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Rule Change Intent

The FEI is reversing a recent rule change on measuring spur length for Children and Pony Riders: "The shank may not be longer than three point five centimetres (3,5 cm) measured from the boot to the tip." The USEF rule needs to be changed as a result.

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Linked Rules

Comments

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Member Comments

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4. Spurs. Spurs must be made of metal. Only English-style spurs are permitted, as described below.
4.1 If spurs are worn, a separate spur must be worn on each boot. The shank must be either curved or straight pointing directly back from the center of the spur when on the rider's boot. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. However, swan necked spurs are permitted.
The inside arm of the spur must be smooth and one or both arms may have rubber covers. If rowels are used, they must be blunt/smooth and free to rotate. Metal spurs with round hard plastic knobs (metal or plastic) on the shank are permitted ("Impuls" spur) and the knobs may rotate. "Dummy" spurs (without shank) are permitted. Armless spurs are permitted.
4.2 Spurs are optional during competition in all FEI Tests.
4.3 The maximum length for spurs in all classes except the FEI Children tests and the FEI Pony tests is 5.08cm (2 inches) including rowels. Only blunt metal spurs (i.e., with no rowels) no longer than 3.5cm are permitted for FEI Pony Rider tests and FEI tests for Children. ***Except for FEI Pony Rider tests and FEI tests for Children, the length of the spur is measured from the base to the end of the shank. For FEI Pony Rider tests and FEI tests for Children,*** spur length is measured from the ~~**base**~~ ***boot*** to the end of the shank.
4.4 Offset spurs without rowel are permitted for riders having an appropriate Federation Dispensation/ Classification Certificate.