



1. Have passed all previous levels.

2. Perform USDF Intro Test B with a score of 50% or better.

Test may be read for student. Test will be judged using USDF guidelines for horse and rider, including accuracy of movements, quality of gaits, riders seat and hands and use of the aids.

3. Ride outside the ring at a walk and trot weather permitting.

Student must show ability to control mount and explain basic safety rules for riding outside the ring.

4. Explain how to bend your horse and show simple understanding of bending.

Rider should understand that the horse bends off the inside leg rather than the reins. Rider should be able to explain the open, direct, and indirect reins. Explain bend should go through the horses body evenly "seeing the horse's inside eye" riders at this level are not expected to have even bend through the body but must be able to bend the head and neck.

5. Canter a 20-meter circle on the correct lead in each direction.

Student should be able to maintain canter for multiple circles. Circle should be round. Horse's pace should be even, horse should show bend through the head and neck.

6. Jump a course of 18-inch cross rails trotting the corners and cantering down the lines.

Rider to demonstrate control over their horse, ride to and from the fences straight with an even pace, without extreme speed. Horse should show even, correct distances to the jumps. Rider should demonstrate correct equitation, both between and over the jumps.

7. Leg yield at the walk on the long side.

The leg yield should be demonstrated with correct placement and use of rider's leg. Horse should remain correctly bent and facing in the direction the leg yield was started (ie. Not turn and walk diagonally to the wall). Horse should maintain forward momentum while yielding from the leg. Rider should explain that the horses legs should cross in a correct leg yield, however they may or may not be able to push the horse over well enough to have the legs cross.

8. Canter around the outside of the ring without stirrups.

Student should be able to drop and pick up stirrups at the canter without the use of their hands. Lead to count, rider should be able to maintain position and control over their horse while cantering.

9. Jump a single cross rail without stirrups at the trot.

Rider should be able to trot to and canter away from the jump with minimal loss of position. Rider will be asked to halt after the canter.

10. Student should feel comfortable discussing basic tack fit.

Discussion will include saddle, bridle and martingale. Student should know the type of bit their horse uses and why. Student should be able to explain why we use boots or polos on their horse.

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