

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	9/1/2025	1/27/2025	

Extraordinary Change Reason

Safety

Rule Change Intent

In the Western Dressage discipline, the committee and WDAA have been fielding questions regarding if an exhibitor may compete without the use of a girth or cinch on their saddle. The committee aims to make the rules perfectly clear that a fastened girth or cinch is a required part of the Western Saddle to be used in Western Dressage competition.

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Linked Rules Comments

## SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS

WD121 Tack

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6. Saddle:

A standard American Western stock saddle with swells, a seat, cantle, skirt, fenders, ~~and~~ Western stirrups, **and fastened girth or cinch** is required. A working Western side saddle is also acceptable.