day 2: Training and sport test under the own rider
Appropriate training of the stallion in accordance with a specified time schedule in the warm-up arena under the own rider and under supervision of the steward and a judge.

Then specified, time limited training of stallions in the dressage testing arena (max. 15 minutes per stallion) in a group of up to four stallions, attended by the Evaluation Commission. Showing the stallions the corresponding jumping course and jumping 2

to 3 obstacles (upright and oxer), specified by the Evaluation Commission, in appropriate relation to the stallion's age and performance capacity free of choice, is permitted.

In the afternoon, presentation of stallions by the own rider in a standard dressage exercise (age-equivalent test) with the option to repeat the exercises upon instruction and evaluation of the Evaluation Commission.

Presentation of stallions by the own rider in a standard jumper course (age-equivalent course heights). Warm up of stallions in the warm-up arena over the fences under the supervision of a steward is permitted. Jumping two determined obstacles (upright and oxer) before the start of the test in the testing arena is permitted, too. After having completed the standard course, it is up to the Evaluation Commission to decide whether to repeat jumps or to increase the height of jumps age-appropriately.

- Day 3: Test rider inspection

Warm-up in the warm-up arena under the own rider and under the supervision of the steward. Short presentation of the stallion by the own rider in the testing arena, immediately followed by the test rider inspection.

Warm-up in the warm-up arena under the own rider (without jumps) and under the supervision of the steward. Short free presentation of the stallion by the own rider in the testing arena including jumping two specified obstacles (upright and oxer). The stallion will then be tested by the test rider in a standard jumper course

Test rider inspection per stallion will be individually different when it comes to duration and intensity. The test rider will be in close consultation with the Evaluation Commission who will accompany the test by comments.

5.2 Equipment of pony and rider

Equipment of pony and rider has to comply with the principles of equitation and the principles of accident prevention and animal protection.

Equipment rider:

An ASTM/SEI certified riding helmet is compulsory for all riders during training and all parts of the test.

The following accessories are permissible:

- A pair of spurs (max. length of the shank 3.5 cm [no rowels allowed]) that do not cause any sharp injuries during normal use. The spur has to be buckled in such manner that the shank points horizontally or downwards.
- A whip: A whip with a length of max. 120 cm (*including lash*) for all dressage training and test sessions and during flatwork as warm-up for jumping. A whip with a max. length of 75 cm (incl. lash) is permitted during the jumping test.

Equipment pony:

Equipment for leg protection as stipulated in the guidelines for warm-up arenas is permitted during the training on the first and second day of the test. Leg protection is not permitted during the competition judging on Day 2 in the dressage test. Leg protection is permitted on Day 3 in the dressage test. Leg protection is allowed during all parts of the jumping.

Allowed leg protection for dressage portion includes bandages, boots, bell boots and pastern rings. Allowed leg protection for the show jumping portion includes: Front Legs: bandages, boots, bell boots and pastern rings. Hind Legs: only ankle boots are allowed with a smooth inner structure (without bulging, without fur etc). Boots must have a single or double-opposite Velcro fastener with at least 5 cm width (no straps or buckles etc.). Length of the hard shell

ankle boots is a maximum of 16 cm. The ankle boot shell must be completely closed and fit all the way around the pastern.

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Each stallion must wear the assigned bridle numbers any time he is out of his stall. Numbers must be worn on both the right and left sides of either the halter, bridle, or saddle pad.

USEF Rules for allowable snaffle bridles and bits per the USEF Dressage Rulebook will apply for the Dressage portion. For the Jumper portion the following are permitted: Each stallion must wear an English bridle. Allowable nosebands include dropped noseband, regular 'French' noseband, regular noseband with a flash attachment, or a Figure-8 noseband. A running martingale is allowed but may not be fixed. Standing martingales are not allowed. Allowable bits include single or double-jointed snaffles, mullen mouth, pelhams, or the Pessoa bit.

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Jumping Ability	25,0
Rideability	20,0
Overall impression	10,0
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If a stallion must be withdrawn before he has fully completed all parts of the test, no final result can be determined. If the test is not completed on applicant's request, no final result will be determined either.

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