The understanding the horse score document is in place so that judges, lungers, vaulter and coaches can have an understanding of what quality training and basics are. The AVA’s understanding the horse score was drawn with permission from the FEI guidelines for vaulting.

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Entry, Exit and Salute

Salute – Lungers and Horse

Entry
- Correct leading of the horse
- Correct manner of holding the lunge line
- Entry of the lunger in step with the horse; at the shoulder of the horse
- Entering the circle on a straight line to the middle of the circle facing judge at A for the salute

Salute
- Good behavior of the horse; quiet straight stand on all four legs up to and including the time of the salute and all the vaulters have left the circle

Trotting Round
- Leading the horse to the circle line with a tight and untwisted lunge line
- Trotting the horse on the circle line.

Presentation and Equipment
- Turn-out of the horse
- Correctly adjusted bridle
- Correct position of the surcingle and the padding / pad
- All straps attached or hidden.

Salute – Vaulters

Entry
- Natural approach, all vaulters in step with each other in harmony with the rhythm of the music
- Proper spacing between the vaulters

Salute
- Salute without show effect
- The whip is handed over to the lunger and all the vaulters leave the circle