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## Rule Change Intent

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to clarify the equitation tests from which judges may select, while addressing safety concerns observed at recent competitions. These changes refine the testing language to clearly define what is and is not permitted, thereby eliminating potential risks and ensuring that riders are not placed in unsafe situations during competition. Additionally, this change specifies the minimum and maximum permissible line lengths for which the collection of strides test may be applied.

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

### Arabian

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## Member Comments

**EQ113 Tests From Which Judges Must Choose**

**[….]**

7. Jump a shortened course…

***a. Canter directly to a first jump.***

8. Jump low obstacles at a trot ~~as well as a canter~~. The maximum height of …

**[….]**

12. Collection of strides between 2 fences. It is ~~recommended~~ ***required*** that a line chosen for this test be not less than 70' ***and not to exceed 112'***.

a. For safety purposes, judges may only ask for additional strides to be added and must not ask rider to leave out a stride.

***b. Combinations cannot be used with this test.***

**[….]**

16. A canter on the counter lead may be used on the approach to a jump…

**[….]**

c) A judge can not require a rider to land on the counter lead***, nor can they require a rider to counter canter into a combination.***

**[….]**