

DIAGONAL YIELD

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Diagonal yield is a lateral movement performed with a horse that moves forward and sideways at the same time.

The horse is fairly straight through his body and have a slight flexion in the poll against the direction of travel.

This can happen only if the driver leads the horse properly into a consistent and steady outside contact.

In the diagonal yield, the horse is looking away from the direction of travel, with the spine straight, the inner nostril and eye just visible and the inner legs crossing in front of the outer legs.

WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR?

1. The horse should stay parallel to the centre line
2. Rhythm, regularity and forward moving stable
3. Slightly flexed against the direction of travel
4. Inner legs crossing in front of the outer legs
5. Contact and acceptance of the bit existing

If all these points are fulfilled, the mark should be **VERY GOOD**

MISTAKES WITHIN THIS MOVEMENT – GUIDELINES FOR MARKS

1. Horse not totally parallel and straight – front legs leading – much flexion in the poll, only little crossing but regular

SATISFACTORY

2. Poll and neck over flexed – little bending inside – little crossing – losing rhythm, falling to forehand, hind legs leading

INSUFFICIENT

3. Flexion and/or bend in the direction of travel (i.e. completely wrong), irregularity, against the bit.

BAD

D- S - Diagonal Yield, in Working Trot

D- R - Diagonal Yield, in Working Trot

