October 22, 2026

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Dear Ms. Swanson:

Thank you for submitting your request for a Presidential Modification to the application of WD130.2 on behalf of the Western Dressage Association of America. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request does meet the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved.

As a result, the rule will be modified as outlined below for the 2027 competition year effective 12/1/26 provided that a proposal is submitted through the USEF rule change system. Further, you must notify all affected current and potential entrants of this modification by posting on your website and social media outlets.

WD130 General

2. Advanced Walk/Jog. Tests provide a more advanced understanding of the aids. The rider should demonstrate correct position and use of the aids. The horse should demonstrate improved balance and the beginnings of engagement in the jog and show suppleness of the topline, a harmonious performance, and be softly on the aids. The regularity and quality of the gaits are considered in all movements. To be eligible for Advanced Walk/Jog, a horse/rider combination must not have shown in any Western Dressage class requiring a lope within the same competition year. ***The same horse/rider combination may not compete in Introductory Level and Advanced Walk/Jog at the same competition.***

Please contact the Federation office if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. X. O'Mara
President

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