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Guidelines for Stallion Performance Tests of the German riding horse breeds (HLP-Rules) of the German Equestrian Federation (FN)

Introduction

In the exercise of its special responsibility for the sustainable promotion and coordination of horse breeding,

with the intent to strengthen the co-operation of the FN, the participating breeders' associations, the performance testing stations and the state authorities in conducting the stallion performance tests and

with the aim to objectively and comprehensively inform breeders and buyers of breeding products about the capabilities of the tested stallions,

the FN has issued the following guidelines for the stallion performance tests of the German riding horse breeds.

The associated member associations of the FN have significantly contributed to developing the HLP-Rules and have discussed them with the representatives of the performance testing stations, the stallion holders and the animal breeding authorities of the German federal states.

The breeders' associations have committed themselves to promptly and fully incorporate the HLP-Rules into their by-laws. They are entitled to refer to these rules in their currently valid by-laws (constitutions and studbook regulations of the breeders' associations).

Deviations from the HLP-Rules are permissible only if this is expressly mentioned in the HLP-Rules.

The Advisory Board of the FN issued the HLP-Rules on December 03, 2014, and with the amendments adopted in December 2022, these Rules will become applicable as of January 1th, 2023.

A General regulations for the Stallion Performance Tests of the German riding horse breeds

A 1. Legal provisions and other basic principles

Besides the relevant regulations as stated in the Community, German and Federal Law, especially with regards to the German animal breeding act (TierZG) and its implementing regulations, the HLP-Rules are based on

- the animal protection act, prohibiting expressly to instruct and to train an animal if this is associated with considerable pain, suffering or damages for the animal,
- the guidelines of the BMEL (Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection), determining the basic principles for testing stallions of the German riding horse breeds and outlining the requirements to perfectly prepare the stallions for this event,
- the guidelines of the BMEL “Assessment of horse husbandry in terms of animal protection” as well as “Animal protection in equitation” as basis for keeping, handling and training the stallions before and during the performance test,
- the basic principles of the FN for preparing stallions for a performance test, summarized in a brochure issued by the FN about preparing, starting and riding young horses

in its latest valid version.

The HLP-Rules address the individual breeding programs of the breeders' associations.

A 2. Purpose and responsibilities

The HLP-Rules aim to standardize the testing procedures and the accompanying parameters to optimize the comparison of the tests at the different testing stations.

Performance tests and breed value estimations are fundamental elements in breeding programs to select breeding animals. The performance test is a procedure to determine the animals' capabilities, which also comprises the animals' hereditary properties. The breed value estimation is based on the results of statistical methods that examine the hereditary influence of individual animals on the capabilities of their offspring (breed value) whilst taking economic efficiency into account as results out of the outcome of the performance tests. The breeding programs stipulate that stallion performance tests for stallions of the German riding horse breeds are to be conducted according to the accepted general regulations of equestrian sport at stationary or field tests (special sports tests for stallions) or from tournaments results.

To register the stallions with particular divisions in the studbook or to select the stallions to be used or to participate at specific parts of the breeding program, the results of a stationary performance test or a sport test for stallions conducted according to these HLP-Rules will be the exclusive criteria, especially the weighted end results.

The breeders' associations or, under certain national legal provisions the local authorities or their commissioned authorities, are responsible for conducting the performance tests and sports tests for stallions.

If the breeders' associations are responsible for the stallion performance tests, they shall instruct the FN as the "general contractor" with the animal breeding implementation of the stallion performance test according to the directives of these HLP-Rules. The FN shall instruct the performance testing stations as well as the test venues (Organizer) as participants.

Boarding and care of the stallions registered for stationary tests is bilaterally agreed upon between the applicant of each stallion and the corresponding performance testing station.

The HLP-Rules are not designed to regulate horse show tests as stipulated in the LPO or to conduct performance tests with the aim to assess the outward appearance of stallions.

All regulations stipulated in paragraph A are substantiated and supplemented by the provisions as stipulated in paragraph B, C and D without any additional mention.

A 3. Definition

For the purpose of the HLP-Rules, the following applies:

- Breeders' associations participating in this system have to be officially approved and have to be registered members of the German FN.
- Performance tests for stallions are tests that have to be conducted in accordance with Animal Breeding Law (TierZG), the respective legal provisions, the specific regulations of the ZVO, the LPO as well as in accordance with the guidelines as outlined in the HLP-Rules.
- Only the owner or the proprietor of the stallion to be tested can register the stallion for the performance test. The applicant has to be member of an FN-associated breeders' association.

A 4. Addressees, exhibitor's commitment declaration

The HLP-Rules have been issued for exhibitors (owner, proprietors) and breeders of the stallions to be tested as well as for experts (according to paragraph A 13. of the HLP-Rules), representatives of the breeders' associations and other participating institutions and persons.

By registering the stallion for the performance test, the exhibitor has to acknowledge in writing or electronically that he accepts the HLP-Rules, the LPO and the ZVO, and he has to declare that he has taken note of the contents.

Provided the registering person is not the owner of the stallion, he has to declare in writing that the owner accepts the registration of his stallion and the corresponding commitment declaration.

A 5. Performance testing stations and venues

Stallion performance tests of the German riding horse breeds can only be held at approved testing stations and venues. The Approval for the testing stations consists in

the fact that they are selected by the breeding associations and confirmed by the FN Breeding Advisory Board.

Other stationary testing stations or venues can apply for admission in writing with the FN Advisory Board Breeding. The associated breeders' associations in the FN Advisory Board Breeding will be involved in the decision, taking into consideration if the station can guarantee that the station resp. test venue (Organizer) will conduct the test in accordance with the HLP-Rules.

To comply with the idea of standardized parameters, the stallion performance testing stations accepted by the FN Advisory Board Breeding are prohibited to test stallions, ridden or trained within a period of 100 days before the start of the test by employees of the corresponding station. Stallions that have to repeat their test within 100 days are excluded from this regulation. This also applies stallions owned by the stallion testing station or persons in charge, as well as stallions partially owned by the corresponding testing station or persons in charge. Leased stallions are neither allowed to complete their performance test in the corresponding testing station. Infringements of this rule shall result in an exclusion of the corresponding stallion.

Suggestions for further test venues can be given by breeder's associations to the FN (department breeding). The decision whether a test venue can be accepted is made by the FN (department breeding) in cooperation with the breeder's associations.

A 6. Number of registered stallions

Stallion performance tests are carried out in groups. The minimum number of registered stallions is based on scientific standards to provide sound and comparable results.

A minimum quantity of firmly registered stallions is required for a 3-days performance test resp. a sport performance test for stallions. The specific regulations of each particular test mode stipulate minimum quantity of registered stallions required as well as the registration deadlines. The FN Advisory Board Breeding fixes maximum registration quantities for the individual performance testing stations.

A 7. Selection of testing station by the exhibitor

The exhibitor chooses the individual performance testing station – in accordance with the available capacity of the testing station, the quantity of stallions to be registered and the registration requirements. The decision is also obligatory for the proprietor if the exhibitor is also the owner.

A 8. Registration procedure

Only those registrations are considered that have been submitted by means of a system offered by the FN and the breeders' associations.

A registration will be binding and effective if the FN informs the applicant that it will accept the registration for the specifically named testing station after expiry of the deadline. The applicant is entitled to withdraw his registration free of charge until the end of the registration period. Upon acceptance of the FN, registration shall be binding and fees shall become due.

After expiry of the deadline, the number of binding registrations decides on whether the stallion performance test will be conducted at the particular testing station resp. venue.

In case a Stallion Performance Test has to be cancelled due to force majeure, there shall be no legal claim to participate at the testing round for which the registration was submitted.

All registrations will be considered in chronological order of receipt of the binding registrations

A 9. Publication and application of test results

The single scores are published immediately after completion of the testing period. The exhibitor of the stallion shall receive a preliminary test certificate, issued by the FN, outlining the results as stipulated in the Specific Regulations of these HLP-Rules as well as the average results achieved in the testing group.

The FN publishes the results immediately after each testing period on the internet. The exhibitor of the stallions shall receive the final test certificate including all results, as stipulated in the Specific Regulations, by post.

It is prohibited to make use of test results that are not published by the FN.

The FN shall provide the associated breeders' associations with the test results upon prior request.

The owners or proprietors of the participating stallions are committed to accept the publication and the exchange of data of all stallions for performance testing purposes, for the breed value estimation, the studbook registration and for identification purposes. This tolerance commitment has to be particularly mentioned in the exhibitor's commitment declaration (see paragraph A 4.).

A 10. Submitting an appeal with the HLP Appeal Commission

The affected exhibitor of a stallion shall be entitled to enter an objection in the context of the HLP-Rules.

The objection cannot be based on the fact that the Evaluation Commission has made an incorrect decision in decisions which are subject to its free discretion, unless the discretion has been misused. The Evaluation Commission has the discretion to particularly assess the stallion on the basis of the performance actually shown in the stallion performance test.

The detailed appeal should be addressed to the HLP Appeal Commission, Freiherr- von-Langen-Str. 13, D-48231 Warendorf, within two weeks after announcement of the decision in writing.

An advance on costs of Euro 1,000 has to be enclosed or to be provided latest with expiry of the period of appeal.

The losing party shall bear the costs of the proceedings, consisting of fees and expenditures of the HLP Appeal Commission and the necessary expenditures of all persons involved as far as they are necessary and suitable for the prosecution.

The party that withdraws the appeal shall bear the costs. The costs can be reduced.

It is prohibited to recourse to regular courts of law unless the responsibility of the HLP

Appeal Commission is justified.

The HLP Appeal Commission decides on the basis of the rules of procedure that are part of these HLP-Rules (attachment 25).

A 11. Liability

The liability of the FN for damages to property and financial loss of any kind whatsoever and the respective consequences – irrespective of the legal ground – occurring to the exhibitor (owner, proprietor) and caused by the FN, its legal representatives, vicarious agents or commissioners, is limited to intention and gross negligence unless the breach of duty does not affect main or principal contractual obligations (cardinal obligation). In case of minor negligence of violating cardinal obligations, the liability of the FN, its legal representatives, vicarious agents or commissioners is restricted to foreseeable, typical damages. In the event of minor negligence, the liability of the FN, its vicarious agents or commissioners and legal representatives for financial loss as regards indirect damages, in particular consequential damages, unforeseeable damages or untypical damages or lost profit, is excluded. The FN, its vicarious agents or commissioners shall be held liable according to the requirements of the law for intention, gross negligence, for injury to life or health, in case of assumption of a guarantee for the properties of a service as well as in other cases of mandatory legal liability.

The extent of liability of the associated institutions, their vicarious agents or other commissioners involved in the stallion performance test amongst themselves and/or to third parties, especially in respect of the proprietor or owner, results from the respective agreements or as stipulated in the articles of the associations.

B Specific regulations for the 50-days performance test for stallions of the German riding horse breeds

B 1. Basic regulations

Performance tests at testing stations are conducted without interruptions. The stallions are prohibited to leave the testing station during the test. An exception from this rule is only possible if – in case of illness – it is not possible to make a diagnosis or to treat the stallion at the testing station. In this case, it is permitted to move the stallion to a vet clinic upon common instigation of the station veterinarian and the head trainer. In case of immediate danger for the stallion's life and health (emergency situation) a prior consent is expendable. A report has to be issued for the examinations and treatments carried out during the stallion's absence due to illness, to be signed by the exhibitor and the externally treating vet and to be handed over to the station veterinarian or the head trainer after return.

B 2. Admission requirements

Eligible to the 50-days performance tests are three to seven-year-olds stallions which fulfill the following requirements. The test for three-years-old stallions begins at the earliest on October 1st of each year.

Only those stallions are accepted to participate at the stallion performance test that were bindingly registered, age-appropriately trained and fit, that are familiar with the test components, and for which the documents given below B 6 can be submitted on the day of delivery. The stallions have to meet the criteria of constitution, fitness, well-being, health and composure as outlined in paragraph 4 of the BMEL-guidelines of the performance tests for stallions of the German riding horse breed.

With the registration, the exhibitor has to show proof that the stallion is registered with the main studbook of a participating breeders' association and that he meets the genealogical standards to be registered with the stallion book, category I. Otherwise, he can only qualify for the test if a participating breeders' association confirms in writing that the stallion complies with the genealogical requirements to be registered with the stallion book, category I, or that he can be accepted for their breeding program.

Stallions that fulfill the before mentioned standards in regards to the studbook registration can also belong to a refining breed, as is outlined in the breeding program of the breeders' associations.

Stallions are NOT accepted to participate at the stallion performance if

- they were treated with drugs or other prohibited pharmaceuticals according to paragraph C encl. I or II of the LPO;
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).

B 3. Registration

Only those registrations are considered that have been submitted by means of a system (www.hengstleistungspruefung.de) offered by the FN and the breeders' associations. The test is offered in the two specific disciplines dressage and jumping. The applicant shall choose to register his stallion for a testing round, either focused on dressage or jumping.

Following the registration, the FN will issue a catalogue, showing all stallions with catalogue numbers and starting with the youngest stallion.

B 4. Minimum number of registered stallions

To provide sound and comparable results, a minimum number of 20 stallions per testing round is necessary, registered within the given deadlines and in accordance with the given admission requirements. Where capacity allows, a maximum number of 40 stallions per testing round is permitted.

After expiry of the registration deadline, the FN shall inform the exhibitors and the testing stations whether the performance test can be held. If this is not possible because the minimum number of registrations has not been reached, the exhibitors have the opportunity to re-register their stallion for another test, provided the period for re-registration and the capacity of the testing station are not exceeded.

If it becomes apparent that testing rounds have to be cancelled due to the unmet minimum number of registrations, the FN reserves the right to pool the testing rounds together at one place, provided a minimum of 20 stallions have been registered.

Should it become necessary, due to the number of re-registered stallions, to increase the maximum number of registered participants, the FN reserves the right to accept this to a minor extend.

B 5. Fees, Service contract

The exhibitor shall settle the registration fee (administration and test fees) with the Breeding Department of the FN upon registration.

In any event, the administration fee remains with the FN. If the stallion will not be delivered to the testing station, the testing fee shall be forwarded to the corresponding testing station to compensate for lost profit.

If the stallion has been registered for the test by retroactive registration and if he fails to compete, the late registration fee shall be refunded to the applicant. In this case, the testing fee shall also remain with the FN and be forwarded to the corresponding testing station to compensate for lost profit.

The registration fee does not include any costs for the services of the testing station such as boarding, feeding and care during the horse's stay at the station. To ensure that these service offers are available, the exhibitor is committed to conclude a service offer with the testing station before the performance test starts.

B 6. Delivery of stallions

At the arrival of the stallions, the Quality Management Commission has to check that all

admission standards, criteria and guidelines as stipulated under item B 2. and B 6.1. have been fulfilled.

B 6.1. Documents to be presented upon delivery

The following documents have to be presented for each stallion upon delivery:

- the horse passport with all proofs of vaccination required according to the LPO-guidelines. A separate service contract must be made with the performance testing station to regulate any additional vaccinations that exceed the standards stipulated in the LPO. To avoid the risk of spreading disease, additional immunizations may become mandatory in individual cases;
- an up-to-date breeding certificate;
- a certificate of health, confirmed by the official veterinarian less than five days old, stating that the stallion and his home stock are free from any signs of contagious, infectious diseases
- a certificate, stating that the stallion is no carrier of equine viral arteritis (EVA). This certificate has to be issued by an accredited laboratory that is qualified and certified to conduct the examination according to the recommendations of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (the current edition of the "Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals"). The following methods of proof are possible:
 - for stallions with a negative virus neutralisation test (VNT) and an antibody titre in the blood of $< 1:4$: submission of a certificate, stating that the sampling was taken seven to fourteen days before delivery_ **OR**
 - for stallions with a positive virus neutralisation test (VNT) and an antibody titre in the blood of $\geq 1:4$: submission of two certified proofs of negative testing for equine viral arteritis in the sperm (virus isolation and PCR) less than 120 days old, all samplings being taken at intervals of at least one day. **OR**
 - submission of a certified proof of negative virus status in the sperm, less than 120 days old, if the stallion was at least three times properly vaccinated against equine viral arteritis with the vaccine Artervac (vaccination certificate). **OR**
 - for stallions changing from an insemination station (EU or national) to a stallion performance testing station and that are regularly sampled every 30 days as is legally required and that show a negative virus neutralisation test (VNT) with an antibody titre in the blood of $<1:4$, it shall be sufficient to submit the current results. If the legally required 30 days are exceeded during the stallion performance test, the testing station shall be entitled to ask the station vet to take the next required sampling during the current testing round. The stallion keeper shall be obliged to inform and instruct the responsible head trainer accordingly. The stallion keeper shall bear all costs.

B 6.2. Information provided by the exhibitor

Latest upon delivery of the stallion, the exhibitor shall inform the performance

testing station in writing about special features or vices of the stallion that are important for his stabling, care, handling, health maintenance and the stallion performance test. This is also the latest time allowed the exhibitor should inform the team about earlier injuries or diseases so as to ensure that this information can be considered in case of future treatments. The exhibitor shall bear the consequences (for example liability for damages) resulting from omitted, incomplete or incorrect information.

B 6.3. Control of veterinarian standards

Every stallion shall be examined upon arrival by the Quality Management Commission (see also paragraph B 7.) according to veterinarian standards.

The stallion shall be tested while standing, in the walk and in the trot. Besides an examination of the general condition, the teeth will be checked and it will be assessed whether orthopaedic measures might become necessary.

B 6.4. Testing under the saddle

Every stallion is tested upon arrival for his behaviour during handling and under the rider. The age-appropriate development and the state of fitness are tested, too. The stallion has to be shown by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's representative. The presentation in the presence of the Evaluation Commission (also members of the QM-Commission) is meant to give a first impression of the stallion as is laid down under B a) 1. or B b) 1. and is to be included in the performance assessment during the whole testing period.

B 7. Veterinary care and control

The Quality Management Commission (QM-Commission) has to control and record health, capabilities and the corresponding suitability of the registered stallions for the test.

The QM-Commission will be appointed by the FN for each testing period and is made up of

- the head trainer;
- a representative of the FN (FN-Commissioner);
- the station veterinarian;
- two judges (members of the Evaluation Commission).

If necessary, the FN is entitled to nominate

- a representative of an associated breeders' association;
- another veterinarian;
- the official veterinarian of the local veterinarian office;

as additional members of the QM-Commission.

The performance testing station shall bear the costs for the station veterinarian.

The QM-Commission will be responsible

- for the vet check upon arrival of the stallions;
- for the stallion's qualification for the final test.

The results of the checks are recorded in a delivery report as outlined in the sample according to attachment 1 and in an inspection and examination report as outlined in the sample according to attachment 2.

Besides these examinations, the station veterinarian will be responsible for the veterinary care and treatment of the stallions during their entire stay at the station. The veterinarian care and treatment and the corresponding billing has to be settled in the service contract with the corresponding testing station (see paragraph B 5).

A stable book has to be issued for each stallion for the entire length of his stay at the testing station, and the vet has to enter each veterinarian check, treatment or medication.

Should it be impossible to show a stallion for health reason at one valuation date of the test, this has to be confirmed by a vet certificate, issued by the station veterinarian.

B 8. FN-Commissioner and experts

The FN is the general contractor and responsible for the execution of the stallion performance test. The FN-commissioner is its legal representative at the testing station for the time of the testing.

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

- *head trainer;*
- *two judges;*
- *two test riders as well as*
- *one station veterinarian.*

The associated breeders' associations in the Advisory Board Breeding of the FN participate in the decision about the nomination of a pool of experts and the FN-commissioners. This decision is made every two years. Variations to this regulation require the specific request of a FN-associated breeders' association.

It is prohibited to nominate breeding managers or members of the executive board of breeding associations into the board of experts. Experts are allowed to execute this office until the age of 75.

The experts are responsible to avoid any suspicion of partiality (for example relatives, breeders, owners, trainers, employer-employee relation, economic relationship). Persons who worked as a Trainer for or with an owner, exhibitor, or rider or used to train a competing stallion within the last 100 days, are considered to be biased.

The FN will assign the FN-commissioner, training judges, test judges and test riders from this pool of experts for each testing round.

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

B 8.1. The head trainer (TL)

Minimum qualification

- “Pferdewirtschaftsmeister” acc. to the Instruction Examination Rules (APO) of the FN,
- does not necessarily have to be a show judge.

His main duties are as follows:

- participation in the QM-commission;
- participation in the commission; he will not be able to present the stallions on days of training controls;
- issuing a training schedule for the training period;
- outlining the daily schedule;
- assigning the training riders;
- providing information to training judges and FN-commissioners;
- supervision of an appropriate handling and well-being of the stallions;
- furnishing information to the exhibitors of the stallions as regards constitution and well-being of the stallions;
- deciding on the possible exclusion of a stallion in co-operation with the FN-commissioner and at least one other expert of the testing round;
- coordination of the final test;
- consultation with the judges of the procedure of the free jumping;
- control of compliance of the basic standards of these HLP-Rules as well as issuing records about each stallion’s lost training days;
- written reports on vices and abnormal behaviour during the test and providing these documents for the corresponding breeders’ association.

B 8.2. The judges (R)

Qualification: and tasks

- Judge riding acc. to APO with qualification DL/SL/BA required

Their main duties are as follows:

- participation in the QM-commission;
- assessing and evaluating of testing criteria;
- taking influence on the procedure of the training during the training visits;
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the training in co-operation with the FN-commissioner and the head trainer.

B 8.3. The test riders (FR)

Qualifications:

- Test riders have to be “Pferdewirt” acc. to the APO or have to qualify through a corresponding other qualification.

Their main duties are:

- riding the test exercises as stipulated in the LPO;
- assessing and evaluating the test criteria “rideability test rider”.

B 8.4. The station veterinarian

has the following tasks:

- supervision and health check of stallions during the test;
- working in the “Quality Management Commission”;
- deciding on the external treatment of a stallion in co-operation with the head trainer;
- contributing to the decision on the exclusion of a stallion if veterinarian aspects have to be considered.

B 8.5. The FN-commissioner

is the representative of the FN and contact person for the training judges, the test judges, the test riders and the head trainer as well as for the testing station, and he is also responsible for

- organisational support of the training judges;
- control of the schedule and execution of the test as well as supervising the quality standards of the testing station;
- issuing a report about the basic conditions and the schedule at the testing station, especially also particular happenings or conditions with possibly disturbing influences on the test or the results of the test;
- registering the scores and entering them into the analysis and result system;
- execution of result analysis;
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion in co-operation with the head trainer and at least one other expert.

B 9. Evaluation guidelines

The test standards are evaluated in accordance with § 14 ZVO by awarding scores on a scale from 1 to 10, separated in steps of half grades.

<i>10 = excellent</i>	<i>5 = sufficient</i>
<i>9 = very good</i>	<i>4 = insufficient</i>
<i>8 = good</i>	<i>3 = fairly bad</i>
<i>7 = fairly good</i>	<i>2 = bad</i>
<i>6 = satisfactory</i>	<i>1 = very bad</i>

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

Besides, a specification shall be issued to determine breed-relevant criteria when it comes to groups of feature such as quality of basic gaits (walk, trot, canter), disposition for jumping, rideability, character and overall impression by means of linear description.

B 10. Equipment of horse and rider

The equipment of horses and riders has to comply with the riding guidelines and the basic principles of accident prevention and animal protection.

Equipment rider:

A shock-resistant and splinter-proof riding helmet with three- or four-points web harness is compulsory for all riders.

The following accessories are permissible as is laid down in § 68 LPO:

- A pair of spurs (max. length of the shank 4.5 cm including a moving 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. 75 cm (incl. ending) for all training and test sessions that include jumping passages, max. 120 cm long (incl. ending) for all other training and test sessions.

Equipment horse:

During the training and all other parts of the final test that require jumping fences, the equipment as stipulated for development classes according to the LPO § 70 (jumper performance test) is allowed. However, it is only allowed to put on leg protection on the front legs. The same applies for the free jumping.

Bridles and bits are only permitted in accordance with § 70 B.I. LPO, so straight bits, three-ring bits and pelhams are not permitted.

B 11. Non-admission and exclusion from the test

B 11.1. Non-admission

A stallion is not eligible for the test if

- the admission requirements as stipulated under paragraph B 2. have not been fulfilled;
- the stallion arrives later than within the period of time stipulated;
- the Quality Management Commission notices health or constitutional problems or lack of fitness upon delivery;
- the vaccination regulations of the LPO and/or the additional vaccination regulations of the individual testing station have not been fulfilled;
- the exhibitor fails to present the required documents upon delivery;
- it is not possible to present the stallion under saddle upon delivery.

The QM-Commission decides whether a stallion is non-eligible.

B 11.2. Exclusion

A stallion shall be excluded from the performance test

- if proof about a prohibited medication or manipulation is apparent (see paragraph B 12.);
- if the exhibitor has not informed the team at the testing station about special features or vices of the stallion, latest upon delivery, and if these special features or vices make the handling or the testing of the stallion considerably difficult or even impossible;
- if the stallion's behaviour is dangerous for the staff responsible, for himself or other stallions participating at the test;
- if the stallion's semen gets collected during the stallion performance test, if the stallion is used for breeding or if he participates at tournaments or other

- events;
- if proof of an infringement of the provisions of the LPO or the HLP-Rules as regards the stallion becomes apparent or
 - if the stallion is removed from the testing station
 - without providing a corresponding order, issued by the station veterinarian in co-operation with the head trainer
 - or
 - even though no emergency situation threatens life and health of the stallion.

At least two experts involved in the test and the FN-commissioner shall decide on the exclusion of the stallion.

Exhibitors are prohibited to remove a stallion from the regular test. Only the station veterinarian, the FN-commissioner and the head trainer are entitled to induce the stallion to finally leave the test. Provided an exhibitor withdraws his stallion from the current testing round without permission and without medical justification, he intentionally violates the HLP-Rules accepted when registering the stallion for the test. In such a case, the stallion will be excluded and the termination of the test will be published in the corresponding result lists (without test result, termination upon applicant's request).

B 12. Medication control, exclusion of stallions

The vet responsible for the stallion performance test in co-operation with another expert or FN-commissioner, is entitled to take drug tests during the stallion performance test at any time. The drug tests are taken in accordance with part C, article. 7, of the implementation provision for drug tests of the LPO. All negative medication controls will be officially published by the FN.

In case the results show positive evidence of unlawful medication or manipulation – according to paragraph B 2. of these HLP-Rules – 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. The test is considered in both cases as started, and will be assessed as the stallion's try, even though the stallion was already excluded earlier. The owner of the test certificate is committed to return the certificate to the FN after no appeal has been issued. The revocation of an issued test certificate has to be officially announced by the FN with appropriate reasons as soon as it has become incontestable. The official offices of the FN member breeding associations responsible for riding horses shall be informed accordingly.

B a) 50-day performance test for stallions – Focus Dressage

B a) 1. Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The head trainer and the experts have to know the age of the tested stallions so that the tested performances match the individual age of each stallion.

The requirements are scaled as follows:

- 3-year-old stallions:
 - Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a riding horse ability class. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise (enclosure 5) during the final test.
- 4-year-old stallions:
 - Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a novice level dressage horse ability competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise (enclosure 6) during the final test.
- 5-year-old stallions:
 - Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of an elementary level dressage horse ability competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise (enclosure 7) during the final test.
- 6- and 7-year-old stallions:
 - Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a medium level dressage horse ability competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise (enclosure 8) during the final test.

The features of the required performance level are checked upon delivery of the stallions. Stallions who do not match the corresponding requirements will not qualify for the test resp. be excluded from the test.

On top of that, scores will be also given for the jumping abilities of the dressage stallions, independent from their age, by means of jumping gymnastic exercises.

The Evaluation Commission gains repeatedly information and impressions about the stallions during the whole testing period and awards a common score for the following features at the end of the test:

1. Interior
 - Character / temperament
 - Work ethic
2. Trot
3. Canter
4. Walk
5. Rideability Evaluation Commission
6. Ability over the fences
7. Overall impressions

Two test riders will judge the rideability. The two test rider scores will result in the following feature:

8. Rideability test riders (incl. disposition as dressage horse)

The basic gaits and the rideability of the stallions are judged while presented under the rider. The riders of the testing station will also judge the feature „ability over the fences“.

The stallion´s presentation during delivery and the other inspection dates provide the Evaluation Commission with information and impressions on the stallion´s disposition. Joint scores for each individual feature mentioned above will be given.

The inspections by the Evaluation Commission are carried out as follows:

- Day 1 + 2:
 - Inspection of basic gaits and rideability (incl. age-appropriate exercises) under the applicant or a person appointed by him on the day of delivery.
 - Inspection of basic gaits under the station rider on the second day. The Evaluation Committee will gain first information and impressions that will be included in the final result.
- Week 4:
 - Inspection of basic gaits and rideability under the station rider and the first test rider on the first day. The test rider judges rideability incl. disposition as dressage horse.
 - The station riders will present the stallions on the second day. The training will include individual jumps and simple jump sequences (enclosure 10) to assess the jumping ability.
- Day 49 + 50:
 - On the first day, the Evaluation Commission judges basic gaits and rideability of the stallions in an age-appropriate, standard exercise (enclosure 5 – 8), presented by the station rider.
 - On the second day, the second test rider will judge rideability and disposition as dressage horse.

A representative of the FN will attend all inspection dates.

The testing dates on the occasion of delivery and dates for the final testing have already been fixed. The schedule for interim tests is likely to vary.

The presentation of the stallions to check the basic gaits will be held in the so-called merging system. The presentation will be in accordance with the instructions of the Evaluation Commission. The stallions will be shown in a standard exercise (see page 21) on day 49 only.

Due to external circumstances, the experts and the FN-commissioner may agree on checking the features in a different order.

During the training inspections, the training commission is entitled to set up extent and intensity of the training according to each stallion´s individual basic conditions.

Provided a stallion fails to participate at one of the inspection dates due to health issues, it is up to the Evaluation Commission whether to inspect the stallion another day, provided insufficient information and impression have been gained so far to ensure a final result.

B a) 2. Evaluation of features and determination of results

During the 50-days performance test focused on Dressage, one weighted final dressage score will be worked out in addition. When determining this 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 %)
Interior*	10,0
Trot	18,0
Canter	18,0
Walk	18,0
Rideability Evaluation Commission	10,0
Ability over the fences	6,0
Overall impression	10,0
Rideability test riders	10,0
Sum weighting factor	100,00

* Interior = Character/temperament and work ethic (equal parts)

The weighted final dressage score is the official result of the 50-day stallion performance test, focused on dressage.

There will be no score alterations made when determining the results of stallions different in age.

Provided a stallion fails to participate at the inspection "ability over the fences" due to health issues, the inspection will be repeated any other day of the test.

Provided a stallion fails to participate at the inspection of the Evaluation Commission the 4th week before at least one score for the feature "rideability test rider" and "ability over the fences" is available, no result will be given for this testing round. In this case, no individual scores for the features will be published.

Provided a stallion has to be withdrawn in the 4th week after the second inspection (2 days) and at least one score for the features "rideability test rider" and "ability over the fences" is available, it is up to the Evaluation Commission to decide whether the results obtained so far are sufficient to ensure a reliable and secured assessment and awarding of scores for the individual features. In this case, the scores awarded so far shall be taken as final result. It is required that the stallion has completed all partial evaluations of the preceding test.

Provided a stallion can only participate at one test rider inspection, the result shall count as final score for the feature „rideability test rider“.

Provided an exhibitor withdraws his stallion from the current testing round without permission and without medical justification, he intentionally violates the HLP-Rules accepted when registering the stallion for the test. In such a case, the stallion will be excluded and the termination of the test will be published in the corresponding result lists (without test result, termination upon applicant's request).

Each applicant receives an interim certificate (enclosure 17) on the final day of the test after the public presentation of final results, featuring the individual phenotypical scores as well as the weighted final scores. There will be comments on the stallions on the last day of the test.

Following the final check of all results by the FN Headquarter, the individual phenotypical scores, the weighted final scores as well as the linear description will be published on the Internet. Every applicant will be forwarded the final certificate of the FN (enclosure 17) according to A 9. and a final documentation of the linear description (enclosure 23).

The head trainer has to record information about health issues or behaviour disorders during the course of the test in writing and has to forward these details to the respective breed society.

B a) 3. Repeat of tests

Each stallion is entitled to repeat this test once. This applies for stallions for which a final result is already available and for stallions who have to be resigned from the test and for which no result was determined (see B a) 2). Repeating the test requires participating at the complete performance test. Provided a result from the first test is available and the stallion repeats the test, the second result of the repeated participation will be valid.

Provided the stallion has to be resigned from the retest and it was not possible to determine a result as is laid down in B a) 2., the result of the original test will be valid.

Another repeat of test shall only be possible in justified individual cases, applied upon and decided by the HLP Appeal Commission.

B b) 50-day performance test for stallions – Focus Show Jumping

B b) 1. Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The head trainer and the experts have to know the age of the tested stallions so that the tested performances match the individual age of each stallion.

The requirements are scaled as follows:

- 3-year-old stallions:
 - Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a jumper riding horse class as is stipulated in enclosure 9 (HLP jumper training course for 3-year-old stallions). The stallions accomplish a jumper training course for 3-year-old stallions during the final test (enclosure 9).
- 4-year-old stallions:
 - Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a novice level jumper riding horse class. The stallions are shown in a standard show jumping course during the final test (enclosure 11).
- 5-year-old stallions:
 - Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of an elementary level jumper riding horse class. The stallions are shown in a standard show jumping course during the final test (enclosure 12).
- 6- and 7-year-old stallions:
 - Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a medium level jumper riding horse class. The stallions are shown in a standard show jumping course during the final test (enclosure 13).

The features of the required performance level are checked upon delivery of the stallions. Stallions who do not match the corresponding requirements will not qualify for the test resp. be excluded from the test.

The Evaluation Commission gains repeatedly information and impressions about the stallions during the whole testing period and awards a common score for the following features at the end of the test:

1. Interior
 - Character / temperament
 - Work ethic
2. Trot
3. Canter
4. Walk
5. Rideability Evaluation Commission
6. Scope
7. Style
8. Overall impressions

Two test riders will judge the rideability. The two test rider scores will result in the following feature:

9. Rideability test riders (incl. disposition as jumper)

The basic gaits and the rideability of the stallions are judged while presented under the rider. Assessment of the features "scope" and "style" will be judged during free jumping, but also by the riders of the testing station and external test riders.

The stallion's presentation during delivery and the other inspection dates provide the Evaluation Commission with information and impressions on the stallion's disposition. Joint scores for each individual feature mentioned above will be given.

The inspections by the Evaluation Commission are carried out as follows:

- Day 1 + 2:
 - Inspection of basic gaits and rideability (incl. single jumps) under the applicant or a person appointed by him on the day of delivery.
 - Free jumping for three and four-years-old stallions in the order of catalogue numbers, starting with the youngest stallion, on the second day. Five to seven years old stallions will be ridden by the station riders and trained in basic gaits and single jumps. The Evaluation Committee will gain first information and impressions that will be included in the final result.
- Week 4:
 - Inspection of stallions over single jumps, included in the daily training. Basic gaits and rideability are also judged during this presentation. The station riders will present the stallions on the first day.
 - Short presentation of stallions under the station riders on the second day. The first test rider will then present the stallions in jumping gymnastic exercises (single jumps and short jumping sequences) and award scores for rideability incl. disposition as show jumping horse while the members of the Evaluation Committee will evaluate the other features to award additional scores. Presentation under the test rider to be effected in coordination with the members of the Evaluation Committee.
- Day 49 + 50:
 - Presentation of stallions under the station rider in jumping gymnastic exercises on the first day and evaluation by the Evaluation Committee.
 - Presentation and assessment of stallions in an age-appropriate standard jumper course (enclosure 9, 11-13) on the second day. The stallions will be shown by the station rider before the second test rider will then continue the presentation. He will award scores for rideability incl. disposition as show jumping horse while the Evaluation Committee will get a final impression after assessing all judging components.

A representative of the FN will attend all inspection dates.

The testing dates on the occasion of delivery and dates for the final testing have already been fixed. The schedule for interim tests is likely to vary.

The presentation of the stallions under the rider will be held in the so-called merging system. The presentation will be in accordance with the instructions of the Evaluation Commission. The stallions will be shown in a standard jumper course on day 50 only .

Loose jumping (loose jumping series as is laid down in the BMEL-Guidelines for performance tests for stallions of the German riding horse breeds) will be in the order of catalogue numbers, starting with the youngest stallion.

Due to external circumstances, the experts and the FN-commissioner may agree on checking the features in a different order.

During the training inspections, the training commission is entitled to set up extent and intensity of the training according to each stallion's individual basic conditions.

Provided a stallion fails to participate at one of the inspection dates due to health issues, it is up to the Evaluation Commission whether to inspect the stallion another day, provided insufficient information and impression have been gained so far to ensure a final result.

B b) 2. Evaluation of features and determination of results

During the 50-days performance test focused on Show Jumping one weighted final jumping score will be worked out in addition. When determining this 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 %)
Interior*	10,0
Trot	2,5
Canter	15,0
Walk	2,5
Rideability Evaluation Commission	10,0
Scope	20,0
Style	20,0
Overall impression	10,0
Rideability test riders	10,0
Sum weighting factor	100,00

* Interior = Character/temperament and work ethic (equal parts)

The weighted final jumping score is the official result of the 50-day stallion performance test, focused on jumping.

There will be no score alterations made when determining the results of stallions different in age.

Provided a stallion fails to participate at the inspection of the Evaluation Commission the

4th week before at least one score for the feature "rideability test rider" is available, no result will be given for this testing round. In this case, no individual scores for the features will be published. Provided a stallion has to be withdrawn in the 4th week after the second inspection (2 days) and at least one score for the features "rideability test rider" is available, it is up to the Evaluation Commission to decide whether the results obtained so far are sufficient to ensure a reliable and secured assessment and awarding of scores for the individual features. In this case, the scores awarded so far shall be taken as final result. It is required that the stallion has completed all partial evaluations of the preceding test.

Provided a stallion can only participate at one test rider inspection, the result will count as final score for the feature „rideability test rider“.

Provided an exhibitor withdraws his stallion from the current testing round without permission and without medical justification, he intentionally violates the HLP-Rules accepted when registering the stallion for the test. In such a case, the stallion will be excluded and the termination of the test will be published in the corresponding result lists (without test result, termination upon applicant's request).

Each applicant receives an interim certificate (enclosure 18) on the final day of the test after the public presentation of final results, featuring the individual phenotypical scores as well as the weighted final scores. There will be comments on the stallions on the last day of the test.

Following the final check of all results by the FN Headquarter, the individual phenotypical scores, the weighted final scores as well as the linear description will be published on the Internet. Every applicant will be forwarded the final certificate of the FN (enclosure 18) according to A 9. and a final documentation of the linear description (enclosure 23).

The head trainer has to record information about health issues or behaviour disorders during the course of the test in writing and has to forward these details to the respective breed society.

B b) 3. Repeat of tests

Each stallion is entitled to repeat this test once. This applies for stallions for which a final result is already available and for stallions who have to be resigned from the test and for which no result was determined (see B b) 2.). Repeating the test requires participating at the complete performance test. Provided a result from the first test is available and the stallion repeats the test, the second result of the repeated participation will be valid.

Provided the stallion has to be resigned from the retest and it was not possible to determine a result as is laid down in B a) 2., the result of the original test will be valid.

Another repeat of test shall only be possible in justified individual cases, applied upon and decided by the HLP Appeal Commission.

C Specific regulations for the 3-days performance test for stallions of the German riding horse breeds

C 1. Basic regulations

3-days performance tests are held over a period of at least three days. The tests are held according to the Specific Regulations – framework regulations of the ZVO of the German FN, designed for the population of the German riding horse, the HLP-Rules and the BMEL-guidelines for performance tests for stallions of the German riding horse breeds. The tests take place from April on.

3-days performance tests for stallions of the German riding horse breeds are hosted by specially appointed testing stations and are offered for stallions with a predisposition for dressage or show jumping. They are conducted without interruption which means that the stallions are not permitted to leave the premises of the testing station during the test. Provided a stallion is removed from the testing venue temporarily or completely for training/exercising purposes outside specified training times, he will be disqualified from the test immediately.

The regulations of the corresponding testing station have to be strictly observed. Noncompliance also results in immediate disqualification.

C 2. Admission requirements

3-year-old licensed and not-licensed stallions that comply with the following admission requirements are entitled to participate at the 3-days performance test for stallions of the German riding horse breeds.

The earliest beginning of the test for three-years-old stallions is April 1st of each year. Stallions born on or after June 1st are just allowed to join a 3-days performance test which does not begin before Mai 1st. A 3-days performance test for stallions born from June 1st is guaranteed, regardless of the minimum registration number.

Unless otherwise specified in the individual studbook stipulations, official age of horses born in November and December is January 1st of the following year, official age of all other horses is January 1st of the same year, too.

Only those stallions are accepted to participate at the 3-days performance test that were bindingly registered, age-appropriately trained and fit, that are familiar with the test components, and for which the documents given below C 6 can be submitted on the day of delivery. The stallions have to meet the criteria of constitution, fitness, well-being, health and composure as outlined in paragraph 4 of the BMEL-guidelines of the performance tests for stallions of the German riding horse breed.

With the registration, the exhibitor has to show proof that the stallion meets the requirements for entry in stallion book, category I and that he meets the genealogical standards to be registered with the stallion book, category I. Otherwise the breeding manager of the respective member breeding association has to provide the FN with a justified permission (instruction) for the stallion that he meets the genealogical standards to be registered with the stallion book, category I before the first application deadline. Stallions that fulfil the before mentioned standards in regards to studbook registration can also belong to a refining breed, as is outlined in the breeding program of the breedersassociations.

Furthermore only those stallions are accepted to participate at the test for which the documents given below C 6. can be submitted on the day of delivery.

Stallions are NOT accepted to participate at the stallion performance if

- they were treated with drugs or other prohibited pharmaceuticals according to paragraph C encl. I or II of the LPO;
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),

C 3. Registration

The stallions have to be registered in time for the 3-days performance test for stallions of the German riding horse breeds in accordance with a registration system, released by the FN and the breeders' associations (www.hengstleistungspruefung.de). The tests are offered in the specific disciplines dressage and show jumping. The applicant has to indicate the specific discipline of his stallion upon registration.

Following the registration, the FN will issue a catalogue, showing all stallions with catalogue numbers and starting in alphabetic order.

C 4. Minimum number of registered stallions

To provide sound and comparable results, a minimum number of 10 stallions per discipline and testing round is necessary, registered within the given deadlines and in accordance with the given admission requirements. Except from this are the 3-days performance test starting from Mai on. The FN and the breeders' associations reserve themselves to lead through the offered disciplines dressage and show jumping contemporaneous in one testing station.

After expiry of the registration deadline, the FN shall inform the exhibitors and the testing stations whether the performance test can be held. If this is not possible because the minimum number of registrations has not been reached, the exhibitors have the opportunity to re-register their stallion for another test, provided the period for re-registration and the capacity of the testing station are not exceeded.

C 5. Fees, Service contract

The applicant shall settle registration fee (administration and test fees) plus boarding fee with the Breeding Department of the FN upon registration.

Registration fee shall be refunded only if the test cannot be held due to an insufficient number of registrations or Force Majeure. No fees will be refunded if a stallion fails to participate at the test despite binding reservation.

C 6. Delivery of stallions

Arrival of stallions at 3-days performance tests of the German riding horse breeds has to comply with a previously published schedule.

C 6.1. Documents to be presented upon delivery

The following documents have to be presented for each stallion upon delivery:

- identity of stallion;
- the horse passport with all proofs of vaccination required according to the LPO-guidelines (§§ 66.6.10);
- an up-to-date breeding certificate;
- a certificate of health, confirmed by the official veterinarian less than five days old, stating that the stallion and his home stock are free from any signs of contagious, infectious diseases;
- a certificate, stating that the stallion is no carrier of equine viral arteritis (EVA). This certificate has to be issued by an accredited laboratory that is qualified and certified to conduct the examination according to the recommendations of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (the current edition of the "Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals").

The following methods of proof are possible:

- for stallions with a negative virus neutralisation test (VNT) and an antibody titre in the blood of $< 1:4$: submission of a certificate, stating that the sampling was taken seven to fourteen days before delivery
OR
- for stallions with a positive virus neutralisation test (VNT) and an antibody titre in the blood of $\geq 1:4$: submission of two certified proofs of negative testing for equine viral arteritis in the sperm (virus isolation and PCR) less than 120 days old, all samplings being taken at intervals of at least one day.
OR
- submission of a certified proof of negative virus status in the sperm, less than 120 days old, if the stallion was at least three times properly vaccinated against equine viral arteritis with the vaccine Artervac (vaccination certificate).
OR
- for stallions changing from an insemination station (EU or national) to a stallion performance testing station and that are regularly sampled every 30 days as is legally required and that show a negative virus neutralisation test (VNT) with an antibody titre in the blood of $<1:4$, it shall be sufficient to submit the current results. If the legally required 30 days are exceeded during the stallion performance test, the testing station shall be entitled to ask the station vet to take the next required sampling during the current testing round. The stallion keeper shall be obliged to inform and instruct the responsible head trainer accordingly. The stallion keeper shall bear all costs.

C 6.2. Control of veterinarian standards

Every stallion shall be examined upon arrival by the Quality Management Commission (see also paragraph C 7.) according to veterinarian standards.

The stallion shall be tested while standing, in the walk and in the trot. Besides an examination of the general condition, the teeth will be checked and it will be assessed whether orthopaedic measures might become necessary.

C 7. Veterinary care and control, Quality Management Commission (QM-Commission), farrier

Human medical maintenance has to be provided during competition period in accordance with the following stipulations:

- Presence of medical service (at least one person with the minimum qualification “medical assistant”) with equipment, i. a. First Aid case (acc. to German standard DIN 13232) requires presence of a responsible doctor or paramedic assistant.
- Presence of medical service (at least one person with the minimum qualification “paramedic” and one person with the minimum qualification “medical assistant”) with equipment, i. a. First Aid case (acc. to German standard DIN 13232) requires responsible doctor or paramedic assistant to be on call.

To guarantee veterinary care, a responsible vet has to attend the test. A vet has to be on call outside competition times and 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 German National Equestrian Federation FN shall appoint the QM-Commission for each testing round, composed of

- a representative of the FN (FN-Commissioner);
- the station veterinarian.

If necessary, the FN shall be entitled to also appoint

- the experts,
 - a representative of a breeding association registered with the FN,
 - another vet,
 - an official vet of the district veterinary office
- as additional members of the QM-Commission

The performance testing station shall bear the costs for the station veterinarian.

The QM-Commission will be responsible

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

The results of the checks are recorded in a delivery report as outlined in the sample according to attachment 3.

A farrier has to be on call during the whole course of the test. Constant presence during competition is recommended.

C 8. FN-Commissioner and experts

The FN is the general contractor and responsible for the execution of the 3-days performance test. The FN-commissioner is its legal representative for the time of the testing.

The following experts are also involved in the execution of the 3-days performance tests of the German riding horse breeds:

- *two judges (per discipline),
or one judge (FN) and one representative of breeding association (per discipline),*
- *one expert per discipline,*
- *one test rider (per discipline),*
- *one station veterinarian as well as*
- *at least one steward.*

The associated breeders' associations in the Advisory Board Breeding of the FN participate in the decision about the nomination of a pool of experts and the FN-commissioners. This decision is made every two years. Variations to this regulation require the specific request of a FN-associated breeders' association.

If the 3-days performance test is carried out by a breeding association in the form of a saddle licensing with integrated 3-days performance test, at least one judge must be selected from the FN pool jointly approved by the breeding associations.

It is prohibited to nominate breeding managers or members of the executive board of breeding associations into the board of experts. Experts are allowed to execute this office until the age of 75.

The experts are responsible to avoid any suspicion of partiality (for example relatives, breeders, owners, trainers, employer-employee relation, economic relationship). Persons who worked as a Trainer for or with an owner, exhibitor, or rider or used to train a competing stallion within the last 100 days, are considered to be biased.

The FN will assign the FN-commissioner, the judges, the test riders and the steward from this pool of experts for each testing round.

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

C 8.1. The judges (R)

Qualification:

- Judge riding acc. to APO with qualification DL/SL/BA required

Their main duties are as follows:

- assessing and evaluating of testing criteria;
- taking influence on the procedure of the training during the training visits;
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the test in cooperation with the FN-commissioner, the expert of the discipline and if necessary the steward, the test rider and the veterinarian.

C 8.2. Representatives of Breeding Association

Qualification:

- Member of Evaluation Commission of Breeding Associations

Their main duties are as follows:

- assessing and evaluating of testing criteria;
- taking influence on the procedure of the training during the training visits;
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the test in co-operation with the FN-commissioner, the expert of the discipline and if necessary the steward, the test rider and the veterinarian.

C 8.3. The expert of the discipline

Qualification:

- an expert with above-average knowledge and experience in the corresponding discipline (dressage or show jumping)

Their main duties are as follows:

- assistance and advice of judges when it comes to assessment of test criteria, particularly with regard to the corresponding discipline;
- taking influence on the procedure of the training during the training visits;
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the test in co-operation with the FN-commissioner, the judges and if necessary the steward, the test rider and the veterinarian.

C 8.4. The test riders (FR)

Qualifications:

- Test riders have to be "Pferdewirt" acc. to the APO or have to qualify through a corresponding other qualification.

Their main duties are:

- riding of test exercises under consideration of the LPO in close co-operation with the judges and the discipline expert,
- assistance and advice of Evaluation Commission, particularly when it comes to the test criteria "rideability" with regard to the corresponding discipline,
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the test in co-operation with the FN-commissioner, the judges, the expert and if necessary the steward and the veterinarian.

C 8.5. The steward

Qualifications:

- judge riding acc. to APO with qualification DL/SL/BA required

The main duties are:

- representation and support of judges in the warm-up arena resp. warm-up ring
- additional supervision and control in the warm-up arena resp. warm-up ring, during training times and in the stable as is laid down in § 52 LPO
- intervention in case of infringements of LPO and animal protection law
- recording of all special events or circumstances with possible disturbing influence on the execution or results of the test

- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the test in co-operation with the FN-commissioner, the judges, the expert and if necessary the test rider and the veterinarian.

C 8.6. The FN-commissioner

- representation of the FN and contact person for the judges, the test riders and for the representatives of the testing station;
- organisational support of the Evaluation Commission;
- control of the schedule and execution of the test as well as supervising the quality standards of the testing station;
- issuing a report about the basic conditions and the schedule at the testing station, especially also particular happenings or conditions with possibly disturbing influences on the test or the results of the test;
- registering the scores and entering them into the analysis and result system;
- execution of result analysis;
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion in co-operation with the judges, two discipline experts and – if necessary – the steward, the test rider and the responsible vet.

C 8.7. The veterinarian

has the following tasks:

- supervision and health check of stallions during the test;
- working in the “Quality Management Commission”;
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the test in co-operation with the FN-commissioner, the judges, the expert and if necessary the steward and the test rider.
- contributing to the decision on the exclusion of a stallion if veterinarian aspects have to be considered.

C 9. Behaviour at the 3-days performance tests

All participants (applicants, stallion keepers, owners, riders) are requested to show sporty-fair composure on the whole premises (as is laid down in § 52 LPO).

C 10. Composition of Evaluation Commission

The Evaluation Commission for each discipline is made up of two judges with at least one judge selected out of the FN pool and one representative of a breeding association complemented by one discipline expert and a test rider. They agree on a common assessment of all features on all days of the test as is laid down under C a) 1., C b) 1. When carried out by a breeding association, only a discipline-specific mark can be awarded, without individual marks. A steward will attend the whole training and testing period of the 3-days performance test and supervise the warm-up area and training as well as the stable area.

The members of the Evaluation Commission shall decide together with a commissioner of the FN and – if required – with the steward about possible non- admissions or

disqualifications as is laid down under C 12. The responsible vet has to be included in the decision in case of veterinary reasons.

C 11. Evaluation guidelines

The test standards are evaluated in accordance with § 14 ZVO by awarding scores on a scale from 1 to 10, awarding decimals is permitted:

<i>10 = excellent</i>	<i>5 = sufficient</i>
<i>9 = very good</i>	<i>4 = insufficient</i>
<i>8 = good</i>	<i>3 = fairly bad</i>
<i>7 = fairly good</i>	<i>2 = bad</i>
<i>6 = satisfactory</i>	<i>1 = very bad</i>

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 as is done in jumper riding horse classes and laid down in § 363.1 resp. § 373 LPO, however, it shall influence the final result. The dressage assessment for the dressage stallions shall not include leaving the arena or disobedience as is laid down in § 404 LPO, 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.

Besides, a specification shall be issued to determine breed-relevant criteria when it comes to groups of feature such as quality of basic gaits (walk, trot, canter), disposition for jumping, rideability, character and overall impression by means of linear description. In addition, each stallion is briefly discussed in terms of quality and performance in a final comment.

C 12. Non-admission and exclusion from the test

The Evaluation Commission of the corresponding test shall decide on non-admission and disqualification together with the commissioner of the FN and – if necessary – the steward and the responsible vet.

C 12.1. Non-admission

A stallion is not eligible for the test if

- the admission requirements as stipulated under paragraph C 2. have not been fulfilled;
- the stallion arrives later than within the period of time stipulated;
- the vaccination regulations of the LPO and/or the additional vaccination regulations of the individual testing station have not been fulfilled;
- the exhibitor fails to present the required documents upon delivery.

The QM-Commission decides whether a stallion is non-eligible.

C 12.2. Exclusion

A stallion shall be excluded from the performance test

- the stallion was diagnosed with health or constitution issues or lack in condition, if proof about a prohibited medication or manipulation is apparent (see paragraph C 13.),
- the stallion's behaviour 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 (annex 26) as regards the stallion was committed,
- if proof of an infringement of the provisions of the LPO or the HLP-Rules as regards the stallion becomes apparent

OR

- if the stallion is removed from the testing station
 - without providing a corresponding order, issued by the Evaluation Commission, the FN-commissioner and – if necessary – the steward and the responsible vet

OR

- even though no emergency situation threatens life and health of the stallion.

C 13. Medication control, exclusion of stallions

The vet responsible for the stallion performance test in co-operation with the Evaluation Commission, the FN-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 3-days performance test in accordance with part C, encl. 7, of the implementation provision of the LPO. All negative medication controls will be officially published by the FN.

In case the results show positive evidence of unlawful medication or manipulation – according to paragraph C 2. of these HLP-Rules – 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. The test is considered in both cases as started, and will be assessed as the stallion's try, even though the stallion will be excluded earlier. The owner of the test certificate is committed to return the certificate to the FN after no appeal has been issued.

The revocation of an issued test certificate has to be officially announced by the FN with appropriate reasons as soon as it has become incontestable. The official offices of the FN member breeding associations responsible for riding horses shall be informed accordingly.

C 14. Incomplete tests and repeat of tests

Each stallion is entitled to repeat this test once. This applies stallions for which a final result is already available and for stallions who have to be resigned from the test and for

which no result was determined. Another repeat of test shall only be possible in justified individual cases, applied upon and decided by the HLP Appeal Commission.

Participating at a 3-days performance test is considered as first attempt if the stallion was presented to the Evaluation Commission during the training on the first day of the test. Provided a stallion has to be withdrawn from the performance test before he has fully completed all parts of the test, no result can be determined. This also applies if the test is cancelled upon applicant's request. Termination of the test shall be officially published in the result lists (without test result, elimination from the test by the Evaluation Commission resp. termination upon applicant's request).

Repeating the test requires participating at the complete performance test. Provided a result from the first test is available and the stallion repeats the test, the second result of the repeated participation will be valid.

C a) 3-days performance test for stallions – Focus Dressage

C a) 1. Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The test is designed for three-year-old stallions.

The requirements are scaled as follows:

The stallions are tested and evaluated in the basic gaits and with regard to their natural rideability (not “being ridden”) on both hands on straight and curved lines. The age-appropriate level of training is taken into account according to the criteria of the training scale tact, relaxation, leaning, straightening and momentum. The performance takes place under the direction of the evaluation committee and is individual in intensity and scope depending on the stallion and is intended to emphasize the natural and relaxed movement sequence and the disposition of the stallion. For the tests in autumn, reinforcements in the trot and canter are also required.

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
- Work ethic

The 3-days performance test is composed as follows:

- Day 1: Arrival and free training
 - Arrival and inspection of suitability for competition (see C 6. Delivery of stallions) and stabling of the stallions as well as free training in the warm-up arena under the own rider and under supervision of the steward and members of the evaluation committee. The first impression of the stallion can be discussed in a feedback session in the testing hall.
- Day 2: Performance under the own rider
 - Appropriate warm-up and training of the stallion in the warm-up arena under supervision of the steward.
Then specified, time limited performance of stallions in the testing arena in groups attended by the Evaluation Commission. Presentation of the stallions in the basic gaits by their own rider according to the instructions of the evaluation committee and depending on the stallion individually in scope and intensity. The evaluation committee is in dialogue with the riders and accompanies the performance with comments in order to present the first impressions of the shown performance.
- 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.

The stallions are tested and evaluated in the basic gaits and with regard to their natural rideability (not “being ridden”). The testing is individual in terms of scope and intensity for each stallion. The evaluation committee is in close dialogue with the test rider and accompanies the performance with comments in order of the shown performance. Subsequently, the features are summarized again in a short comment.

A representative of the FN will attend all inspection dates.

The presentation of the stallions during the checking of the basic gaits takes place in the so-called “zipper procedure”. The presentation takes place according to the instructions of the evaluation committee. Due to external circumstances, the characteristics can be checked in different order in coordination with the experts and the FN commissioner.

C a) 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:

A shock-resistant and splinter-proof riding helmet with three- or four-points web harness is compulsory for all riders during training and all parts of the test.

The following accessories are permissible as is laid down in § 68 LPO:

- A pair of spurs (max. length of the shank 4.5 cm, incl. moving 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 (incl. ending) for all other training and test sessions.

The regulations on illegal “foreign aids” as stipulated in § 403 LPO shall apply for all reviews of the Evaluation Commission and shall lead to an exclusion from the stallion performance test as is explained in § 406 LPO.

Equipment horse:

Equipment for leg protection as stipulated in the guidelines for warm-up arenas (§ 70 LPO) is permitted during warm-up in the warm-up arena. The regulations as stipulated for dressage horse ability competitions according to § 70 LPO are valid for all other parts of the competition.

Draw reins shall be strictly prohibited during the whole event.

Each stallion has to be equipped with clear and readable identification signs (two head numbers) throughout the entire event, fixed at the snaffle bit or saddle pad – each on the left and right side.

C a) 3. Evaluation of features and determination of results

During the 3-days performance test for stallions focused on Dressage one weighted final dressage scores will be worked out in addition. When determining these 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
Work Ethic	10,0
Sum weighting factor	100,00

On the last day after completing the last part of the test, each stallions receives an explanatory commentary on the characteristics based on his performance during the entire 3-days performance test. The scores and the weighted final score, emphasized on dressage will be made public and each stallion receives a provisional certificate. If the 3-days performance test is carried out by a breeding association, only a final dressage mark without individual marks can be awarded and published.

The phenotypic individual scores and the weighted final scores with emphasis on dressage, as well as the linear descriptions, are published on the Internet by the FN office or the breeding associations. Each applicant receives a final test certificate from the FN or the breeding association, as well as the written documentation of the linear description (enclosure 23).

If a stallion has to be withdrawn from competition 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. Termination of the test shall be officially published in the result lists (without test result, elimination from the test by the Evaluation Commission resp. termination upon applicant's request).

C b) 3-days performance test for stallions – Focus Show Jumping

C b) 1. Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The test is designed for three-years-old stallions.

The requirements are scaled as follows:

- **3-years old stallions (from April, 1st):**

The stallions are tested and evaluated in the basic gaits and with regard to their natural rideability (not “being ridden”) on both hands on straight and curved lines. The age-appropriate level of training is taken into account according to the criteria of the training scale tact, relaxation, leaning, straightening and momentum. In addition, the stallions are judged in free jumping (maximum height/width: 130cm). The performance takes place under the direction of the evaluation committee and is individual in intensity and scope depending on the stallion and is intended to emphasize the natural and relaxed movement and jumping sequence and the disposition of the stallion.

- **3-years old stallions (from October, 1st on):**

The stallions are tested and evaluated in the basic gaits and with regard to their natural rideability (not “being ridden”) on both hands on straight and curved lines. The age-appropriate level of training is taken into account according to the criteria of the training scale tact, relaxation, leaning, straightening and momentum. In addition, the stallions are judged in free jumping (maximum height/width: 130cm) and in jumping under the rider (maximum height/width: 90 cm). The performance takes place under the direction of the evaluation committee and is individual in intensity and scope depending on the stallion and is intended to emphasize the natural and relaxed movement and jumping sequence and the disposition of the stallion.

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

- Trot
- Canter
- Walk
- Scope and Style
- Rideability
- Work ethic

The three-day performance test is composed as follows depending on the time in the year:

C b) 1. a) Spring – 3-years old stallions (from April, 1st)

- Day 1: Arrival and free training
 - Arrival and inspection of suitability for competition (see C 6. Delivery of stallions) and stabling of the stallions as well as free training in the warm-up arena under the own rider and under supervision of the steward and members of the evaluation committee. The first impression

of the stallion can be discussed in a feedback session in the testing hall.

- Day 2: Free jumping
 - Warm up in the warm-up arena under supervision of the steward.
Free jumping in the testing arena without external influence individually in scope and intensity depending on the stallion. The maximum height/width: 130cm. The evaluation committee comments the free jumping accompanying.
- 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 presentation of the stallion by the own rider in the testing arena, immediately followed by the test rider inspection.
The stallions are tested and evaluated in the basic gaits and with regard to their natural rideability (not “being ridden”). The testing is individual in terms of scope and intensity for each stallion. The evaluation committee is in close dialogue with the test rider and accompanies the performance with comments in order of the shown performance. Subsequently, the features are summarized again in a short comment.

C b) 1. b) Autumn – 3-years old stallions (from October on)

- Day 1: Arrival and free training
 - Arrival and inspection of suitability for competition (see C 6. Delivery of stallions) and stabling of the stallions as well as free training in the warm-up arena under the own rider and under supervision of the steward and members of the evaluation committee. The first impression of the stallion can be discussed in a feedback session in the testing hall.
- Day 2: Free jumping
 - Warm up in the warm-up arena under supervision of the steward.
Free jumping in the testing arena without external influence individually in scope and intensity depending on the stallion. The maximum height/width: 130cm. The evaluation committee comments the free jumping accompanying.
- 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.
Presentation of the stallions by the own rider in the testing arena in the basic gaits and over single obstacles. The testing is individual in terms of scope and intensity for each stallion according to instructions of the evaluation committee.
The evaluation committee is in close dialogue with the own rider and accompanies the performance with comments in order of the shown performance to present the first impressions of the performance.

The test rider inspection follows immediately. The stallions are tested and evaluated in the basic gaits and with regard to their natural rideability (not “being ridden”). The testing is individual in terms of scope and intensity for each stallion. The evaluation committee is in close dialogue with the test rider and accompanies the performance with comments in order of the shown performance. Subsequently, the features are summarized again in a short comment.

A representative of the FN will attend all inspection dates.

The presentation of the stallions during the checking of the basic gaits over single obstacles takes place in the so-called “zipper procedure”. The presentation takes place according to the instructions of the evaluation committee. Due to external circumstances, the characteristics can be checked in different order in coordination with the experts and the FN commissioner.

Free jumping (free jumping series according to the guidelines of the BMEL for 3-days performance tests for stallions of the German riding horse breeds) takes place according to the given catalog number, starting with the youngest stallion.

C b) 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:

A shock-resistant and splinter-proof riding helmet with three- or four-points web harness is compulsory for all riders during training and all parts of the test.

The following accessories are permissible as is laid down in § 68 LPO:

- A pair of spurs (max. length of the shank 4.5 cm, incl. moving 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.
- Whip: 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.

The regulations on illegal “foreign aids” as stipulated in § 403 LPO shall apply for all reviews of the Evaluation Commission and shall lead to an exclusion from the stallion performance test as is explained in § 406 LPO.

Equipment horse:

The regulations as stipulated for jumper riding horse classes acc. to § 70 LPO are valid for all parts of the competition, it shall only be allowed to put on leg protection on the front legs. The same applies for the free jumping.

Bridles and bits are only permitted in accordance with § 70 B.I. LPO, so straight bits, three-ring bits and pelhams are not permitted.

Draw reins shall be strictly prohibited during the whole event.

Each stallion has to be equipped with clear and readable identification signs (two head numbers) throughout the entire event, fixed at the snaffle bit or saddle pad – each on the left and right side.

C b) 3. Evaluation of features and determination of results

During the 3-days performance test for stallions focused on Show Jumping one weighted final jumping scores will be worked out in addition. When determining these weighted final scores 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 %)
Trot	5,0
Canter	20,0
Walk	5,0
Scope and Style	30,0
Rideability	30,0
Overall impression	10,0
Sum weighting factor	100,00

On the last day after completing the last part of the test, each stallions receives an explanatory commentary on the characteristics based on his performance during the entire 3-days performance test. The scores and the weighted final score emphasized on jumping will be made public and each stallion receives a provisional certificate. If the 3-days performance test is carried out by a breeding association, only a final jumping mark without individual marks can be awarded and published.

The phenotypic individual scores and the weighted final scores with emphasis on jumping, as well as the linear descriptions, are published on the Internet by the FN office or the breeding associations. Each applicant receives a final test certificate from the FN or the breeding association, as well as the written documentation of the linear description (enclosure 23).

If a stallion has to be withdrawn from competition 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. Termination of the test shall be officially published in the result lists (without test result, elimination from the test by the Evaluation Commission resp. termination upon applicant's request).

D Special regulations for the sport test for stallions of the German riding horse breeds

D 1. Basic regulations

Sport tests are held over a period of at least three days. The tests are held according to the Specific Regulations – framework regulations of the ZVO of the German FN, designed for the population of the German riding horse, these HLP-Rules and the BMEL-guidelines for performance tests for stallions of the German riding horse breeds. The tests are held in February and March. An additional sport test is offered in April, particularly for stallions that were already registered for a sport test and that have to take or repeat the test for different reasons (for example injuries, failure to comply with the minimum performance requirements). Stallions that are meant to prove their performances through the sport test are obliged to do so at the age of four and five. The respective breeding association has to forward a corresponding justification to the FN for five-year-old stallions which, according to the breeding association regulations, have to participate in justified exceptional cases at the sport test twice.

Sport tests for stallions of the German riding horse breeds are hosted by specially appointed testing stations and are offered for stallions with a predisposition for dressage, show jumping and with a multi-purpose potential. Sport tests are conducted without interruption which means that the stallions are not permitted to leave the premises of the testing station during the test. Provided a stallion is removed from the testing venue temporarily or completely for training/exercising purposes outside specified training times, he shall be immediately disqualified from the test.

The regulations of the corresponding testing station have to be strictly observed. Noncompliance also results in immediate disqualification.

D 2. Admission requirements

4 and 5-year-old licensed stallions that comply with the following admission requirements are entitled to participate at the sport test for stallions of the German riding horse breeds. The breeding associations are entitled to decide in exceptional cases that non-licensed stallions are also permitted to participate in the sport test for stallions in order to use the result as a basis for a possibly succeeding approval. In this case, the breeding manager of the respective member breeding association has to provide the FN with a justified permission (instruction) for the stallion in question before the first application deadline.

Unless otherwise specified in the individual studbook stipulations, official age of horses born in November and December shall be January 1 of the following year, official age of all other horses shall be January 1 of the same year. All stallions have to participate at each one sport test at the age of four and five. They are obliged to complete the two sport tests at at least two different venues.

Only those stallions are accepted to participate at the sport tests that were bindingly registered, age-appropriately trained and fit, that are familiar with the test components. The stallion need to meet the criteria in regards to constitution, fitness, well-being, health and composure as outlined in paragraph 4 of the BMEL-guidelines of the performance tests for stallions of the German riding horse breed, too.

With the registration, the exhibitor has to show proof that the stallion is licensed with one of the participating breeding associations and that he meets the genealogical standards to be registered with the stallion book, category I.

Stallions that fulfil the before mentioned standards in regards to studbook registration can also belong to a refining breed, as is outlined in the breeding program of the breeders' associations.

Furthermore only those stallions are accepted to participate at the test for which the documents given below C 6. can be submitted on the day of delivery.

Stallions are NOT accepted to participate at the stallion performance if

- they were treated with drugs or other prohibited pharmaceuticals according to paragraph C encl. I or II of the LPO;
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),

D 3. Registration

The stallions have to be registered in time for the sport test for stallions of the German riding horse breeds in accordance with a registration system, released by the FN and the breeders' associations (www.hengstleistungspruefung.de). The tests are offered in the specific disciplines dressage, show jumping and multi-purpose disposition. The applicant has to indicate the specific discipline of his stallion upon registration.

Following the registration, the FN will issue a catalogue, showing all stallions with catalogue numbers and starting in alphabetic order.

D 4. Minimum number of registered stallions

To provide sound and comparable results, a minimum number of 10 stallions per discipline and testing round is necessary, registered within the given deadlines and in accordance with the given admission requirements. Minimum number of five stallions per testing round for stallions with a multi purpose disposition. Testing rounds may start one day earlier to ensure a sound and smooth run of the test with high numbers of registrations.

No minimum number of registrations shall be required for the sport test in April which predominantly addresses stallions that either have to make up or repeat the test, provided at least one testing round in the corresponding discipline has been completed.

After expiry of the registration deadline, the FN shall inform the exhibitors and the testing stations whether the performance test can be held. If this is not possible because the minimum number of registrations has not been reached, the exhibitors

have the opportunity to re-register their stallion for another test, provided the period for re-registration and the capacity of the testing station are not exceeded.

D 5. Fees, Service contract

The applicant shall settle registration fee (administration and test fees) plus boarding fee with the Breeding Department of the FN upon registration.

Registration fee shall be refunded only if the test cannot be held due to an insufficient number of registrations or Force Majeure. No fees shall be refunded if a stallion fails to participate at the test despite binding reservation.

D 6. Delivery of stallions

Arrival of stallions at sport tests of the German riding horse breeds has to comply with a previously published schedule.

D 6.1. Documents to be presented upon delivery

The following documents have to be presented for each stallion upon delivery:

- identity of stallion;
- the horse passport with all proofs of vaccination required according to the LPO-guidelines (§§ 66.6.10);
- an up-to-date breeding certificate;
- a certificate of health, confirmed by the official veterinarian less than five days old, stating that the stallion and his home stock are free from any signs of contagious, infectious diseases;
- a certificate, stating that the stallion is no carrier of equine viral arteritis (EVA). This certificate has to be issued by an accredited laboratory that is qualified and certified to conduct the examination according to the recommendations of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (the current edition of the "Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals").

The following methods of proof are possible:

- for stallions with a negative virus neutralisation test (VNT) and an antibody titre in the blood of $< 1:4$: submission of a certificate, stating that the sampling was taken seven to fourteen days before delivery

OR

- for stallions with a positive virus neutralisation test (VNT) and an antibody titre in the blood of $\geq 1:4$: submission of two certified proofs of negative testing for equine viral arteritis in the sperm (virus isolation and PCR) less than 120 days old, all samplings being taken at intervals of at least one day.

OR

- submission of a certified proof of negative virus status in the sperm, less than 120 days old, if the stallion was at least three times properly vaccinated against equine viral arteritis with the vaccine Artervac (vaccination certificate).

OR

- for stallions changing from an insemination station (EU or national) to a stallion performance testing station and that are regularly sampled every 30 days as is legally required and that show a negative virus neutralisation test (VNT) with an antibody titre in the blood of $< 1:4$, it

shall be sufficient to submit the current results. If the legally required 30 days are exceeded during the stallion performance test, the testing station shall be entitled to ask the station vet to take the next required sampling during the current testing round. The stallion keeper shall be obliged to inform and instruct the responsible head trainer accordingly. The stallion keeper shall bear all costs.

D 6.2. Control of veterinarian standards

Every stallion shall be examined upon arrival by the Quality Management Commission (see also paragraph C 7.) according to veterinarian standards.

The stallion shall be tested while standing, in the walk and in the trot. Besides an examination of the general condition, the teeth will be checked and it will be assessed whether orthopaedic measures might become necessary.

D 7. Veterinary care and control, Quality Management Commission (QM-Commission), farrier

Human medical maintenance has to be provided during competition period in accordance with the following stipulations:

- Presence of medical service (at least one person with the minimum qualification “medical assistant”) with equipment, i. a. First Aid case (acc. to German standard DIN 13232) requires presence of a responsible doctor or paramedic assistant.
- Presence of medical service (at least one person with the minimum qualification “paramedic” and one person with the minimum qualification “medical assistant”) with equipment, i. a. First Aid case (acc. to German standard DIN 13232) requires responsible doctor or paramedic assistant to be on call.

To guarantee veterinary care, a responsible vet has to attend the test. A vet has to be on call outside competition times and 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 German National Equestrian Federation FN shall appoint the QM-Commission for each testing round, composed of

- a representative of the FN (FN-Commissioner);
- the station veterinarian.

If necessary, the FN shall be entitled to also appoint

- the experts,
 - a representative of a breeding association registered with the FN,
 - another vet,
 - an official vet of the district veterinary office
- as additional members of the QM-Commission

The performance testing station shall bear the costs for the station veterinarian.

The QM-Commission will be responsible

- for the vet check upon arrival of the stallions;

- for the vet check after having completed the final test and before leaving the testing station.

The results of the checks are recorded in a delivery report as outlined in the sample according to attachment 3 and in an inspection and examination report as outlined in the sample according to attachment 4.

A farrier has to be on call during the whole course of the test. Constant presence during competition is recommended.

D 8. FN-Commissioner and experts

The FN is the general contractor and responsible for the execution of the sport test. The FN-commissioner is its legal representative for the time of the testing.

The following experts are also involved in the execution of the sport tests of the German riding horse breeds:

- *two judges (per discipline),*
- *one expert per discipline,*
- *one test rider (per discipline),*
- *one station veterinarian as well as*
- *at least one steward.*

The associated breeders' associations in the Advisory Board Breeding of the FN participate in the decision about the nomination of a pool of experts and the FN-commissioners. This decision is made every two years. Variations to this regulation require the specific request of a FN-associated breeders' association.

It is prohibited to nominate breeding managers or members of the executive board of breeding associations into the board of experts. Experts are allowed to execute this office until the age of 75.

The FN will assign the FN-commissioner, the judges, the test riders and the steward from this pool of experts for each testing round.

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.

D 8.1. The judges (R)

Qualification:

- Judge riding acc. to APO with qualification DL/SL/BA required

Their main duties are as follows:

- assessing and evaluating of testing criteria;
- taking influence on the procedure of the training during the training visits;

- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the test in co-operation with the FN-commissioner, the expert of the discipline and if necessary the steward, the test rider and the veterinarian.

D 8.2. The expert of the discipline

Qualification:

- an expert with above-average knowledge and experience in the corresponding discipline (dressage, show jumping, eventing)

Their main duties are as follows:

- assistance and advice of judges when it comes to assessment of test criteria, particularly with regard to the corresponding discipline;
- taking influence on the procedure of the training during the training visits;
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the test in co-operation with the FN-commissioner, the judges and if necessary the steward, the test rider and the veterinarian.

D 8.3. The test riders (FR)

Qualifications:

- Test riders have to be "Pferdewirt" acc. to the APO or have to qualify through a corresponding other qualification.

Their main duties are:

- riding of test exercises under consideration of the LPO in close co-operation with the judges and the discipline expert,
- assistance and advice of Evaluation Commission, particularly when it comes to the test criteria "rideability" with regard to the corresponding discipline,
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the test in co-operation with the FN-commissioner, the judges, the expert and if necessary the steward and the veterinarian.

D 8.4. The steward

Qualifications:

- judge riding acc. to APO with qualification DL/SL/BA required

The main duties are:

- representation and support of judges in the warm-up arena resp. warm-up ring
- additional supervision and control in the warm-up arena resp. warm-up ring, during training times and in the stable as is laid down in § 52 LPO
- intervention in case of infringements of LPO and animal protection law
- recording of all special events or circumstances with possible disturbing influence on the execution or results of the test
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion during the test in co-operation with the FN-commissioner, the judges, the expert and if necessary the test rider and the veterinarian.

D 8.5. The FN-commissioner

- representation of the FN and contact person for the judges, the test riders and for the representatives of the testing station;
- organisational support of the Evaluation Commission;
- control of the schedule and execution of the test as well as supervising the quality standards of the testing station;
- issuing a report about the basic conditions and the schedule at the testing station, especially also particular happenings or conditions with possibly disturbing influences on the test or the results of the test;
- registering the scores and entering them into the analysis and result system;
- execution of result analysis;
- deciding on a possibly necessary exclusion of a stallion in co-operation with the judges, two discipline experts and – if necessary – the steward, the test rider and the responsible vet.

D 8.6. The station veterinarian

has the following tasks:

- supervision and health check of stallions during the test;
- working in the “Quality Management Commission”;
- deciding on the external treatment of a stallion in co-operation with the head trainer;
- contributing to the decision on the exclusion of a stallion if veterinarian aspects have to be considered.

D 9. Behaviour at the sport tests

All participants (applicants, stallion keepers, owners, riders) are requested to show sporty-fair composure on the whole premises (as is laid down in § 52 LPO).

D 10. 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 as is laid down under C a) 1., C b) 1., C c) 1., C d) 1. and C e) 1. The test rider will not participate in the Commission responsible for sport tests for four-year-old stallions with a versatile disposition (part Ib, see C d). A steward will attend the whole 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 a commissioner of the FN and – if required – with the steward about possible non- admissions or disqualifications as is laid down under C 12. The responsible vet has to be included in the decision in case of veterinary reasons.

D 11. Evaluation guidelines

The test standards are evaluated in accordance with § 14 ZVO 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, both with the jumpers as well as with the stallions with versatile disposition, mistakes at jumps and disobedience shall not be judged as is done in jumper riding horse classes resp. eventing competitions and laid down in § 363.2 resp. § 373 LPO, however, it shall influence the final result. The dressage assessment for the dressage stallions resp. stallions with multi-purpose disposition shall not include leaving the arena or disobedience as is laid down in § 404 LPO, 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.

Besides, a specification shall be issued to determine breed-relevant criteria when it comes to groups of feature such as quality of basic gaits (walk, trot, canter), disposition for jumping, rideability, character and overall impression by means of linear description.

D 12. Non-admission and exclusion from the test

The Evaluation Commission of the corresponding test shall decide on non-admission and disqualification together with the commissioner of the FN and – if necessary – the steward and the responsible vet.

D 12.1. Non-admission

A stallion is not eligible for the test if

- the admission requirements as stipulated under paragraph C 2. have not been fulfilled;
- the stallion arrives later than within the period of time stipulated;
- the vaccination regulations of the LPO and/or the additional vaccination regulations of the individual testing station have not been fulfilled;
- the exhibitor fails to present the required documents upon delivery.

The QM-Commission decides whether a stallion is non-eligible.

D 12.2. Exclusion

A stallion shall be excluded from the performance test

- the stallion was diagnosed with health or constitution issues or lack in condition,
- if proof about a prohibited medication or manipulation is apparent (see paragraph C 13.),
- the stallion's behaviour 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 (annex 26) as regards the stallion was committed,
- if proof of an infringement of the provisions of the LPO or the HLP-Rules as regards the stallion becomes apparent
OR
- if the stallion is removed from the testing station without providing a corresponding order, issued by the Evaluation Commission, the FN-commissioner and – if necessary – the steward and the responsible vet
OR
- even though no emergency situation threatens life and health of the stallion.

D 13. Medication control, exclusion of stallions

The vet responsible for the stallion performance test in co-operation with the Evaluation Commission, the FN-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 in accordance with paragraph D, encl. 2, of the implementation provision of the LPO. All negative medication controls will be officially published by the FN.

In case the results show positive evidence of unlawful medication or manipulation – according to paragraph C 2. of these HLP-Rules – 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. The test is considered in both cases as started, and will be assessed as the stallion's try, even though the stallion will be excluded earlier. The owner of the test certificate is committed to return the certificate to the FN after no appeal has been issued.

The revocation of an issued test certificate has to be officially announced by the FN with appropriate reasons as soon as it has become incontestable. The official offices of the FN member breeding associations responsible for riding horses shall be informed accordingly.

D 14. Incomplete tests and repeat of tests

The sport test can only be repeated once per year and independent from the discipline, no matter whether a result was determined for the stallion with the first test or not. Another repeat of test shall only be possible in justified individual cases, applied upon and decided by the HLP Appeal Commission.

The last possibility to repeat the sport test in one testing year will be April (no additional sport test for stallions will be offered as of May).

The only possibility for stallions that failed to provide proof of the required performance requirements for being entered into the Stallion Book I is to submit the required evidence by completing a 50-day performance test or by successfully participating in competitions as of May of the respective testing year.

Participating at a sport test is considered as first attempt if the stallion was presented to the Evaluation Commission during the training on the first day of the test. Provided a stallion has to be withdrawn from the sport test before he has fully completed all parts of the test, no result can be determined. This also applies if the test is cancelled upon applicant's request. Termination of the test shall be officially published in the result lists (without test result, elimination from the test by the Evaluation Commission resp. termination upon applicant's request).

Provided a stallion repeats the test and two results for the same discipline have been determined, the better result will be entered into the studbook.

D a) Sport performance test for stallions – Focus Dressage (Part I and II)

D a) 1. Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The test is designed for four- and five-year-old licensed stallions, starting in different, age-appropriate groups.

All stallions will be assessed acc. to different age-appropriate performance levels. The stallions have to be presented in the group of same-aged horses. Presenting five-year-old stallions at the same level as four-year olds is not permitted.

The requirements are scaled as follows:

- 4-year-old stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a novice level dressage horse ability competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise (annex 6).
- 5-year-old stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of an elementary level dressage horse ability competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise (annex 7).

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 1: Arrival and free training
- Arrival and inspection of suitability for competition (see C 6. Arrival procedure) and stabling of the stallions as well as free training in the warm-up arena under the own rider and under supervision of the steward.
- 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 (4-year-old stallions: annex 6; 5-year-old stallions: annex 7) 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.

A representative of the FN will attend all inspection dates.

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.

D a) 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:

A shock-resistant and splinter-proof riding helmet with three- or four-points web harness is compulsory for all riders during training and all parts of the test.

The following accessories are permissible as is laid down in § 68 LPO:

- A pair of spurs (max. length of the shank 4.5 cm incl. moving rowe]) 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 (incl. ending) for all other training and test sessions.

Equipment horse:

Equipment for leg protection as stipulated in the guidelines for warm-up arenas (§ 70 LPO) is permitted during the training on the first and second day of the test. The regulations as stipulated for dressage horse ability competitions acc. to the LPO are valid for all other parts of the competition.

Draw reins shall be strictly prohibited during the whole event.

Each stallion has to be equipped with clear and readable identification signs (two head numbers) throughout the entire event, fixed at the snaffle bit or saddle pad – each on the left and right side.

D a) 3. Evaluation of features and determination of results

During the sport performance test for stallions focused on Dressage one weighted final dressage scores will be worked out in addition. When determining these 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 has to be withdrawn from competition 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. Termination of the test shall be officially published in the result lists (without test result, elimination from the test by the Evaluation Commission resp. termination upon applicant's request).

Each applicant receives an interim certificate (annex 19) on the final day of the test after the public presentation of final results, featuring the individual phenotypical scores as well as the weighted final dressage score.

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.

Following the final check of all results by the FN Headquarter, the individual phenotypical scores, the weighted final dressage scores as well as the linear description will be published on the Internet. Every applicant will be forwarded the final certificate of the FN (annex 19) and a final documentation of the linear description (annex 23).

D b) Sport performance test for stallions – Focus Show Jumping (Part I and II)

D b) 1. Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The test is designed for four- and five-year-old licensed stallions, starting in different, age-appropriate groups.

All stallions will be assessed acc. to different age-appropriate performance levels. The stallions have to be presented in the group of same-aged horses. Presenting five-year-old stallions at the same level as four-year olds is not permitted.

The requirements are scaled as follows:

- 4-year-old stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a novice level jumper riding horse class. The stallions are shown in a standard show jumping course (annex 11).
- 5-year-old stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of an elementary level dressage horse ability competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise (annex 12).

The Evaluation Commission gains repeatedly 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 1: Arrival and free training
 - Arrival and inspection of suitability for competition (see C 6. Arrival procedure) and stabling of the stallions as well as free training in the warm-up arena under the own rider (basic gaits, without jumps) and under supervision of the steward.
- 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 (4-year-old stallions: annex 11; 5-year-old stallions: annex 12).
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 (annex 11). Height of jumps can be adapted upon recommendation of the Evaluation Commission, depending on the age.

A representative of the FN will attend all inspection dates.

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.

D b) 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:

A shock-resistant and splinter-proof riding helmet with three- or four-points web harness is compulsory for all riders during training and all parts of the test.

The following accessories are permissible as is laid down in § 68 LPO:

- A pair of spurs (max. length of the shank 4.5 cm incl. moving 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.
- Whip: 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.

The regulations on illegal “foreign aids” as stipulated in § 403 LPO shall apply for all reviews of the Evaluation Commission and shall lead to an exclusion from the stallion performance test as is explained in § 406 LPO.

Equipment horse:

The regulations as stipulated for jumper riding horse classes acc. to § 70 LPO are valid for all parts of the competition, it shall only be allowed to put on leg protection on the front legs.

Bridles and bits are only permitted in accordance with § 70 B.I. LPO, so straight bits, three-ring bits and pelhams are not permitted.

Draw reins shall be strictly prohibited during the whole event.

Each stallion has to be equipped with clear and readable identification signs (two head numbers) throughout the entire event, fixed at the snaffle bit or saddle pad – each on the left and right side.

D b) 3. Evaluation of features and determination of results

During the sport performance test for stallions focused on Show Jumping one weighted final jumping scores will be worked out in addition. When determining these 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 has to be withdrawn from competition 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. Termination of the test shall be officially published in the result lists (without test result, elimination from the test by the Evaluation Commission resp. termination upon applicant's request).

Each applicant receives an interim certificate (annex 20) on the final day of the test after the public presentation of final results, featuring the individual phenotypical scores as well as the weighted final dressage score.

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.

Following the final check of all results by the FN Headquarter, the individual phenotypical scores, the weighted final dressage scores as well as the linear description will be published on the Internet. Every applicant will be forwarded the final certificate of the FN (annex 20) and a final documentation of the linear description (annex 23).

D c) Teil I: Sport performance test for 4-/5-year-old stallions – Focus Multi-purpose disposition

D c) 1. Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The test is designed for 4-year-old licensed stallions. 5-year-old stallions shall be permitted to participate on a case-by-case basis. The FN breeding department, shall decide on admission in cooperation with the elected representatives of the breeding associations in the WG HLP.

All stallions will be assessed acc. to different age-appropriate performance levels. The stallions have to be presented in the group of same-aged horses. Presenting 5- year-old stallions at the same level as four-year olds is not permitted.

The requirements are scaled as follows:

- 4-year-old stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a riding horse ability competition. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise (annex 14) and a standard jumper course for 4-year-old stallions (annex 11).
(Exception 5-year-old stallions who have not been able to complete part Ia at the age of 4):
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a novice level dressage horse ability competition and a novice level (A**) jumper riding horse class. The stallions are shown in a standard exercise (annex 6) and a standard jumper course (annex 16).

The Evaluation Commission gains repeatedly information and impressions about the stallions, focused on multi-purpose disposition, 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 1: Arrival and free training
 - Arrival and inspection of suitability for competition (see C 6. Arrival procedure) and stabling of the stallions as well as free training in the warm-up arena under the own rider (basic gaits, without jumps) and under supervision of the steward.
- 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 exercise (4-year-old stallions: annex 14; exception 5-year-old stallions: annex 6) and immediately afterwards in a standard jumper course (4-year-old stallions: annex 11; exception 5-year-old stallions: annex 16). 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). Test rider inspection immediately afterwards, including basic gaits and individual jumps and sequences of a standard jumper course (annex 11). The stallion will then be tested by the test rider in a standard course (annex 11). Height of jumps can be adapted upon recommendation of the Evaluation Commission, depending on the age.

A representative of the FN will attend all inspection dates.

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.

D c) 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:

A shock-resistant and splinter-proof riding helmet with three- or four-points web harness is compulsory for all riders during training and all parts of the test.

The following accessories are permissible as is laid down in § 68 LPO:

- A pair of spurs (max. length of the shank 4.5 cm [incl. rowel, however with a flat ending]) 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.

- Whip: A whip with a length of max. 75 cm (incl. lash) is permitted for all parts of the test that require jumping obstacles. A whip with a total length of max. 120 cm (incl. lash) is permitted for all other parts of the test and during dressage training in the warm-up arena.

The regulations on illegal “foreign aids” as stipulated in § 403 LPO shall apply for all reviews of the Evaluation Commission and shall lead to an exclusion from the stallion performance test as is explained in § 406 LPO.

Equipment horse:

The regulations as stipulated for jumper riding horse classes acc. to § 70 LPO are valid for all parts of the competition, it shall only be allowed to put on leg protection on the front legs.

Bridles and bits are only permitted in accordance with § 70 B.I. LPO, so straight bits, three-ring bits and pelhams are not permitted.

Draw reins shall be strictly prohibited during the whole event.

Each stallion has to be equipped with clear and readable identification signs (two head numbers) throughout the entire event, fixed at the snaffle bit or saddle pad – each on the left and right side.

D c) 3. Evaluation of features and determination of results

A weighted final score for stallions with a versatile disposition shall be determined in the sport test for stallions, part Ia, focus multi-purpose disposition. When determining these 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 multi-purpose disposition score (in %)
Trot	15,0
Canter	15,0
Walk	15,0
Jumping ability	25,0
Rideability	20,0
Overall impression	10,0
Sum weighting factor	100,00

If a stallion has to be withdrawn from competition 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. Termination of the test shall be officially published in the result lists (without test result, elimination from the test by the Evaluation Commission resp. termination upon applicant's request).

Each applicant receives an interim certificate (annex 21) on the final day of the test after the public presentation of final results, featuring the individual phenotypical scores as well as the weighted final dressage score.

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.

Following the final check of all results by the FN Headquarter, the individual phenotypical scores, the weighted final dressage scores as well as the linear description will be published on the Internet. Every applicant will be forwarded the final certificate of the FN (annex 22) and a final documentation of the linear description (annex 25).

D d) Teil II: Sport performance test for 4-/5-year-old stallions – Focus Multi-purpose disposition

D d) 1. Schedule of the testing round and evaluated features

The test is designed for 4- and 5-year old licensed stallions. This part of the sport test will be held from July to September together with the field test for noble blood horses (ZSAA) in Marbach. Assessment will be at an age-appropriate level.

Die hierzu gestellten Anforderungen sind wie folgt gestaffelt:

The requirements are scaled as follows:

- 5-year-old stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a novice level suitability ability competition (annex 14) and a novice level jumper riding horse class (A*/annex 11). For further evaluation purposes, the stallions have to complete a cross-country course (A**) as is laid down in § 372 LPO, requirements for elementary level cross-country competitions, including a tree trunk, an oxer, a brush fence, a bullfinch, an overbuilt open ditch as well as crossing water. The whole cross-country course must be completely visible for the Evaluation Commission.
- 5-year-old stallions:
Testing and assessment of stallions is modeled on the requirements of a novice level dressage horse ability competition (annex 6) and a novice level jumper riding horse class (A**/annex 15). For further evaluation purposes, the stallions have to complete a cross-country course (L) as is laid down in § 372 LPO, requirements for elementary level cross-country competitions, including a tree trunk, an oxer, a brush fence, a bullfinch, an overbuilt open ditch as well as crossing water. The whole cross-country course must be completely visible for the Evaluation Commission.

The Evaluation Commission gains repeatedly information and impressions about the stallions, focused on multi-purpose disposition, during the whole testing period for the following features:

- Trot (dressage test)
- Canter (dressage test, course jumping, cross-country course)
- Walk (dressage test)
- Jumping ability (course jumping and cross-country course)
- Rideability (dressage test, course jumping, cross-country course)
- Overall impression

The three-days sport test is composed as follows:

- Day 1: Arrival and free training
 - In the morning arrival and inspection of suitability for competition (see C 6. Arrival procedure) and stabling of the stallions as well as free training in the warm-up arena resp. on the warm-up grounds under the own rider (basic gaits, without jumps) and under supervision of the steward.

Then specified, time limited training of stallions in the testing arena resp. on the testing grounds (max. 30 minutes per stallion) in a group of up to four stallions, attended by the Evaluation Commission.

Showing the stallions the corresponding standard jumper 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 exceptional cases, it is up to the Evaluation Commission to allow the stallions to jump more obstacles. Discipline expert and rider then talk about the first impression of the stallion in a feedback discussion in the testing hall or on the testing ground.

- Day 2: Dressage test and course jumping

- In the morning presentation of stallions by the own rider in a standard exercise (4-year old stallions: annex 14, 5-year old stallions: annex 6). This is followed by summarized comments on the stallion's shown performances during the standard test without drawing conclusion on the assessment of single features.

- In the afternoon presentation of stallions by the own rider in a standard jumper course/A** (4-year old stallions: annex 11, 5-year old stallions: annex 15). Warm up of stallions in the warm-up arena resp. on the warm-up grounds 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 resp. on the resting grounds is permitted, too.

After having completed the standard jumper course, it is up to the Evaluation Commission to decide whether to repeat jumps or to increase the height of jumps age-appropriately. This is followed by summarized comments on the stallion's shown performances during the standard course without drawing conclusion on the assessment of single features.

- Day 3: Cross-country course

- In the morning appropriate training of the stallion in accordance with a specified time schedule in the warm-up arena under the own rider. Negotiating obstacles (upright obstacle, oxer and mobile fence [tree trunk]) under supervision of the steward and a judge.

Then specified, time limited training of stallions in the cross-country course (max. 30 minutes per stallion) in a group of up to four stallions, attended by the Evaluation Commission. Showing the stallions the whole cross-country course and jumping 2 to 3 obstacles (incl. crossing water), specified by the Evaluation Commission, in appropriate relation to the stallion's age and performance capacity free of choice, is permitted. In exceptional cases, it is up to the Evaluation Commission to allow the stallions to jump more obstacles. Discipline expert and rider then talk about the first impression of the stallion in a feedback discussion in the testing hall or on the testing ground.

- In the late morning resp. early afternoon, presentation of stallions in a cross-country course by the own rider. Negotiating two individual obstacles (upright obstacle, oxer) and a mobile obstacle (tree trunk) on the warm-up grounds under the supervision of the steward before. After having completed the cross-country course, it is up to the Evaluation Commission to decide whether to repeat any obstacles.

A representative of the FN will attend all inspection dates.

D d) 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:

A shock-resistant and splinter-proof riding helmet with three- or four-points web harness is compulsory for all riders during training and all parts of the test.

The following accessories are permissible as is laid down in § 68 LPO:

- A pair of spurs (max. length of the shank 4,0 cm with a flat moving 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.
- Whip: A whip with a length of max. 75 cm (incl. lash) is permitted for all parts of the test that require jumping obstacles. A whip with a total length of max. 120 cm (incl. lash) is permitted in the warm-up arena resp. on the warm-up ground.
- Partial cross-country test: back protector compulsory (a back protector acc. to European Norm "EN 13158", level 3, is recommended)

The regulations on illegal "foreign aids" as stipulated in § 403 LPO shall apply for all reviews of the Evaluation Commission and shall lead to an exclusion from the stallion performance test as is explained in § 406 LPO.

Equipment horse:

The regulations as stipulated for jumper riding horse classes acc. to § 70 LPO are valid for training as well as all parts of the competition that require jumping obstacles, however, in the test part jumping, it shall only be allowed to put on leg protection on the front legs. The stipulations for cross-country tests as is laid down in § 70 LPO shall apply for all other parts of the test.

Draw reins shall be strictly prohibited during the whole event.

Each stallion has to be equipped with clear and readable identification signs (two head numbers) throughout the entire event, fixed at the snaffle bit or saddle pad – each on the left and right side.

D d) 3. Evaluation of features and determination of results

A weighted final score for stallions with a versatile disposition shall be determined in the sport test for stallions, part II, focus multi-purpose disposition. When determining these 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 multi-purpose disposition score (in %)
Trot – dressage test	15,0
Canter 20 % dressage test, 30 % course jumping, 50 % cross country course	15,0
Walk – dressage test	15,0
Jumping ability 50 % course jumping, 50 % cross country course	25,0
Rideability 35 % dressage test, 35 % course jumping, 30 % cross country course	20,0
Overall impression	10,0
Sum weighting factor	100,00

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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.

Following the final check of all results by the FN Headquarter, the individual phenotypical scores, the weighted final dressage scores as well as the linear description will be published on the Internet. Every applicant will be forwarded the final certificate of the FN (annex 24) and a final documentation of the linear description (annex 25).

Enclosure 1

Sample – Delivery report stationary tests

VA(*) / HLP: _____ City: _____ Date: _____

1. Identification

Name: _____ Registration no.: _____

Pedigree (S / DS): _____

Applicant: _____

Identified by colour, markings and branding: Yes No

2. Documents to be submitted:

- Horse passport, showing all required vaccinations as is stipulated in § 66.6.10 LPO
- Current breeding certificate
- Vet certificate as is stipulated in B I 6.1. resp. B II 6.1.
- Proof of a negative virus neutralisation test for equine arteritis virus as is stipulated in the HLP Rules.

3. Interim report/Comments by the applicant (resp. his representative):

4. Adspecation + palpation:

Head (lymph nodes/larynx/eyes/nasal discharge/cough/mouth angles)	
Teeth	
Neck (jugular vein)	
Body (skin)	
Legs (tendons/overlegs/pasterns)	
Hoofs (shoeing/orthopaedic)	

5. Nutritional status: _____

- 1 = fat
- 2 = sturdy, well-developed muscles
- 3 = moderate nutritional status
- 4 = thin/lean

6. Presentation:

Standing	
Walking	
Trotting	

7. Special examinations:

8. Presentation under own rider:

Result: Admitted Not admitted

Station vet : _____ Judge: _____

Head trainer: _____ Applicant or representative: _____

FN-representative: _____

* = VA: Suitability test

Enclosure 2

Sample – Inspection and presentation report (before final test)

VA/ HLP: _____ City: _____ Date: _____

1. Identification

Name: _____ Registration no.: _____

Pedigree (S / DS): _____

Applicant: _____

Identified by colour, markings and branding: Yes No

2. Interim report:

3. Adsppection + palpation:

Head (lymph nodes/larynx/eyes/nasal discharge/cough/mouth angles)	
Teeth	
Neck (jugular vein)	
Body (skin)	
Legs (tendons/overlegs/pasterns)	
Hoofs (shoeing/orthopaedic)	

4. Nutritional status: _____

1 = fat

2 = sturdy, well-developed muscles

3 = moderate nutritional status

4 = thin/lean

5. Presentation:

Standing	
Walking	
Trotting	

6. Special examinations:

Result:

Admitted for final test

Not admitted for final test

Station vet: _____

Judge: _____

Head trainer : _____

Applicant or representative:

FN-representative: _____

Enclosure 3
Sample – Delivery report sport test

City: _____ Date: _____

Main focus: Dressage Jumping Multi-purpose potential

1. Identification

Name: _____ Registration no.: _____

Pedigree (S / DS): _____

Applicant: _____

Identified by colour, markings and branding:

Yes No

2. Documents to be submitted:

- Horse passport, showing all required vaccinations as is stipulated in § 66.6.10 LPO
- Current breeding certificate
- Vet certificate as is stipulated under C 6.
- Proof of a negative virus neutralisation test for equine arteritis virus as is stipulated in the HLP Rules.

3. Anomalies adspection and palpation:

4. Presentation:

Standing	
Walking	
Trotting	

5. Comments / Special examinations:

Result: Admitted Not admitted

Responsible vet: _____

FN-representative: _____

Applicant or representative: _____

Enclosure 4

**Sample – Inspection report after completion of the sport test
(before departure)**

City: _____ Date: _____

Main focus: Dressage Jumping Multi-purpose potential

1. Identification

Name: _____ Registration no.: _____

Pedigree (S / DS): _____

Applicant: _____

Identified by colour, markings and branding:

Yes No

2. Bit and brushing boot control:

Yes No

Anomalies: _____

3. Anomalies adspection and palpation:

4. Comments / Special examinations:

Station vet: _____

FN-representative: _____

Applicant or representative: _____

Enclosure 5

Test RP – Young horse development class

Arena 20 x 60 m

Enter the arena in the walk at long reins, left lead, take up the reins.

(left lead)

(B-M-C-H-E-K-A-F-B-M-C)
(H-X-F)

Working trot, rising, go large (1 x).
Change rein across the diagonal.

(right lead)

(F-A-K-E-H-C)
(M-B)
(A-X-C)

Go large (1 x).
Transition to the walk, medium walk at the long rein.
Change rein across the diagonal.

(left lead)

(C)
(H)
(F-M) und (H-K)
(A)

Left lead.
Working trot, rising.
Lengthen strides at the next two long sides.
20 metre circle, sitting trot towards the closed side and cantering on.

(A)
(F-M)
(H-K)
(F-X-H)

Go large.
Working canter on one long side.
Lengthen canter strides on one long side.
Change rein across the diagonal and transition to the working trot on the diagonal, rising trot.

(right lead)

(C)

(C)
(M-F)
(K-H)
(C)
(B-E-B)

20 metre circle, sitting trot towards the closed side and cantering on.

Go large.
Working canter on one long side.
Lengthen canter strides on one long side.

Transition to the working trot on the short side, rising.
Middle circle and allow the horse to stretch and lower the neck.

(B-E)
(E-H)
(C)

Retake the reins.
Go large.
Sitting trot towards the short side and transition to the walk, medium walk at the long rein.

(B)
(E)
(C-A)

Track to the right.
Track to the right.
Change rein across the centre line.

(left lead)

(A)

Leave the arena in the medium walk.

Enclosure 6

Test DA – Dressage horse ability competition for 4-year-old stallions

(Only single)

Arena 20 x 60 m – Duration: approx. 4 ½ minutes

- A-X Enter the arena in the working trot.
X Halt (through the walk). Salute. Proceed in working trot.
C Left lead.
A-C Serpentine 3 loops (touching the long side).
H-X-F Change rein across the diagonal, lengthen strides and rising trot.
F Working trot. Sitting trot.
A Medium walk.
(K-B), (B-H) Change rein in the medium walk on short diagonal.
C Proceed in working trot.
B-E-B-E Middle circle (1 ½ rounds) and working canter right lead between E and B.
E Go large.
M-X-K Change rein across the diagonal and transition to working trot on the diagonal, left canter when reaching the track.
A Ride on the circle (1 round) and give and retake the reins on the open side.
A Go large.
F-M Lengthen canter strides.
Between M – C Working canter.
Between H – E Working trot.
F-X-H Change rein across the diagonal, lengthen strides and rising trot.
H Working trot. Sitting trot.
B-E-B Middle circle (1 round), rising trot and allow the horse to stretch and lower the neck.
B-F Go large. Retake the reins.
A Turn down on centre line.
X Halt (through the walk). Salute.
Leave the arena in the medium walk at the long rein.

Enclosure 7

Test DL – Dressage horse ability competition for five-year-old stallions

Ridden only in a plain snaffle bridle (only single)

Arena 20 x 60 m – Duration: approx. 5 ½ minutes

A-X	Enter in working trot.
X	Halt. Salute.
	Proceed in working trot.
C	Right lead.
B-X	Half circle right (10 m).
X-E	Half circle left (10 m).
V	Collected trot.
(V-K-A-F)	(The collected trot)
F-X-H	Change rein across the diagonal in the medium trot.
H	Working trot.
C-A	Serpentine 3 loops (touching the long side).
K-X-M	Medium trot.
M-C	Collected trot.
C	Medium walk.
H-B	Change rein on short diagonal in the medium walk.
B-K	Change rein on short diagonal in the medium walk at the long rein.
K	Retake the reins.
A	Working canter left.
(A-F-B)	(The working canter)
B-R-S-E	Medium canter, half circle.
Between E and K	Collected canter.
K-D-E	Half circle (10 m) without change of leg in the canter.
(E-H)	(The counter canter)
Before H	Simple change of leg.
M-F	Medium canter.
Between F and A	Collected canter.
K-B	Change rein on short diagonal without change of leg in the canter.
(B-M)	(The counter canter)
M	Working trot.
E-B-E	Middle circle, rising trot, allow the horse to stretch and lower the neck.
E	Retake the reins. Sitting trot.
A	Turn down on centre line.
X	Halt. Salute.
	Leave the arena in the medium walk at the long rein.

Enclosure 8

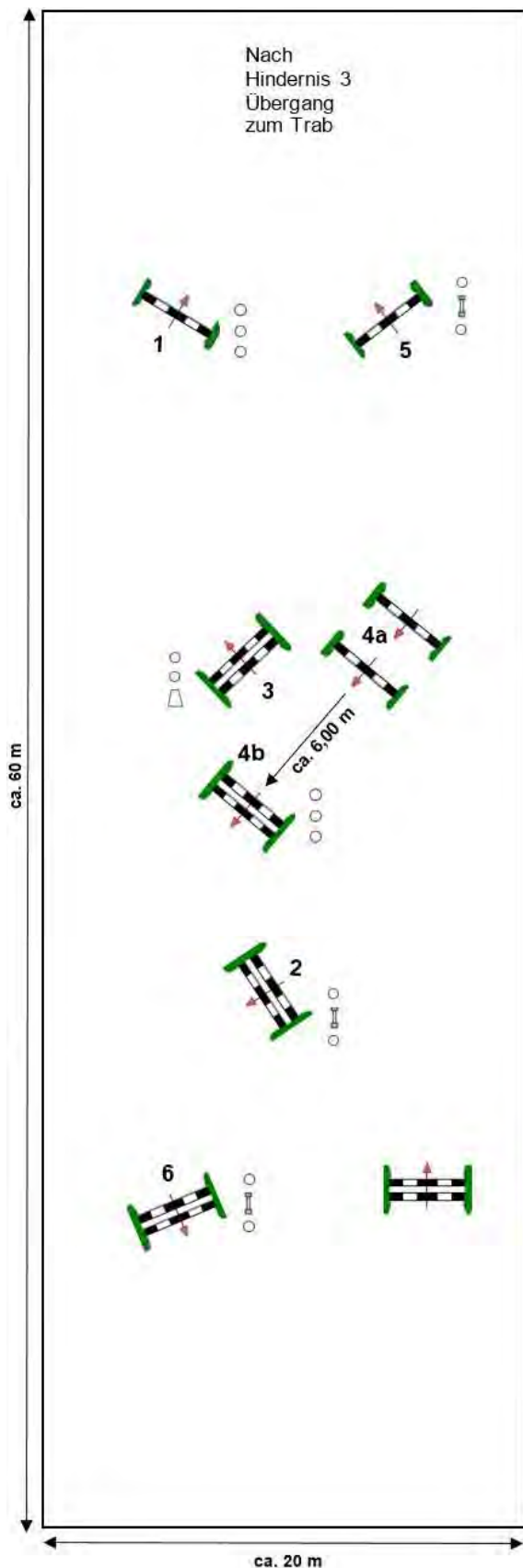
Test DM – Dressage horse ability competition for 6/7-year-old stallions

Ridden only in a plain snaffle bridle (only single)

Arena 20 x 60 m – Duration: approx. 5 minutes

A-X	Enter in working trot.
X	Halt. Salute. Proceed in the working trot.
C	Left lead.
E-X	Half volte left (10 m).
X-B	Half volte right (10 m).
A	Collected trot.
K-E	Shoulder-in.
E	Volte (8 m).
E-G	Half-pass to the right.
C	Right lead.
M-X-K	Change rein across the diagonal in the medium trot.
K	Collected trot.
F-B	Shoulder-in.
B	Volte (8 m).
B-G	Half-pass to the left.
C	Left lead.
H-X-F	Change rein across the diagonal in the extended trot.
F	Collected trot.
A	Medium walk.
K-X-M	Change rein across the diagonal in the extended walk.
M-C	Medium walk.
C	Working canter to the left.
V-P	Half circle, give and retake the reins.
P	Go large.
Before B	Collected canter.
B-I-H	Change rein on short diagonal.
At I	Flying change of leg.
H	Working canter.
B-P-V-E	Medium canter and half circle.
Before E	Collected canter.
E-I-M	Change rein on short diagonal.
At I	Flying change of leg.
H-V	Medium canter.
V	Collected canter.
K	Collected trot.
A	Turn down on centre line.
X	Halt. Salute. Leave the arena in the medium walk at the long rein.

Enclosure 9
HLP Training course for 3-year-old show jumping stallions
 (indoor arena min. 20 x 60 m)



Height/Width: **0.60 m – 0.90 m**

Following obstacle **3** transition to the **trot**.

Obstacle **4a** designed as an X including ground and trot pole.

Oxers should generally be ramped (the rear bar must be higher).
 Safety cups are mandatory with oxers.

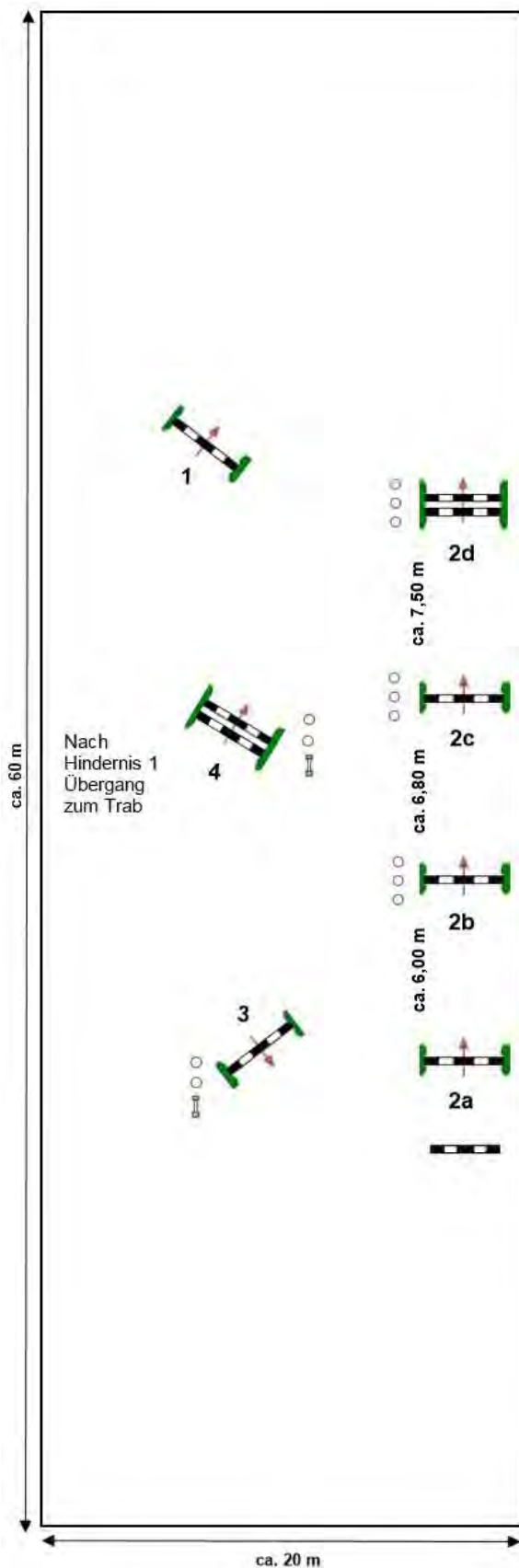
It is recommended to use ground poles at all obstacles to highlight the baseline.

It is permitted to raise obstacle **2** (as vertical) and obstacle **3** for the test rider test.

Minor deviations are permissible after consultation with the experts and the FN representative.

The standard course and the obstacles have to comply with the requirements as are laid down in §§ 507 and 509 LPO.

Enclosure 10
HLP Gymnastic jumping for dressage stallions
 (indoor arena min. 20 x 60 m)



Height/Width: **0.60 m - max. 0.90 m**

Transition to the trot after obstacle **1** on the long side; proceed in the canter after obstacle **2** and finish.

Obstacles **1** and **2a** designed as an X.

Oxers should generally be ramped (the rear bar must be higher).
 Safety cups are mandatory with oxers..

It is recommended to use ground poles at all obstacles to highlight the baseline.

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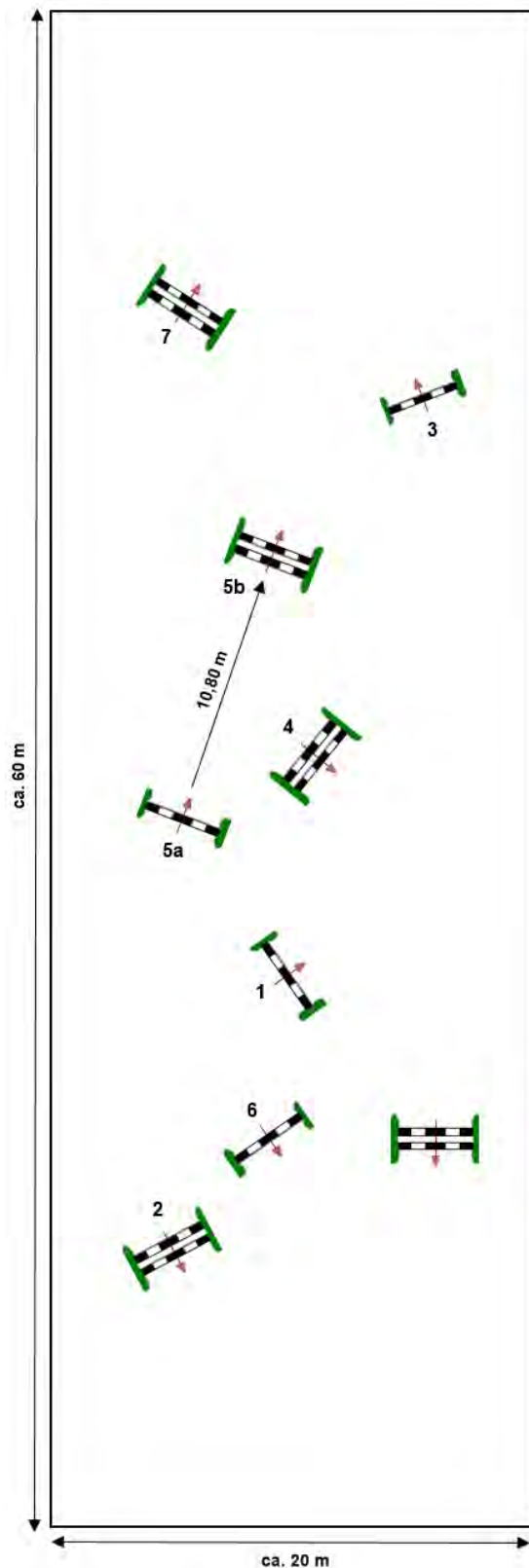
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Enclosure 11

Standard course for four-year-old stallions (jumping and multi-purpose potential) and test rider course (all age-groups)

(indoor arena min. 20 x 60 m)



Height/width: **0.90 m - 1 m**

Warm-up jumps before the start of test:
Obstacles **1** and **2**

Oxers should generally be ramped
(the rear bar must be higher).
Safety cups are mandatory with oxers.

It is recommended to use ground poles at all
obstacles to highlight the baseline.

It is permitted to raise obstacle **2** as vertical
(from the other direction) and obstacle **5** in
the test rider test.

Minor deviations are permissible after
consultation with the experts and the FN
representative.

The standard course and the obstacles have
to comply with the requirements as are laid
down in §§ 507 and 509 LPO

Legende:

- Stange
- ⊥ Planke
- ▭ Kleines Unterstellteil

Enclosure 12
Standard course for five-year-old show jumping stallions
 (indoor arena min. 20 x 60 m)

Height/width: **1.05 m – 1.10 m**

Warm-up jumps before the start of the test:
 Obstacles **1** and **4**

Obstacle **7**:
 Open-water jump, approx. 40 cm ahead of
 the jump

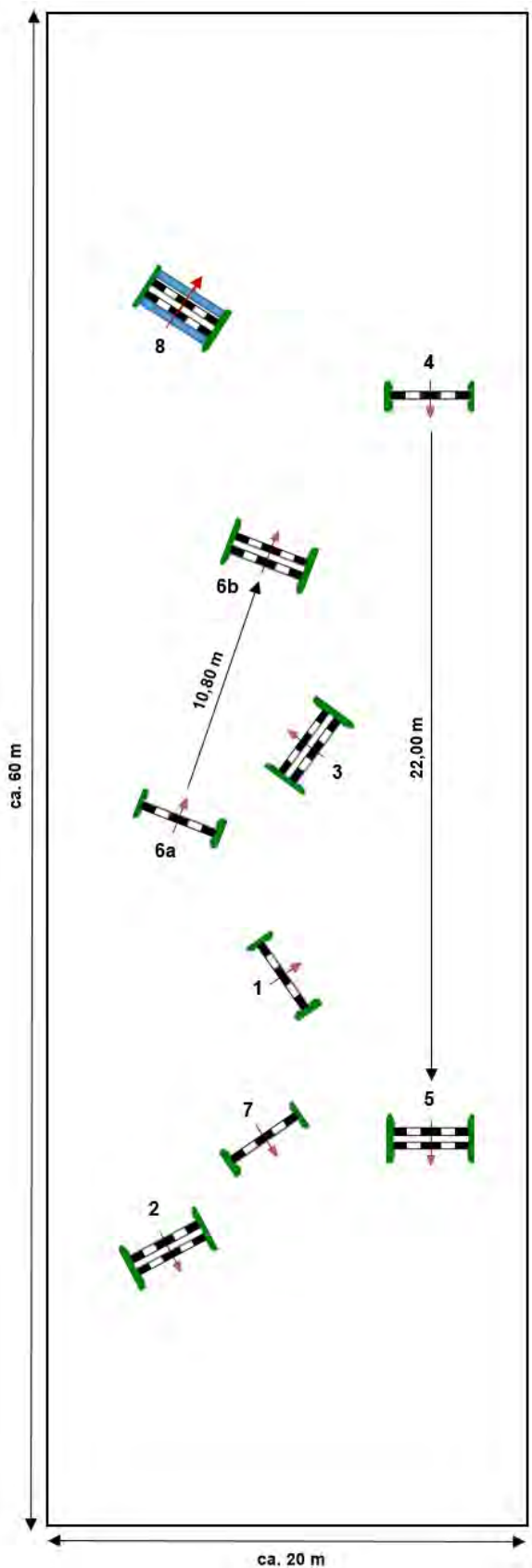
Oxers should generally be ramped
 (the rear bar must be higher).
 Safety cups are mandatory with oxers.

The base line of the fences is no longer
 highlighted by obstacle poles.

It is permitted to raise obstacle **1** (from the
 other direction) and obstacle **4** for the test
 rider test.

Minor deviations are permissible after
 consultation with the experts and the FN
 representative.

The standard course and the obstacles
 have to comply with the requirements as
 are laid down in §§ 507 and 509 LPO



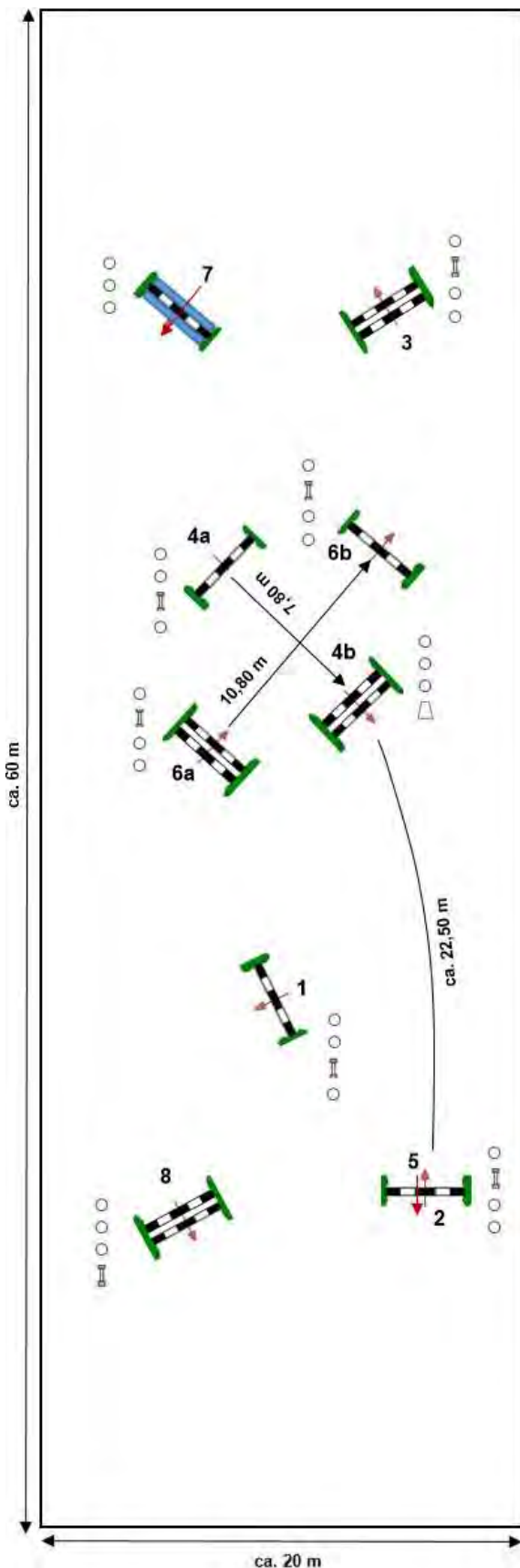
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Enclosure 13

Standard course for six- and seven-year-old show jumping stallions

(indoor arena min. 20 x 60 m)



Height/width: 1.15 m – 1.25 m

Warm-up jumps before the start of the test:
Obstacles **1** and **3**

Obstacle **7**: Open-water jump, approx. 40 cm ahead of the jump

Oxers should generally be ramped
(the rear bar must be higher).
Safety cups are mandatory with oxers.

The base line of the fences is no longer
highlighted by obstacle poles

It is permitted to raise obstacle **1** (from the
other direction) and obstacle **8** for the test
rider test.

Minor deviations are permissible after
consultation with the experts and the FN
representative.

The standard course and the obstacles have
to comply with the requirements as are laid
down in §§ 507 and 509 LPO

Legende:

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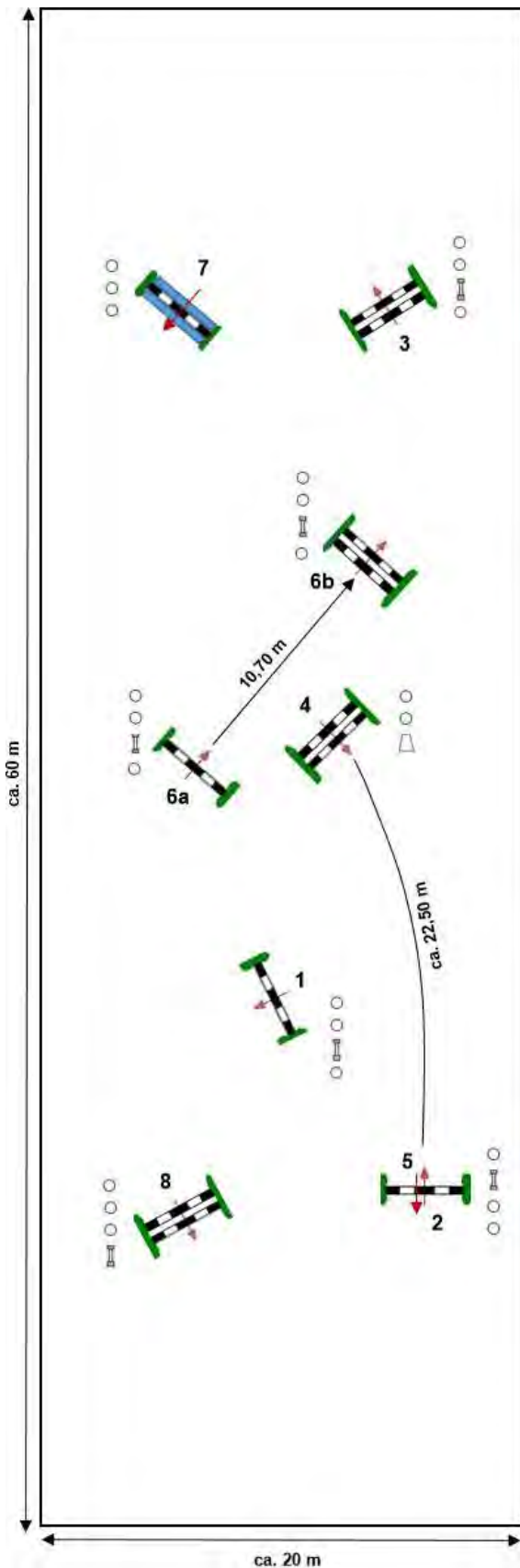
Enclosure 14

Test – Suitability test for 4-year-old stallions (multi-purpose potential)

Arena 20 x 60 m – Duration: approx. 6 minutes (incl. course jumping)

- A Right lead, medium walk.
 - K Working trot, rising.
 - C-A Serpentine across the arena with 4 loops, finishing on the left lead.
 - A Sitting trot.
 - B Medium walk.
 - H-B Change rein on short diagonal.
 - B-E Middle circle and trotting on between B and E (1/2 round).
 - E-B-E-B Working canter to the right.
 - B-E Lengthen canter strides (1/2 round).
 - E Go large.
 - C (On short side) working canter.
 - B Working trot.
 - K-X-M Change rein across the diagonal, rising trot and lengthen strides.
 - M-H (On short side) sitting trot, working trot.
 - E-B Middle circle (1/2 round).
 - B-E-B Working canter to the left (1 round).
 - B Go large.
 - H-K (On the long side) lengthen canter strides.
 - K Working canter.
 - A Working trot.
 - B Halt. Working trot.
 - H-X-F Change rein across the diagonal, rising trot and lengthen strides.
 - F-K (On the short side) working trot.
 - E-B Middle circle (1/2 round).
 - B-E-B Rising trot and allow the horse to stretch and lower the neck (1 round).
 - B-E Sitting trot. Retake the reins.
 - E Go large. Medium walk.
- Leave the arena at the long rein and prepare for jumping.

Enclosure 15
Standard course for five-year-old stallions with an multi-purpose potential
(part II)
 (indoor arena min. 20 x 60 m)



Height/width: **1 m – 1.05 m**

Warm-up jumps before the start of the test:
 Obstacles **1** and **4**

Obstacle **7**: Open-water jump, approx. 40 cm ahead of the jump

Oxers should generally be ramped
 (the rear bar must be higher).
 Safety cups are mandatory with oxers.

The base line of the fences is no longer
 highlighted by obstacle poles.

It is permitted to raise obstacle **1** (from the
 other direction) and obstacle **4** for the test
 rider test.

Minor deviations are permissible after
 consultation with the experts and the FN
 representative.

The standard course and the obstacles have
 to comply with the requirements as are laid
 down in §§ 507 and 509 LPO.

Legende:

- Stange
- ⊥ Planke
- △ Kleines Unterstellteil

Enclosure 16
Sample – Test certificate (14-day performance test)



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Noten Überprüfung			
Trab	7,50	7,06	0,44
Galopp	8,00	7,91	0,09
Schritt	7,00	7,12	-0,12
Rittigkeit Bewertungskommission	8,50	7,86	0,64
Springanlage Freispringen	9,00	8,23	0,77
Rittigkeit Fremdreiter	8,25	8,00	0,25
Noten: Training + Überprüfung			
Interieur	8,75	8,21	0,54
Charakter/Temperament	9,00	8,32	0,68
Leistungsbereitschaft	9,50	8,09	1,41

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Gewichtete Gesamtnote = 8,13
Gewichtete dressurbetonte Endnote = 7,58
Gewichtete springbetonte Endnote = 8,64

Prüfungsort , den TT.MM.JJJJ

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Enclosure 17**Sample – Test certificate (50-day performance test)
Main focus dressage****DEUTSCHE REITERLICHE VEREINIGUNG E.V.**

Bundesverband für Pferdesport und Pferdezucht – Fédération Equestre Nationale (FN)

ER G E B N I S**50-tägige Hengstleistungsprüfung - Schwerpunkt Dressur**

vom TT.MM.JJJJ bis TT.MM.JJJJ

in Prüfungsort

Name: **Hengst A**
 LNR: **DE 421000000000** Kat.-Numer.: **1**

Vater: **Vater** DE 421000000000
 Mutter: **Mutter** DE 421000000000
 von: **Muttervater** DE 421000000000
 geb.: **01.01.2012**
 Geschl. **H**
 Rasse: **Hannoveraner**

Anmelder **Max Mustermann**
Musterstraße 99
99999 Musterdorf

MERKMALE HLP-Dressur	LEISTUNG	VERGLEICHSMITTEL	INDIVIDUELLE ABWEICHUNG
Noten Überprüfung			
Trab	8,50	7,31	1,19
Galopp	8,00	7,91	0,09
Schritt	7,00	7,36	-0,36
Rittigkeit Bewertungskommission	8,00	7,99	0,01
Verhalten am Sprung	7,50	6,89	0,61
Gesamteindruck	8,50	8,30	0,20
Rittigkeit Fremdreiter	8,25	8,00	0,25
Noten: Training + Überprüfung			
Interieur	8,75	8,21	0,54
Charakter/Temperament	9,00	8,32	0,68
Leistungsbereitschaft	8,50	8,09	0,41

Gewichtete dressurbetonte Endnote = 8,03

Prüfungsort , den TT.MM.JJJJ

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Enclosure 18
Sample – Test certificate (50-day performance test)
Main focus *show jumping*



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50-tägige Hengstleistungsprüfung - Schwerpunkt Springen
 vom TT.MM.JJJJ bis TT.MM.JJJJ
 in Prüfungsort

Name: **Hengst B**
 LNR: **DE 421000000000** Kat.-Nummer.: **1**

Vater: **Vater** DE 421000000000
 Mutter: **Mutter** DE 421000000000
 von: **Muttervater** DE 421000000000
 geb.: **01.01.2012**
 Geschl. **H**
 Rasse: **Holsteiner**

Anmelder **Max Mustermann**
Musterstraße 99
99999 Musterdorf

MERKMALE HLP-Springen	LEISTUNG	VERGLEICHSMITTEL	INDIVIDUELLE ABWEICHUNG
Noten Überprüfung			
Trab	7,50	7,06	0,44
Galopp	8,00	7,91	0,09
Schritt	7,00	7,12	-0,12
Rittigkeit Bewertungskommission	8,50	7,86	0,64
Vermögen	10,00	8,23	1,77
Manier	9,00	7,84	1,16
Gesamteindruck	8,50	8,03	0,47
Rittigkeit Fremdreiter	8,25	8,00	0,25
Noten: Training + Überprüfung			
Interieur	8,75	8,21	0,54
Charakter/Temperament	9,00	8,32	0,68
Leistungsbereitschaft	9,50	8,09	1,41

Gewichtete springbetonte Endnote = 8,23

Prüfungsort , den TT.MM.JJJJ

Stempel und Unterschrift

Enclosure 19
Sample – Test certificate sport test, main focus *dressage*



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Sportprüfung für Hengste - Schwerpunkt Dressur
 vom TT.MM.JJJJ bis TT.MM.JJJJ
 in Prüfungsort

Name: **Hengst C**
 LNR: **DE 421000000000** Kat.-Numer.: **1**

Vater: **Vater** DE 421000000000
 Mutter: **Mutter** DE 421000000000
 von: **Muttervater** DE 421000000000
 geb.: **01.01.2012**
 Geschl. **H**
 Rasse: **Westfälisches Reitpferd**

Anmelder **Max Mustermann**
Musterstraße 99
99999 Musterdorf

MERKMALE Sportprüfung Dressur	LEISTUNG	VERGLEICHSMITTEL	INDIVIDUELLE ABWEICHUNG
Noten Überprüfung			
Trab	8,50	7,06	1,44
Galopp	8,00	7,91	0,09
Schritt	7,50	7,12	0,38
Rittigkeit	8,50	7,86	0,64
Gesamteindruck	8,50	8,23	0,27

Gewichtete dressurbetonte Endnote = 8,22

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Enclosure 20**Sample – Test certificate, main focus *show jumping*****DEUTSCHE REITERLICHE VEREINIGUNG E.V.**

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Sportprüfung für Hengste - Schwerpunkt Springen vom TT.MM.JJJJ bis TT.MM.JJJJ in Prüfungsort

Name: Hengst C	Kat.-Numer.: 1
LNR: DE 421000000000	

Vater: Vater	DE 421000000000
Mutter: Mutter	DE 421000000000
von: Muttervater	DE 421000000000
geb.: 01.01.2012	
Geschl. H	
Rasse: Oldenburger Springpferd	

Anmelder Max Mustermann
Musterstraße 99
99999 Musterdorf

MERKMALE Sportprüfung Springen	LEISTUNG	VERGLEICHSMITTEL	INDIVIDUELLE ABWEICHUNG
Noten Überprüfung			
Galopp	8,00	7,06	0,94
Vermögen	9,00	8,21	0,79
Manier	7,50	7,12	0,38
Rittigkeit	8,50	7,86	0,64
Gesamteindruck	8,50	8,23	0,27

Gewichtete dressurbetonte Endnote = 8,45

Prüfungsort , den TT.MM.JJJJ

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Enclosure 21
Sample – Test certificate sport test
Main focus *multi-purpose potential* (part I)



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Sportprüfung für Hengste - Schwerpunkt Vielseitige Veranlagung (Teil Ia)
 vom TT.MM.JJJJ bis TT.MM.JJJJ
 in Prüfungsort

Name: **Hengst D**
 LNR: **DE42100000000** Kat.-Numer.: **1**

Vater: **Vater** DE 421000000000
 Mutter: **Mutter** DE 421000000000
 von: **Muttervater** DE 421000000000
 geb.: **01.01.2012**
 Geschl. **H**
 Rasse: **Trakehner**

Anmelder **Max Mustermann**
Musterstraße 99
99999 Musterdorf

MERKMALE Sportprüfung Vielseitige Veranlagung	LEISTUNG	VERGLEICHSMITTEL	INDIVIDUELLE ABWEICHUNG
Noten Überprüfung			
Trab	7,00	7,06	-0,06
Galopp	8,50	8,21	0,29
Schritt	8,00	7,12	0,88
Springanlage	8,00	7,86	0,14
Rittigkeit	8,00	7,86	0,14
Gesamteindruck	8,00	8,23	-0,23

Gewichtete Endnote für vielseitig veranlagte Hengste = 8,06

Prüfungsort , den TT.MM.JJJJ

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Enclosure 22**Sample – Test certificate sport test
Main focus *multi-purpose potential* (part II)****DEUTSCHE REITERLICHE VEREINIGUNG E.V.**

Bundesverband für Pferdesport und Pferdezucht – Fédération Equestre Nationale (FN)

ER G E B N I S**Sportprüfung für Hengste - Schwerpunkt Vielseitige Veranlagung (Teil II)**

vom TT.MM.JJJJ bis TT.MM.JJJJ

in Prüfungsort

Name: **Hengst E**
LNR: **DE 42100000000** Kat.-Numer.: **1**Vater: **Vater** DE 42100000000
Mutter: **Mutter** DE 42100000000
von: **Muttervater** DE 42100000000
geb.: **01.01.2012**
Geschl. **H**
Rasse: **Trakehner**Anmelder **Max Mustermann**
Musterstraße 99
99999 Musterdorf

MERKMALE Sportprüfung Vielseitige Veranlagung	LEISTUNG	VERGLEICHSMITTEL	INDIVIDUELLE ABWEICHUNG
Noten Überprüfung			
Trab	7,50	7,06	0,44
Galopp	8,75	8,21	0,54
Dressuraufgabe	7,50	7,12	0,38
Parcours	9,00	7,88	1,12
Gelände	9,00	7,86	1,14
Schritt	8,00	7,12	0,88
Springanlage	8,00	7,43	0,57
Parcours	8,00	7,86	0,14
Gelände	8,00	7,92	0,08
Rittigkeit	8,00	7,86	0,14
Dressuraufgabe	7,50	7,41	0,09
Parcours	8,00	7,53	0,47
Gelände	8,50	7,99	0,51
Gesamteindruck	8,00	8,06	-0,06

Gewichtete Endnote für vielseitig veranlagte Hengste = 8,43

Prüfungsort , den TT.MM.JJJJ

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Enclosure 23
Sample – Documentation of linear description



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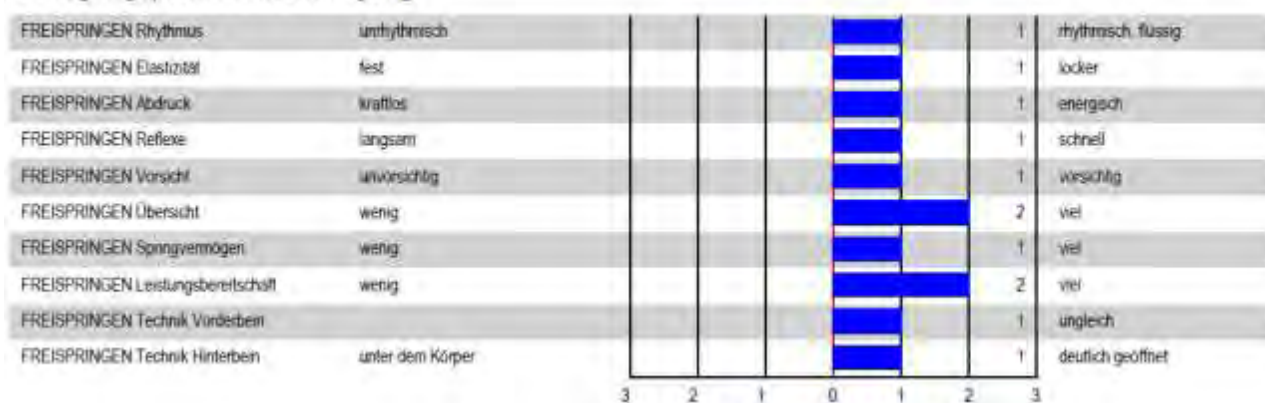
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Sire: **sire**
 Dam: **dam** Dam's sire: **dam's sire**

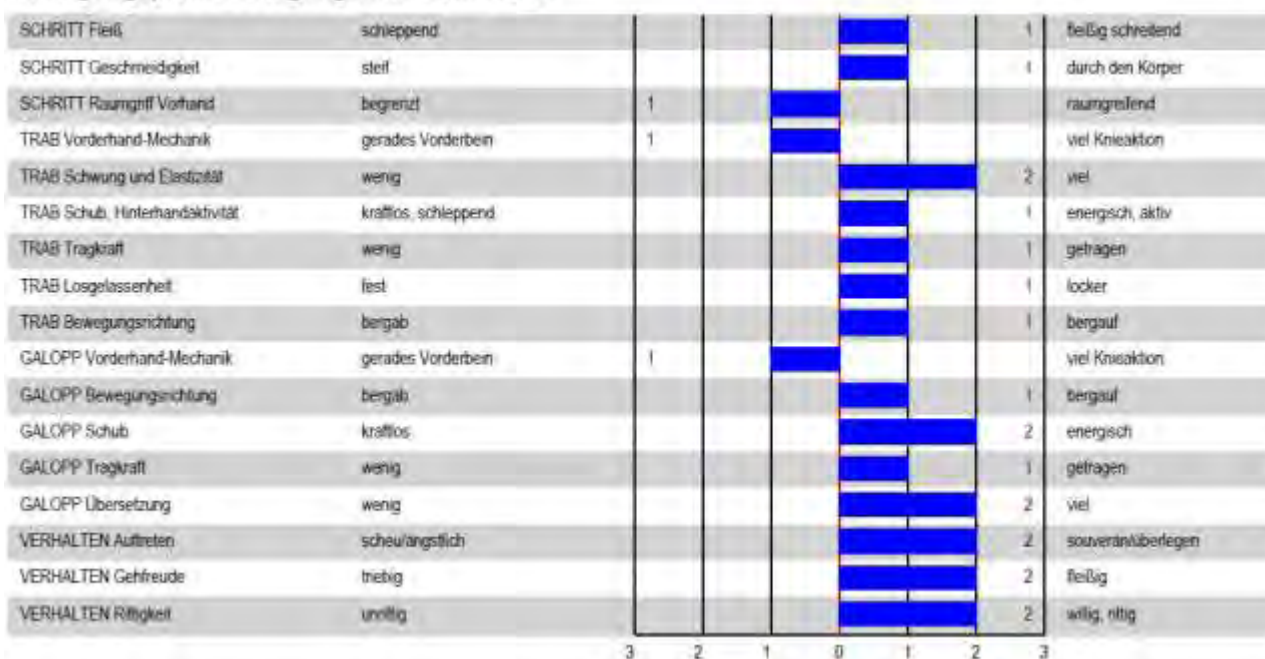
Born: **DD.MM.YYYY** Sex: **M** Breed: **Oldenburger**

Test venue: **City** Date: **DD.MM.YYYY**

Bewegungsprofil Freie Bewegung



Bewegungsprofil Bewegung unter dem Reiter



Test venue, dd.mm.yyyy

Stamp and signature

Enclosure 24
Stable Rules –
Sport test for stallions of the German riding horse breeds

1. All stallions are stabled in a separate section of the stable and are under the supervision of the stable supervisor (i. a. FN-representative, steward).
2. It is only permissible to use the designated stall.
3. Stallions are required to wear head numbers at bridle and halter (e. g stallion is only allowed to leave the stall with the head number!).
4. The stallions shall only be trained in designated areas and at designated fixed times during all days of the sport test.
5. Leaving the stable area outside training and testing times shall be prohibited and shall only be possible in exceptional cases upon prior agreement with the FN-representative.
6. Leaving the event area during the event days shall be prohibited for all stallions.
7. Veterinary treatments have to be arranged with the FN-representative and may only be carried out by a veterinarian appointed by the FN.
8. Smoking shall be absolutely prohibited in all stables of the performance testing stations. Quiet times have to be strictly observed.

The FN-representative and the steward shall be entitled to control the stallions' tracks outside the stalls and the stable area.

Violating the stable rules will lead to an immediate exclusion of the stallion from the sport test!

Enclosure 25

Rules of Procedure HLP Appeal Commission

The HLP Appeal Commission shall decide on objections against decisions within the framework of the HLP Rules and in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The Commission consists of 7 members, elected by the Advisory Breeding Board of the FN as is laid down in § 17, point 2.3.4 of the FN Rules. The chairman of the Commission is appointed with the election, too, as well as – in case of being prevented - a 1st and 2nd deputy chairman. The qualification to act as judge according to § 5 para. 1 D-RichterG shall be required for all of them.

The other four elected members of the Commission shall then appoint two full members who act in addition to the chairman as well as one substitute member for each of the two to act in case the other elected members are prevented from participating.

Term of duty shall be four years; re-election of the commission members shall be permissible.

2. The members of the Commission shall be obliged to perform their duties impartially and independently and shall be bound by the obligation of professional secrecy.

The Commission and its official office are located in 48231 Warendorf/Germany, Freiherr-von-Langen Str. 13.

The Commission decides in principle after oral proceedings unless the applicant has waived this in writing.

The Commission shall constitute a quorum if, in addition to the chairman, two full members or their representatives decide. The decision is taken by majority vote.

A member of the Commission shall be prevented from participating on the grounds of partiality if the stallion to be judged comes from a breeding association in which he is member of the board or a breeding commission.

The chairman shall decide on any other reasons of interest conflicts that may be declared by the applicant or a member himself.

3. The applicant in the opposition proceedings may be represented by an authorized person, officially appointed in writing.

The objection shall be made in writing and shall specify the reasons. It has to be sent to the HLP Appeal Commission within 2 weeks from presentation of the test certificate. An amount of 1,000.00 € has to be enclosed or secured as an advance on costs at the latest upon expiry of the opposition period.

4. The chairman shall fix the meeting date and shall be entitled to gather additional information and call witnesses in advance. The FN representative is to be heard on behalf of the Quality Management Commission in any case - even if only for information purposes.

The official office shall take minutes in case of oral proceedings, to be signed by the chairman. The FN legal advisor participates in the hearing in an advisory capacity.

The decision shall be taken on the - last – meeting day.

The procedure of the HLP Appeals Commission is – by the way - governed at its own discretion.

The Commission's decision has to be substantiated in writing and has to include a cost regulation. It is to be signed by the participating members of the Commission and forwarded to the involved parties of the proceedings.

Publishing the decision shall only be permitted upon prior consent of all parties involved.

5. If the parties concerned fail to appear despite having been duly summoned, a decision may be taken according to currently known facts.
6. The losing party shall in principle bear the costs of the proceedings. Depending on the circumstances of each particular case shall the Commission be entitled to fix a different apportionment of costs.

The costs are calculated according to the rates of the Lawyer's Compensation Act (RVG) for a lump sum of € 10.000,00.

The chairman receives a 1.2 fee, the other members involved a fee of 0.6 each - always plus statutory VAT. The chairman receives a 0.6 fee if the objection is withdrawn prior to the oral proceedings scheduled by him.