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Rule Change Intent

This rule change permits the use of full cheek snaffles. Full cheek snaffles generally do not attach to the bridle for extra leverage, therefore are not intimidating for the horse.

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Member Comments

(2026 PF Chapter)

SUBCHAPTER PF-4 PERFORMANCE CLASSES (UNDER SADDLE)

PF127 Tack

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3. Bits. (All Divisions)

a. Bits are required in all classes except Schooling Classes or other classes as specified. Bits may be of any humane approved type, curb or snaffle. See Paso Fino Tack Guide. There shall be no discrimination against any standard curb bit. A standard curb bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8 1/2". When a curb bit is used a curb strap or curb chain is required and must be at least ½ inch in width. The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar 5/16" to 3/4" in diameter as measured one inch in from the shank. The bars may be inlaid but must be smooth or latex wrapped. Nothing may protrude above or below the mouthpiece (bar) such as extensions, prongs or rivets designed to intimidate the horse. Rollers attached to the center of the bit are acceptable, and may extend below the bar. Jointed mouthpieces are acceptable and may consist of two or three pieces and may have one or two joints. A three-piece mouthpiece may include a connecting ring of 1 1/4" or less in diameter or a connecting flat bar of 3/8" to 3/4" (measured top to bottom with a maximum length of 2"), which lies flat in the mouth, or a roller or port as described herein. The port must be no higher than 3 1/2" maximum with roller(s) and covers acceptable. Jointed mouthpieces, half-breeds and spade bits are standard. Straight bar bits must have rounded edges or be wrapped. The diameter or thickness of the bar is not to exceed ¾". The width (flat surface) of the bar must not exceed 1". Slip or gag bits, rigid donut mouth- pieces and flat polo mouthpieces are prohibited. Roping bits with both reins connected to a single ring at center of cross bar shall not be used. Reins must be attached to each shank. Any rein design or other device which increases the effective length and thereby the leverage of the shank of a standard curb bit is prohibited. Anything that alters the intended use of the equipment as described in the appointments for a given class is considered to be an artificial appliance. A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed single rounded, unwrapped smooth mouthpiece of 5/16" to 3/4" diameter metal as measured from ring to 1" in from the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from 2" to 4" outside diameter of either the loose type, eggbutt, dee or center mounted without cheeks. The inside circumference of the ring must be free of rein, curb or headstall attachment hooks. ***A full cheek snaffle, without keeper attachments, is permitted.*** Snaffle bits do not require a curb chain. If a curb strap is used it must be attached below the reins.

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PF Appointments and Attire

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3. Bits. Only curb and snaffle bits are permitted. See the Paso Fino Tack Guide for details.

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b. Standard Snaffle Bit.

i. Type and Diameter. A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed, single, rounded, unwrapped, smooth, metal mouthpiece of 5/16" to 3/4" diameter as measured from the ring to 1" in from the ring, with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be 2" to 4" in diameter, of either the loose type, ***full cheek,*** eggbutt, d-ring, or center mounted without cheeks. ***Keeper attachments to the headstall are prohibited and*** ~~T~~the inside circumference of ~~the~~ ***a bit's*** ring must be free of rein, curb, or headstall attachment hooks.

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