

From the Dressage Judge General Stephen Clarke (07 April 2014)

Guidelines for the evaluation of Piaffe in Intermediate A and Intermediate B.

Evaluation of Piaffe (Int A and Int B)

We have to remain true to the principle that it must be possible to award a the maximum score, '10', for every exercise that is asked for in the tests, provided that the quality can be regarded as 'excellent'.

Therefore, if we see perfectly regular, highly expressive piaffe steps that are 'allowed to travel forwards 2 meters', as in the A and B tests, we should be prepared to award the maximum score.

If however, the piaffe is shown 'more or less in place' as in the Grand Prix, and is performed in an 'excellent' way, we should still be prepared to award the maximum score, as the guidelines for the A and B tests only state that it is '**allowed**' to advance for up to two metres. Nowhere is it stated that the piaffe '**must**' advance two metres.