

From the Dressage Judge General Stephen Clarke (25 July 2013)

Following the introduction of 'Half marks' the guidelines in the FEI Handbook for Judges concerning the evaluation of the walk and its relationship to the collective mark for Paces (Page 216) will now be updated as follows. This is also an update of the published "Guidelines for the evaluation of Piaffe / transitions and the walk", dated 06 April 2011)

*"If the walk is shown but is clearly lateral throughout, the mark of paces must be considered as only sufficient (five) at best – or lower, depending on the quality of the trot and canter.*

*If the walk is lateral in one of the sections (usually the collected walk) but is regular in the other section (the extended) the mark for the paces can only be considered as satisfactory (six to six point five) at best – or lower depending on the quality of the trot and canter"*