

Judging of the 2009 FEI Eventing One Star "A" test

I received an enquiry from José Ortelli, about judging Movement 3 of the FEI 2009 One Star "A" Eventing Dressage Test, and passed it on to Chris Bartle and Christoph Hess!

Please see the response to this query, below!

[E-mail from Chris Bartle]

"Dear Jean and José,

I spoke with Christoph this morning about the question/suggestion made by José. We all agree with the idea or purpose of the movement. The important point is that the giving and retaking of the reins should be done smoothly and over sufficient metres to allow the judge to see that the horse remains in balance and draws forward to the contact in the correct way. It is our belief that 3 horses' lengths would be excessive in trot although appropriate if performed in canter.

On reflection we both agree that one horse's length is perhaps too short (unless it is a very long horse!) – **So, perhaps to indicate 2 horse's lengths** would be better. I think however it is probably going to cause confusion if we change the text of the test on the FEI website whilst leaving it unchanged on the various websites and test publications of the National Federations. Perhaps it can be done for next

In the meantime I suggest, through the IEOC and training at judges seminars, this can be clarified.

All the best to all,

Chris Bartle"

As all the FEI Eventing Dressage Tests are new in 2009 - comments on any of them are encouraged, via e-mail to:

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Jean S Mitchell [Secretary General of the IEOC]

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