

2026 NAPEC NOVICE TEST

<p>PURPOSE: To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics and that the rider maintains correct equitation, confirming that they are developing an understanding of correct and useful training. An understanding of test geometry and basics should be demonstrated. To show that rider understands how their seat and position correlates with their effectiveness and ongoing training.</p>	<p>Movements and Figures to be demonstrated: Walk; Trot; Canter; 20m Trot Circles; 20m Canter Circles</p>	<p><u>Conditions:</u> Average ride time: 4:30, suggest adding 2 min for scheduling purposes</p> <p><u>Arena Size: 20m X 60m</u></p>
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		Test	Directives	Points	Coef	Total	Remarks
1.	A X	Enter trot Halt, hand salute Proceed trot	Willing, calm transitions; straightness; attentiveness; immobility during hand salute		2		
2.	C E	Track left Circle left 20m	Shape and size of circle; bend and balance; +1.0 for correct diagonal				
3.	Between K & A	Canter left lead	Willing, calm transition; bend and balance in corner, straightness		1/2		
4.	A	Circle left 20m	Shape and size of circle; bend and balance		1/2		
5.	Between F & P	Trot	Willing, calm transition; straightness		1/2		
6.	Between P & B	Walk	Willing, calm transition; straightness				
7.	B - H	Change direction	Ground cover, marching walk; straightness				
8.	Between H & C	Trot	Willing, calm transition; straightness; bend and balance in corner				
9.	C	Circle right 20m	Shape and size of circle; bend and balance; +1.0 for correct diagonal				
10.	Between C & M	Canter right lead	Willing, calm transition; bend and balance in corner, straightness		1/2		
11.	B	Circle right 20m	Shape and size of circle; bend and balance		1/2		
12.	Between B & P	Trot	Willing, calm transition; straightness		1/2		
13.	A	Turn onto center line	Willing, bend and balance in turn; straightness				
14.	X	Halt, hand salute	Straightness; attentiveness; immobility during hand salute		2		

Leave arena at A in a walk with a long rein.

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COLLECTIVE MARKS	Points	Coef	Total	Remarks		
RIDER'S POSITION AND SEAT (Alignment; posture; stability; weight placement; following mechanics of the gaits)		3				
RIDER'S CORRECTIVE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF AIDS (Clarity; subtlety; independence; accuracy of test)		4				
GENERAL IMPRESSION (harmonious presentation of the rider/horse combination; discreet and effective influence of the aids)		3				
FURTHER REMARKS:						
To be deducted Errors of course and omissions are penalized			1st Time = 2 points 2nd Time = 4 points 3rd Time = Elimination		SUBTOTAL:	
					ERRORS: (-)	
					TOTAL POINTS: (Max Points: 230)	