

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

The committee feels the current language regarding the Back can lead to confusion for competitors when completing the movement. The corrected language provides more clarification regarding the position of the horse during the back, and the correct method of performing a back series (or Swing).

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## SUBCHAPTER WD-2 GAITS

### WD107 The Back

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3. Serious faults are: Anticipation of the movement, resistance to or evasion of the contact of the bit either by raising the neck, or going behind the bit, **or dropping the poll and neck below the withers**, deviation of the hindquarters from the straight line, spreading or inactive hind legs and dragging ~~forefeet feet~~.
4. Steps are counted as each foreleg moves back. After completing the required number of steps backward, the horse should show a square stop or move forward in the required gait immediately. ~~In tests where a back of one horse's length is required, it should be executed with three or four steps.~~
5. A back series (**Swing**) is a combination of **two or more** backs with walk steps in between. It should be executed with fluent transitions and the required number of steps. **Except for the initial halt, a back series should be performed with continuous movement, with the horse stepping fluently forward into the required forward gait from the last step of the back.**