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Rule Change Intent

Aligns the USEF rules for crownpieces used in Dressage to be in compliance with the FEI rules and FEI Tack App.

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Linked Rules

Comments

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Member Comments

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

3.a. Crownpiece. The crownpiece of the bridle must lie immediately behind the poll and may extend forward onto the poll, but it may not be fitted to lie on the vertebrae behind the skull (Figure 121.6). The crownpiece may be padded and it may have elastic inserts. ~~Any padding must be smooth and continuous across the poll while on the horse, and rectangular or in the same shape as the crownpiece. Padding may extend no more than 1.5 centimeters beyond the dimensions for the crownpiece as indicated in Figure 121.6~~. The only material contacting the horse's head must be the leather, **or** leather-like material, ~~or elastic,~~ of the crownpiece or the additional padding material. Any piece of tack or equipment that impairs the ears to move freely is not permitted.