Dressage Arena Inspection Doc

The whole point of a properly structured arena surface designed with firmness, cushioning, and grip is to allow the horse to move comfortably through its paces to minimise concussion, adequately absorb shock, provide support, and return energy.

The arena surface should be level, with consistent and uniform footing across the entire arena. Horses will alter their gaits in response to small changes in surface properties, increasing fatigue and risk of injury.

According to FEI and USDF Guide lines arena surface depth of sand/fibre/wood/ any other Mix, ideally is between 5 to 10cm.
If the arena surface is deeper than 10cm then it is not suitable for the Higher FEI levels as it would put undue strain on the horse and may cause injury.
The arena surface may not be less than 3cm in depth, as it would create undue concusion on Limbs and Joints.
The arena to be inspected must be watered and raked before inspection may be done.

Please fill in depth measurement in cm in the below table.
Refer to ARENA DIAGRAM for corresponding number placings.

Novice to Advanced	Yes	No	Average Depth and Uniform		cm
Up to and including FEI Levels	Yes	No	Average Depth and Uniform		cm

	Outer Track		Outer Track		Centre Line		Quarter Line
1		26		49		58	
2		27		50		59	
3		28		51		60	
4		29		52		61	
5		30		53		62	
6		31		54		63	
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Measuring Instructions.
With the aid of a helper, use the provided measuring tool to measure the depth of the top layer of the arena surface.
Push the tool into the surface with adequate pressure to penetrate the surface sand/fibre but not as deep as to penetrate the base of the arena.
Measure depth and fill in the chart above.
Each point is approximately 3 meters apart (3 to 4 paces) on the track, 6m apart on the centre line and 12m apart on the Quarter line.
Points 3/23/27/47 are in the corner as an advanced horse would work an 8m circle.

Inspectors Name .....
Date .....

Signed .....

Inspector 2 .....
Date .....

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