

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

To update the specifications on what is an appropriate bike for competition. The Roadster committee and ARHPA have been working closely throughout the last year to make key updates throughout the chapter to continue improving the safety of the sport. By not outlining what is an appropriate sized bike, it poses a safety issue. If a competitor were to compete on a bike with a seat that is not wide enough, the bike could flip. It is important to add additional language so competitors can ensure they are using a bike safe for competition.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

RD107 Appointments

1. Harness.
 - a. Blinkers of square pattern, snaffle bit and attached overcheck-rein (check bit optional); breast collar with straight-flaps, with traces made round with flat ends; (for pairs, collars of the English pattern are used); martingale are required. Breechings must be used in all Wagon classes. Protective boots on front feet are allowed.
 - b. In Roadster Horse to Bike and Roadster Horse to Wagon classes (not Roadster Pony classes) the overcheck must remain attached to the water hook until class is tied. In the event that the check breaks or comes off, the entry must use a timeout in accordance with GR833 to reattach the check. If the check breaks or comes off a second time the horse must not be allowed to continue performing unchecked and must be excused from the ring by the judge(s). If a horse is excused under these circumstances they will be qualified for the championship in accordance with GR809.3.
2. Vehicles. ~~Roadsters shall be shown to a Bike, Road Wagon or Buggy of Caffrey style. All vehicles should be of good appearance and stability. Horse Bikes must be of standard size of at least 48" width with a double seat.~~ **Roadster horse and Roadster ponies must be shown to a bike, road wagon, or buggy of Caffrey style. All vehicles should be of good appearance and stability. Horse bikes must be a standard size of at least 44" wide with a double seat of a minimum of 28". Pony bikes must be a standard size of at least 40" wide with a double seat of a minimum of 20".** If the judge deems the vehicle to be unsafe, the entry must be excused from the ring by the judge(s). If the entry is excused under these circumstances they will be qualified for the championship in accordance with the procedure outlined in GR809.3 Performance Championships. In order to compete in the championship, the vehicle must be compliant with the rules.