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Rule Change Intent

Currently, in the Arabian chapter, when the mane and tail are permitted to be braided, decorative items are not prohibited. The Arabian committee would like to clarify that only the yarn used to secure braids may be used as a simple bow for decoration if the exhibitor so desires.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions
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SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION

AR106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances

8. Purebred Arabian horses must wear a long, natural, unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail (with or without clipped bridle path). Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses are not required to have a long mane and/or tail, but an unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail is mandatory. Exceptions: Horses shown with Hunter, Jumper, Show Hack, Sport Horse or Dressage appointments are permitted to show with a shortened, pulled, or braided mane and/or tail.

Decorative items in manes and tails, are prohibited. Only simple bows made from the yarn to secure braid(s) are permitted. Cutting horses may be shown with a roached/shaved mane. For Carriage Pleasure Driving see division chapter CP. All horses must have a natural unaltered, unset, and ungingered tail as described in AR105.3 - Ginger, Capsaicin, and other Irritants.