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RUNNING RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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Region: Cowtown Hunting Retriever Club - Fort Worth, Texas

*(Submitted and Sponsored by - Please include Club or Homeclub if individual)*¹*

CURRENT RULE - REFERENCE - PAGE AND PARAGRAPH NUMBER IN THE 2017 RULEBOOK.

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JUSTIFICATION:

There are several reasons we are proposing this change. The first and main reason is the fact that the rules say appropriate hunting attire and the majority of our hunting group, friends, family, etc. wear jeans and camouflage shirts and jackets for all seasons of hunting (pheasant, duck, dove, etc.). The second reason would be that during duck season many waders come in plain dark brown or green and not all are camouflage and we hunt in these as well which are also not required to be camouflage and these are real life hunting situations which the hunt test is supposed to represent. The third reason is that women who are pregnant but still participating in the hunt trials have difficulty finding attire that is camouflage and made for their size and shape even though they are still in good enough health to run dogs. The current rule is interpreted differently by everyone so one judge says jeans are okay and another can say we have to be head to toe camouflage which leads to too much inconsistency in the rules and you never know how you should dress for a hunt test. So even if our new wording is not adopted the rule itself still needs to be further clarified. If head to toe camouflage is the intent I also think a clause should be included to excuse first time participants from disqualification so they can still run their dog in the test.

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