

Flat Score Sheet

Athlete #	Judges Score	1st Incorrect Diagonal/Lead/Gait	2nd Incorrect Diagonal/Lead/Gait	3rd Incorrect Diagonal/Lead/Gait	Total	Comments
		-10	-5	-5		
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36 - 40	Excellent shoulder-hip-heel alignment/Strong, secure leg/Effective, correct transitions/Effective use of aids/ Shoulders back/Bent elbow/Effective hands/Correct length of stirrups
26-35	Good shoulder-hip-heel alignment/Leg good but some movement/Smooth transitions/Organized use of aids/ Inconsistent shoulders back/ Inconsistent elbow angle/Good use of hands but develop independence from body/ Stirrups too long or too short
16-25	Shoulder-hip-heel alignment needs work/Weak leg with movement/Inconsistent transitions/Weak use of aids/ Rounded shoulder/Straight elbow/stiff, ineffective hands and/or fingers open/Stirrups too long or too short
6-15	Shoulder-hip-heel out of alignment/Weak, moving, ineffective leg/Errors with transitions/Ineffective aids/ Rounded shoulder/Straight elbow/ Rough use of hands and/or fingers open/Inappropriate stirrup length
0-5	Shoulder-hip-heel out of alignment/Weak leg with excessive movement/Transitions attempted but poor/Incorrect use of aids/Rounded shoulder/ Straight elbow/Stiff, heavy hands and/or fingers open/Inappropriate stirrup length



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2023-24 Flat Scoresheet Judging Notes

- * In order to effectively determine a score for each rider, the judge should watch the class and have the scribe write as much information as possible in the “Comments” section at the right of the scoresheet. After the athletes have performed in each direction and have completed their recommended tests in at least one direction, the judge will mark their total score in the left column based on the scoring scale at the bottom of the sheet. Due to the nature of Balanced Seat riding, rider’s shoulders may be on or slightly in front of the vertical. Riders with shoulders on the vertical shall not be penalized.
- * Riders are not scored against the others in the section, they are scored against the ideals on the bottom of the page. In other words, you do not “place” the class, you could possibly have identical scores for multiple riders. The riders will have their fences and practicum scores added to their flat total which will place the class. Riders are judged on ideals of Balanced Seat Equitation.
- * Judges are encouraged to ask for tests at each level, in at least one direction, in order to help determine a rider's score:
 - Beginner: Halt and 2-pt at walk
 - Advanced Beginner: Halt and 2-pt at trot
 - Novice: Halt and 2 pt at trot
 - Intermediate: Halt and sitting trot
 - Open: Halt and hand gallop
- * If a rider has all the "ideals" at one level of scoring but is weak in one area, the judge should mark them at the lower end of the higher scale