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Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2026	1/30/2026	Approved 6/16/2026

Rule Change Intent

To further clarify and educate on the appropriate use of martingales in the hunter show ring.

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Linked Rules

Comments

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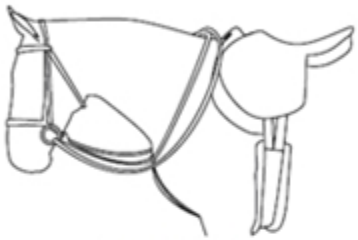
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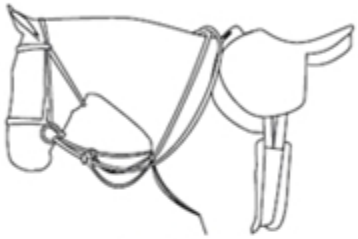
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3. Horses must return to the ring for conformation or soundness wearing a snaffle, pelham or full bridle with a cavesson noseband.

4. Martingales of any type are prohibited in under saddle~~, hack and tie breaking~~ classes. Standing and running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal. A judge must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in a martingale other than a standing or running martingale used in the conventional manner. ***The following martingales used in this manner are allowed:***



Standing Martingale



Running Martingale

a. Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.