

NORTH AMERICAN SHAGYA-ARABIAN SOCIETY

STALLION PERFORMANCE TEST

Stallion Book I / Appendix to Stallion Book I:

Beginning with Inspection Year 2009, for permanent registration into Stallion Book I / Appendix to Stallion Book I, a fundamental requirement is to pass a Stallion Performance Test successfully. Should a stallion not complete a Stallion Performance Test successfully, the stallion will be registered in Stallion Book II / Appendix to Stallion Book II. This requirement should be fulfilled by age 9 or at the discretion of the NASS Breeding Committee if it determines that there are reasonable extenuating circumstances (such as an injury) which preclude this achievement. The stallion's owner must apply for any exceptions regarding the performance requirement to the NASS Breeding Committee in a timely manner.

This requirement may be fulfilled by:

Successful completion of the NASS Stallion Performance Test organized by the NASS Breeding Committee performed either in conjunction with a NASS Breeding Inspection or at another occasion organized by the NASS Breeding Committee

Successful completion of any other stallion performance test given by any bona fide equestrian organization which the NASS Breeding Committee deems to be at least equivalent to the NASS test (such as the SR/Oldenburger test), and which meets the ISG RZBO minimum requirements.

Open competition achievements as listed below.

NASS will also accept the successful completion of performance tests made by stallions in other ISG member countries which conform to the RZBO.

NASS Stallion Field Trial Conducted During a NASS Breeding Inspection or Otherwise: (4 items)

The judges for this field trial will consist of at least two ISG certified judges as well as a test rider which is acceptable to the NASS Breeding Committee.

All stallion owners must present at the beginning of the field test evidence of a recent (within 30 days) veterinary examination of the stallion which affirms that the horse is sound, healthy, and has normal reproductive organs, and is free of genetic faults.

A combined competition test at a NASS Breed Inspection or otherwise as organized by the NASS Breeding Committee, containing the following components to evaluate:

1) Basic Gaits and Rideability:

- a) Presentation of the stallion in the three basic gaits under own rider according to the instructions of the judges, then under the test rider. The stallions are presented in groups or, if the judges so wish, individually.
- b) Normal snaffle with noseband, no side reins or martingales.
- c) The stallion should have a good basic schooling proportional to his age and be presented English style.
- d) The suitability of the horse for riding is assessed in relation to the degree of schooling.

The assessment will comprise:

Gaits: 15%

- 1) Walk – 5%
- 2) Trot – 5%
- 3) Canter – 5%

Rideability: 45%

- 4) Rideability from Ground Judges – 15%
- 5) Rideability from Test Rider – 30%

2) As regards to the six criteria below:

- Trust and obedience
- Correctness and regularity of gait, ground coverage
- Swing, energy, elasticity, use of the quarters
- Relaxation and use of back
- On the bit, giving at the neck, chewing on the bit, natural carriage, stretching for the bit
- Responsiveness to aids

Jumping Aptitude: 30%

A) Jumping without a rider – 15%

- This test should render information on :
 - 1) Jumping Style (bascule, leg-work) – 5%
 - 2) Cleverness – 5%
 - 3) Jumping Ability – 5%
- The test is carried out in an arena with a jumping chute including three obstacles comprised of a ground pole, a cross bar jump, a horizontal, and an oxer. Heights up to 40 inches.

B) Jumping with test rider – 15%

- This test should render information on :
 - 1) Jumping Style (bascule, leg-work) – 5%
 - 2) Cleverness – 5%
 - 3) Jumping Ability – 5%under a rider's weight including reaction to the aids.
- Jumping six to eight single obstacles up to a height of 24 inches, half of which are upright and/or spread jumps.

3) Temperament, Character and Willingness to Perform: 10%

Ground Judges – 5%

Test Rider – 5%

The stallion will pass **this** portion of the test with an average score of 6 or higher.

All Grading Guidelines are as Follows:

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| 10 = outstanding | 5 = adequate |
| 9 = very good | 4 = unsatisfactory |
| 8 = good | 3 = fairly poor |
| 7 = fairly good | 2 = poor |
| 6 = sufficient | 1 = very poor |

4) Condition, Stamina and Constitution:

- This test yields information on the ability of the stallion relating to the special suitability of the Arab horse for covering long distances. This means typical Arabian qualities such as toughness, stamina and quick regeneration, especially in regards to the veterinarian's examination.
- Within two years of the stallion's performance test (above), the stallion will be required to complete one 25 mile, or longer, distance event sanctioned by American Endurance Ride Council (AERC), following all AERC rules and requirements within the total riding time of no more than 195 minutes. The maximum time may not be exceeded by more than 5 minutes, with no veterinary or other disqualification.
- NASS will provide a form to be completed by the head veterinarian of the AERC event and returned to breeding committee.

Assessment Based Upon Performance In Competitions:

1) Dressage:

- 5 scores of 60% or higher from at least 3 USDF recognized judges at first level (or higher), with at least 2 scores from first level test 3, by 9 years of age.

2) Endurance:

- 5 successfully completed AERC sanctioned events with at least 3 of which must be 50 miles or more by 9 years of age.

3) Competitive Trail:

- 5 completed events sanctioned by NATRC by 9 years of age with at least 2 placings in the top 20% of competitors.

4) Eventing/Combined Training:

- 2 successfully completed beginner novice USEF 3 day events or combined training events or similar, and 1 successfully completed novice 3 day event, combined training event or similar by 9 years of age.

5) Hunter/Jumper:

- 5 placings from 3 USEF recognized show in Green Hunter or Regular Hunter by 9 years of age.

6) Driving:

- Completion of 3 American Driving Society sanctioned Combined Driving Events with raw dressage scores of 65% or better at training level or higher by 9 years of age OR
- Completion of 3 American Driving Society sanctioned Combined Driving Trials with raw dressage scores of 65% or better at training level or higher by 9 years of age OR
- Completion of 2 twenty mile Distance Driving events by 9 years of age OR
- 3 placings in the top third of the individual driving classes of Dressage, Country Pleasure, Pleasure or Driving Obstacles at USEF sanction shows by 9 years of age OR
- Any combination of 3 of the above events with qualifying scores by 9 years of age.