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Rule Change Intent

Currently the AHA Reining Seat Medal class requires bits to be dropped and inspected, but the Reining Seat Equitation class does not address the dropping of bits. This rule change will align the AHA Medal Reining Seat Medal and the Arabian Reining Seat Equitation classes in regard to the inspection of bits.

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Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER AR-28 EQUITATION SECTION

AR297 Reining Seat Equitation

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5. For appointments, see EQ125.

a. Bits must be dropped and inspected by the Judge or designated official, and all riders must dismount for this inspection. If called for in the ring, assistance, if necessary, may be provided by one of the licensed officials.

1. Rein(s) must not be removed from the horse's neck while inspecting bits.

AR299 AHA Medal Class Requirements

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20. Class specification for AHA Medal classes are as follows:

c. AHA Reining Seat Medal class

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3. Bits must be dropped and inspected by the Judge or designated official, and all riders must dismount for this inspection. If called for in the ring, assistance, if necessary, may be ~~had from~~ ***provided by*** one of the ~~ring~~ ***licensed*** officials.

4***i.*** Rein***(s)*** ~~shall~~ ***must*** not be removed from the horse's neck while inspecting bits.