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Dear Ms. Swanson:

Thank you for submitting your request for a Presidential Modification on behalf of the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) to the application of WD123.1. 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 review and therefore is approved.

As a result, WD123.1 will be modified as shown below, effective immediately for the remainder of the 2024 competition year.

#### WD123 Attire

1. Required apparel:
  - a. Suitable western hat. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty (See GR801).
  - b. Long-sleeved shirt with any type of collar; short sleeves may be worn at the discretion of the judge.
  - c. Trousers, long pants, a one-piece long-sleeved equitation suit provided it includes a collar.
  - d. Boots. Tall English boots, clearly visible on the outside of pants are not permitted.  
***Exception: Current and retired members of the Armed Services and police units may ride in the uniform of their service. All riders who choose to wear Armed Services or police units must wear either the uniform's accompanying hat/headcover or protective headgear. Members of the Armed Services or police units may wear summer uniforms at the discretion of the judge.***

It is recommended that WDAA follow up this Presidential Modification with a standard rule change to WD123.1 to modify the rule to add armed forces and police unit uniforms as permitted attire for current and retired service members within the USEF Rule Book.



Should you have any questions, please contact the Federation office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas F. X. O'Mara', written in a cursive style.

Thomas F. X. O'Mara  
President

cc: William J. Moroney, CEO  
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