

Medal Testing

Medal testing gives vaulters an opportunity to measure themselves against a standard rather than against other vaulters, as occurs in competition.

Novice Pin

Novice Pin can be taken at the walk, trot or canter to the left. This is for the vaulter who is just beginning at their particular level. Boosting is allowed for this test. The purpose of the novice test is to ascertain that the vaulter is aware of correct mechanics of the compulsory exercises and that they are aware of safety. The compulsory exercises are performed as in Trot Team. Spotters are allowed, but may not assist the vaulter in any way. The minimum passing score is 30 percent, and all exercises must receive a minimum of 3.0. This pin cannot be given commended or with honors scores. The mount is not scored.

Trot Medal

The Trot Medal may be taken to the left or to the right. This is a test on the compulsory exercises at the trot. The compulsory exercises are performed as in Trot Team. The minimum score is 50 percent, but all exercises must receive a minimum of 5.0. No spotters are allowed, and the Trot Medal cannot be given commended or with honors. The mount is not scored.

Bronze Medal

The Bronze Medal test is performed at the canter to the left or to the right. The mount is not scored, but the remaining six compulsory exercises must receive a minimum score of 5.0. The vaulter must also perform four freestyle exercises with a degree of difficulty of II or III (DOD II or III). Those freestyle exercises must also receive a minimum score of 5.0 to pass. The passing score of the test is 5.0 to 5.99. The Bronze Medal Commended score is 6.0 to 6.99, and the Bronze Medal with Honors score is 7.0 to 10.0.

Silver Medal

The Silver Medal test is performed at the canter to the left or to the right. The mount is not scored. The vaulter must perform the remaining six compulsory exercises and six freestyle exercises with a degree of difficulty of I or II (DOD I or II). The total score of all exercises must average 65 percent, and no exercise may receive less than a 6.0. The passing score of the test is 6.5 to 6.99. The Silver Medal Commended score is 7.0 to 7.99, and the Silver Medal Honors score is 8.0 to 10.0.

Gold Medal

The Gold Medal is the highest level test. This is the only medal test that requires two judges. The Gold Medal test is performed at the canter to the left or to the right. The mount is not scored, and the vaulter must perform the remaining six compulsory exercises and any eight freestyle exercises with a degree of difficulty of I (DOD I). The total score of all exercises must average 80 percent, and no exercise may receive a score of less than 7.5. The passing score for the test is 8.0 to 8.29. The Gold Medal Commended score is 8.3 to 8.59, and the Gold Medal with Honors score is 8.6 to 10.0.