

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

Further clarification of Dressage biting rules. Many French Link type bits on the market today don't follow the original principle and act as a control plate.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions
Council - Intl Discipline

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Dressage

ParaEquestrian

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Draft 1: No additional comment

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment – Change to read:

2. Only those bits listed in Figure 121.1, Figure 121.3, Figure 121.4, and Annex A are permitted. Bits must be ***used in a conventional manner and*** attached only as illustrated in the diagrams. The type of bit should not vary from those pictured below except where specified.

a. Snaffle bits

4. A snaffle bit may be unjointed, single-jointed, or double-jointed. The center link in a double-jointed snaffle must be smooth ~~with rounded edges and~~ ***curved on all surfaces as in a lozenge-shaped link. It*** may not have the effect of a tongue plate. ***Dr. Bristol and French link bits are not allowed.*** The center ~~joint or~~ link may be tilted in a different orientation from the mouthpiece and may have a bushing, barrel, coupling, or ball joints. The surface of the center piece must be solid ~~with no moveable parts;~~ ***or have only one rolling part is permitted and when present, the rolling part must be in the center of the mouthpiece, as pictured in Figure 121.1.***