

MARE RIDDEN PERFORMANCE TEST (IBOP)

Introduction

The aim of the Ridden Performance Test is to provide owners and breeders with a performance benchmark to assist in the breeding and selection process of the sports horse. On completion of the test a numerical score will be calculated for each horse (certificates issued to verify the result by the SSH Studbook Manager, at a later date). Scoring may take account of age and be biased toward potential.

The test is voluntary and initially open to all mares, with gelding and stallions to follow at a later date. The test will be judged throughout by , and will include the following sections:

1. **In hand:** Assessment of the horse for type, conformation, movement and temperament.
2. **Dressage:** to be scored on evaluation of gaits, athleticism, talent and attitude as a dressage horse.
3. **Jumping:** Under saddle and loose, judged on take-off, technique, scope and talent as a jumping horse.

REQUIREMENTS

- ↪ Open to SSH registered mares aged 4 years old and over.
- ↪ Mares should be free from hereditary defect and disease on entry.
- ↪ Mares must be presented plaited and properly turned out.
- ↪ Any dangerous behavior and/or vices displayed by any mare at the grading will be reported to the judges.
- ↪ Once issued the IBOP Test Certificate the result will remain with that horse for life. The score will be linked to the stallion/dam breeding data.
- ↪ The judges decision will always be final and it is deemed a condition of entry that no liability whatsoever for damages, accident or injury whether real or implied to persons, vehicles, equipment, businesses or horses will be accepted in any way by the Scottish Sports Horse, its officials or judges, in connection with the event and that the owners/riders and their representatives agree to abide by the regulations in force throughout.
- ↪ Snaffle bridle (single, simple, smooth-mouthed) with no more than 2 joints, thick metal or rubber is to be used. No twisted or wire mouthed pieces are allowed. A plain cavesson noseband must be used (no flash, figure-eight or drop nosebands allowed).
- ↪ Martingales, draw reins or any other artificial aids are not permitted in any phase.

- ↪ Bandages, tendon boots and over-reach boots are not permitted in the dressage.
- ↪ Open fronted tendon boots only are permitted in the jumping under saddle and loose jumping.
- ↪ Rider: Spurs are allowed provided they are blunt and well rounded.
- ↪ Whips: Maximum of 75cm.
- ↪ Hats: Riders must wear protective headgear and be up to British Safety Standards.
- ↪ Breed papers and passport may be checked by Judges or SSH officials.
- ↪ The Test will be held indoors in an arena, which is to be a minimum of 20m x 40m.
- ↪ The owner of the horse can request that the width and height of the fences be altered. This request must be made on the entry form with the understanding that these circumstances will necessitate riding last.
- ↪ Once the first horse has commenced the test no complaint can be lodged regarding the course.
- ↪ Order of Test: All horses will go in catalogue order, with the dressage phase first, followed by jumping under saddle, and lastly loose jumping.
- ↪ **Note** – The mare can be presented more than once (but not in the same year) in an attempt to increase her IBOP Score.

SCHEDULE

SCORING OF ALL THREE PHASES:

0 – Not Performed	1 – Very Bad
2 – Bad	3 – Fairly Bad
4 – Insufficient	5 – Sufficient
6 – Satisfactory	7 – Fairly Good
8 – Good	9 – Very Good
	10 - Excellent

PHASE ONE – IN HAND PRESENTATION

All entrants **MUST** be graded in hand at an SSH Grading in accordance with the grading regulations.

PHASE TWO – DRESSAGE

The dressage will take place at a Grading or at an individual IBOP day.

It is not judged as in a dressage test, but receives an overall score based on general evaluation of the gaits, attitude, impulsion and obedience etc. Accuracy is secondary and errors of course are not counted. Trot may be ridden sitting or rising.

Unsound horses will be disqualified

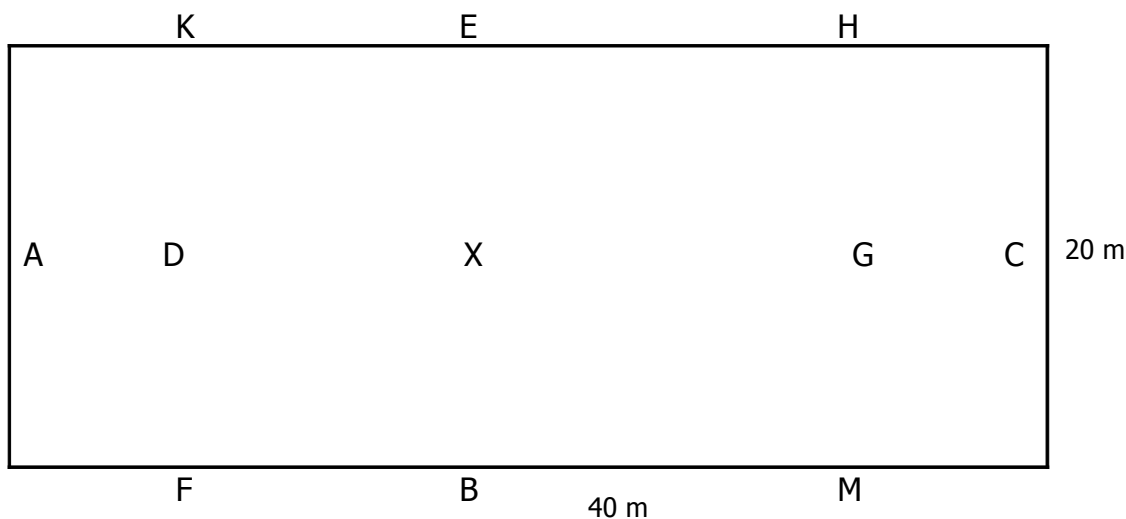
An "in arena" warm-up of two minutes is allowed. Both parts are integral components of the IBOP Test, and both must be completed before the IBOP Score is awarded.

MARKS are given as follows:

Walk	0 – 10
Trot	0 – 10
Canter	0 – 10
Talent as a Dressage Horse	0 – 10 (x 2)

At the request of the jury certain parts of the test may have to be shown again. The score is given in decimals. The dressage may be conducted around the jumping obstacles set up for the jumping section, or in a separate arena, as facilities allow.

The dressage will take place in a 20m x 40m arena, as follows:



Mare Performance Dressage test:

At A	Enter at Working Trot
Between D & X	Working Walk
Between X & G	Halt, Salute and Proceed at Working Trot
At C	Track Right
At A	Serpentine three loops finishing at C
At C	Track Right
M to K	Change Rein at Medium Trot
At K	Working Trot
Between A & F	Walk
F to H	Change Rein at Free Walk
At H	Medium Walk
At C	Working Trot
At B	Medium Canter, Circle Right 20m Diameter
B – F – A – K	Working Canter
K to H	Medium Canter
H	Working Canter
Between C & M	Working Trot
M – B – F – A – K	Working Trot
K to M	Change The Rein at Medium Trot
M	Working Trot
M – C – H – E	Working Trot
E	Working Trot, Circle Left 20m Diameter (allowing horse to stretch neck)
E – K – A	Working Trot
A	Medium Walk
B	Working Trot
Between M & C	Working Canter, Left
H to K	Medium Canter
K to A	Working Canter
Between A & F	Working Trot
Between M & C	Walk
Between H & F	Change the rein in free walk
A	Down Centre Line
Between D & X	Halt, Salute then leave arena

PHASE THREE – JUMPING UNDER SADDLE AND LOOSE

3 years – 4 years Minimum of 80cm/Maximum of 1.15m at the request of judge/rider
5 years + Minimum of 90cm/Maximum of 1.25m at the request of judge/rider

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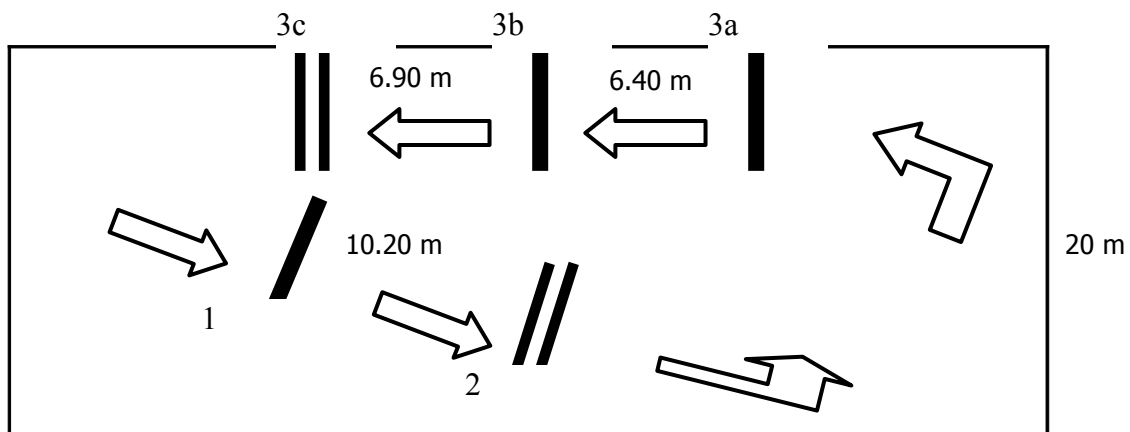
Take Off	0 – 10
Technique	0 – 10
Scope	0 – 10
Talent as a Jumping Horse	0 – 10 (x 2)

The points will be awarded for the jumping after both the ridden and loose jumping phases have been done. The score is given in decimals.

JUMPING UNDER SADDLE

- ↪ The whole course MUST be completed and unsound horses will be disqualified.
- ↪ After three refusals the horse is automatically disqualified, but will be encouraged to jump by adjusting (lowering) a fence. This is at the discretion of the judges.
- ↪ The jury will stand in the ring and may request the horse to jump a second round.
- ↪ In the ridden section the fences will consist of the following:
 - ↪ Fence 1 – A vertical which will be 10.20m from Fence 2
 - ↪ Fence 2 – An oxer
 - ↪ Fence 3 – Will consist of a combination of three elements:
 - A vertical that will be 6.40m from,
 - A second vertical that will be 6.90m from,
 - An oxer

↪ Horses will be required to jump all the above fences twice, shown in the diagram below:



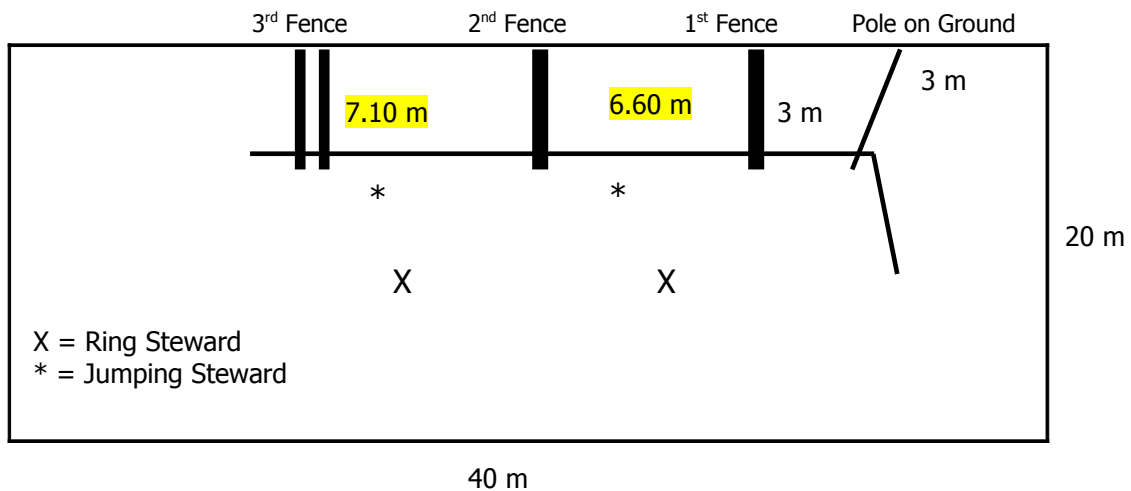
NO CIRCLES may be ridden between jun^{40 m}

LOOSE JUMPING

Horses will be required to enter the loose jumping arena and proceed through a small grid/combination, which will gradually increase in height to finish with the measurements and distances similar to the grid/combination jumped under saddle.

MARKS are given as follows:

Attitude	0 – 10
Technique	0 – 10
Scope	0 – 10



PHASE FOUR – SCORING

The scoring system is on a zero to ten scale as mentioned before. The IBOP Test will be scored as described as before mentioned, bearing a possible total of 100 points.

Horses MUST score one of the following:

Dressage	50 points or more with basic gaits no less than 6
Jumping	50 points or more
Combination	70 points in Jumping and Dressage Combined