

Riding Test

A riding test is, on the face of it, just like a dressage test. There is, however, one key difference; it is the rider who is being judged, not the horse.

The arena is just like a dressage arena, with the same lettering. Tests are described in the same way also.

The competition is about the rider performing the correct moves, giving the horse the correct signals and sitting properly. Of course, if the horse is not going well, the judge is likely to infer that the rider is not giving the proper aids.

The organisation of riding test competitions is the same as dressage competitions. Indeed, competitions are very often mixed; so the comments on dressage about starting the test are also true for riding tests.