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Rule Change Intent

At some point during the rule change process, an addition was made to the Hunter Pleasure section appointments specific to bridles by adding a rule regarding junior horses. This addition over time has become muddled with other rule changes to the section, resulting in currently the rule contradicts itself, making the interpretation of these rules very difficult. This change adds clarity to the two rules regarding bridles in Hunter Pleasure classes.

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Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER AR-9 HUNTER PLEASURE SECTION

AR144 Appointments

1. Tack:

a. Bridle***, including the browband and cavesson,*** ~~shall be light, show~~***is to be hunter*** type~~;~~ ***with*** either ***a*** snaffle ~~(including full or half cheek)~~, pelham, full bridle, or kimberwick bit ~~acceptable~~. ~~Browband/ cavessons must be of hunter type.~~ ***The following are prohibited: ornamented bridles and figure eight, drop, and flash nosebands.***

b. ***Junior horse classes require a snaffle bit with either a straight bar, or single or double jointed mouthpiece, that measures at least 3/8" in diameter as measured ½" from the ring, with no attachments to the headstall or reins through a hook.*** ~~Junior Horse classes require a snaffle bit. (Snaffle bit is defined as snaffle bit of at least 3/8" diameter as measured ½" from the ring,. The snaffle bit may be jointed, double jointed, or unjointed . For all junior horse performance classes, all snaffle bits must have a round, egg butt or "D" shaped ring with no attachments to the headstall or reins through a hook. (except for keepers for a full cheek snaffle when section rules allow a full cheek). Full cheek (with or without keepers), French and Dr. Bristol snaffle bits are permitted). The following are not permitted: half cheek snaffles., ornamented bridles, browbands, or cavessons, saddle seat style colored browbands/cavessons, figure eight, drop, or flash nosebands.~~