

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	12/18/2024	

Rule Change Intent

The intent of this proposal is to alleviate the confusion and concern surrounding the use of cavalettis, trot poles, or step poles at competitions

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Linked Rules Comments

EQ109 Course Requirements

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11. In Open Equitation classes for riders 12 years of age and older, the course must include at least two changes of direction, a combination including an oxer and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following:

- a. Bending Line
- b. Narrow Jump (5'6"-8')
- c. Roll-back Turn
- d. Fence at the end of the ring
- e. Long approach to a single jump

12. *Cavalettis, trot poles, or step poles may not be used in competition. Exception: classes restricted to poles.*

13. If an option fence is used, a rider may choose to jump either fence. If the horse stops at one of the options, the rider is scored with a refusal and if the fence is dislodged must wait for the fence to be reset, but may then jump either option.

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