

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	12/12/2023	

Rule Change Intent

Currently there is confusion on if metal keepers are permitted when using a curb strap because of the "no metal" language found under WD121.3c3. The committee agrees that keepers are an important part of the curb strap and should be permitted. There is also confusion on if the wrapping of curb chains/straps is allowed, because it is not blatantly listed in the rule. The committee would like to clearly state that wrapped curb chains/straps are not allowed.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS

WD121 Tack

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3. Curb Bit: There is no discrimination against any standard Western bit.

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c. Curb chains or straps are required with curb bits **and must be flexible.**

1. Must be flat and must be at least 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) in width and lie flat against the jaw of the horse.
2. Curb chain may have leather or nylon adjustable straps connecting the buckle to the chain.
3. No wire, rawhide, metal, or other substance, **or wrapping** can be used in conjunction with or as part of the flat leather chin strap or curb chain.
4. Round, rolled, braided or rawhide curb straps are prohibited.
5. **Leather curb straps may have up to 2 smooth, thin, metal, loop strap keepers.**