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Standard	12/1/2026	2/5/2026	Approved 6/16/2026

Rule Change Intent

This proposal places restrictions on competitors within the new Walk/Jog divsion that was introduced this year in order to keep the division limited to rider and horse combinations that have no interest in loping in competition within the same competition year.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 03/16/2026

Draft 1: The committee questions if the eligibility listed in Intro Level was also meant to be changed and if so, the committee would not be in favor of that change as they have many exhibitors who compete in both Intro and Basic Level Tests as currently permitted by the rules. The committee would like the rule to remain this way.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/26/2026

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 03/18/2026

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/16/2026

Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER WD-8 TESTS

WD130 General

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Walk/Jog Tests:
1. Introductory Level. Tests provide an introduction to the discipline of Western Dressage; the horse performs only at the gaits of walk and jog. The rider may sit or post the jog. The rider should demonstrate correct basic position, use of basic aids, and understanding of the figures. The horse should show relaxation and harmony between horse and rider is important. The horse accepts the aids and influence of the rider. The jog should be a natural gait within the horse's scope and should demonstrate a swinging back. To be eligible for Intro Level, a horse/rider combination must not have shown in a Western Dressage Test at Level 1 or above in the same competition year.
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.***