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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for submitting your request for a Presidential Modification to the application of AR228.1.d.ii.8 and AR228.1.d.iv on behalf of the Arabian Horse Association. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request meets the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved.

As a result, these rules will be modified as outlined below effective for the 2026 competition year until the approved standard rule changes go into effect 12/1/2026. As a condition of this approval, communication to the entire community of equestrians, organizers and officials that would be impacted by this modification must be done immediately and competitions must post the modification in the show office and other conspicuous areas while this modification is in effect.

**AR228.1(d)**

ii. Disqualified 0 - Score

~~8. Failure to perform every segment of an obstacle at the correct gait.~~ **Failure to ever demonstrate the correct gait as designated.**

**AR228.1(d)**

iv. 5 Point Penalties

**11. Failure to perform every segment of an obstacle at the correct gait.**

Please feel free to contact the Federation office if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. X. O'Mara".

Thomas F. X. O'Mara  
President

cc: William J. Moroney, Chief Executive Officer  
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