

**THE PONY CLUB**  
**GRASSROOTS PC80 DRESSAGE TEST 2026**  
**(20m x 40m Arena)**



The Test			Max. Marks	Directives
1.	A C	Enter in working trot and proceed down the centre line without halting. Turn left.	10	Straightness on the centre line. Bend and balance on turn.
2.	HXF	Change the rein.	10	Regularity of trot and straightness on diagonal.
3.	A	Circle right 20 metres diameter.	10	Regularity and bend of horse. Shape and size of circle.
4.	Btwn A&K	Transition to working canter right.	10	The balance and activity of the transition.
5.	C	Circle right 20 metres diameter.	10	Regularity and balance of canter. Shape and size of circle.
6.	Btwn B&F	Transition to working trot.	10	Balance of the transition.
7.	Btwn H&C	Transition to medium walk.	10	Balance of the transition. Regularity of walk.
8.	MEF	Free walk on a long rein.	10 x 2	Activity of the walk. Stretching down of the neck. Shape of the movement.
9.	F A	Medium walk. Transition to working trot.	10	Relaxation in transition to Medium walk. The balance and activity of the transition to trot.
10.	KXM	Change the rein.	10	Regularity of trot and straightness on diagonal.
11.	C	Circle left 20 metres diameter.	10	Regularity and bend of horse. Shape and size of circle.
12.	Btwn C&H	Transition to working canter left.	10	The balance and activity of the transition.
13.	A	Circle left 20 metres diameter.	10	Regularity and balance of canter. Shape and size of circle.
14.	Btwn B&M	Transition to working trot.	10	Balance of the transition.
15.	E X	Half circle left 10 metres diameter to X. Down centre line.	10	Regularity, balance and bend on half circle. Straightness on centre line.
16.	G	Halt. Immobility. Salute.	10	Straightness and relaxation in halt.
Leave the arena at free walk on a long rein at a convenient place				
17.	Paces		10	Freedom and regularity.
18.	Harmony between horse/pony and rider.		10 x 2	Fluency and relaxation.
19.	Rider's balance and straightness.		10 x 2	Suppleness, even weight placement through transitions.
20.	Rider's use of aids.		10 x 2	Correctness and effect of the aids.
			240	

Approx. time 5 minutes.  
All trot work to be executed 'rising'.

## CONDITIONS

The test will be conducted and judged in accordance with The Pony Club Dressage Rules.

To be ridden in a snaffle and with both hands except where otherwise stated. All transitions from one pace to another may be progressive, except where otherwise stated.

Commanders are not allowed for the Grassroots PC80 Regional Championships but are permitted for Qualifiers.

Penalties for errors over the course

1st Error ..... 2 marks

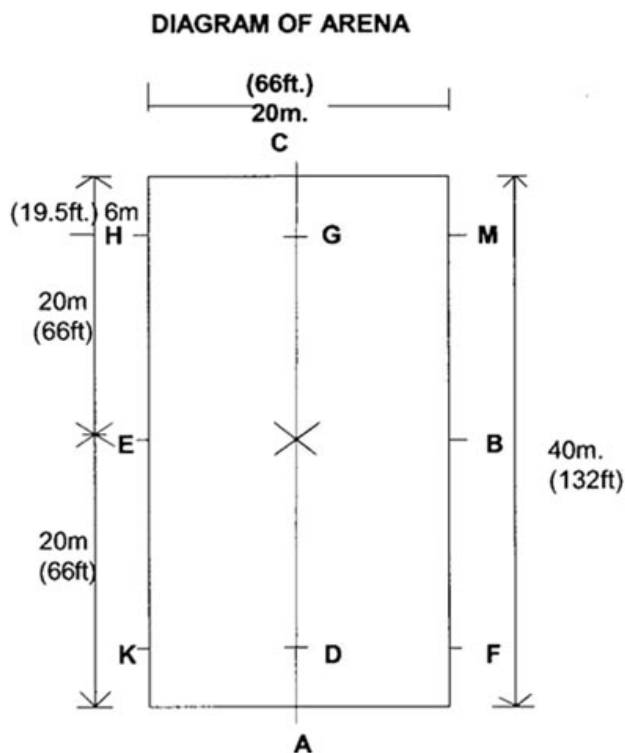
2nd Error..... 4 marks

3rd Error ..... 8 marks

4th Error ..... Elimination

Discreet use of the rider's voice is permitted in local Branch/Centre competitions and Grassroots PC80 Area Competitions and Championships as a supportive aid. It must be used in a way that is unobtrusive and does not disturb the adjacent arena(s). Foul language and obscenities are not permitted and will result in elimination.

A competitor whose hat comes off or chinstrap comes undone whilst riding in the competition must, on penalty of elimination replace it or do it up before continuing. They may dismount without penalty to recover the hat or have it passed up from the ground, or they may stop without penalty to do up the chinstrap.



The A, F, B, M, C, H, E, K Letter Markers should be placed about 50 cms outside the Arena.  
The G, X and D Letters are not marked on the Arena.