

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

The current rule regarding calling/announcing tests stipulates that the announcer must read the movement as it is written. Where riders are riding gaited horses the general practice is to announce the equivalent movement for the gaited horse. For example, a working foxtrot or working saddle gait could be called for in place of a working jog. The rule change will permit the announcer to substitute the appropriate equivalent movement.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

WD126 Execution and Judging of Tests

1. Calling Tests. Western Dressage Tests may be called during the competition. If a test is announced, it is the responsibility of the competitor to arrange for a person to announce the test. Unless an exception is made by the judge, the announcing of the test must start with the first movement. Lateness and errors in announcing the ride will not relieve the rider from "error penalties". Announcing the tests is limited to reading the movement as it is written once only. However, the repetition of reading of a movement is acceptable if there is reason to doubt that the rider heard the original call. ***For riders exhibiting gaited horses, the announcer may substitute "saddle gait" or the name of the equivalent gait where the test requires a jog.***
 - a. All Freestyle Rides must be ridden from memory.