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Rule Change Intent

Correct illustration to match rule change that took effect in 2024 allowing half cheek bits with either an upper cheek or lower cheek.

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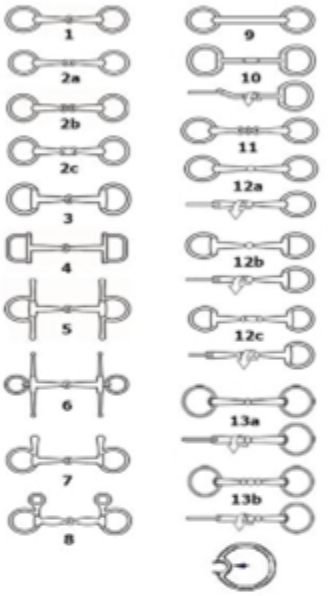
Linked Rules

Comments

Member Comments

DR121. Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:
Figure 121.1: Permitted snaffle bits. The snaffles pictured and described here are permitted at any level (national and FEI) in which it is permitted to use a snaffle. However, keepers are only permitted in national level tests for full cheek, half cheek ***(upper cheek only)***, and fulmer snaffles pictured above (bits numbered 5, 6 and 7) See also Annex A posted on the Federation website for additional information on permitted and prohibited snaffle bits.

SNAFFLE BITS



1	Loose ring snaffle with single joint
2a,b,c	Loose ring snaffle with double joint. Middle piece should be rounded.
3	Eggbutt snaffle with single joint
4	D-ring snaffle with single joint
5	Eggbutt snaffle with cheeks (full cheek)
6	Loose ring snaffle with cheeks (Fulmer)
7	Snaffle with upper cheeks only (half cheek)
8	Hanging cheek snaffle (Baucher)
9	Straight bar snaffle. Permitted also with mullen mouth and eggbutt rings
10	Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece
11	Double-jointed snaffle with rotating middle piece
12a,b,c	Rotary snaffle bit with rotating middle piece
13a,b	Rotary snaffle bit with rotating middle piece and looped rings
13c	Close up of looped ring (arrow)

Change:
7. Snaffle with upper ***or lower*** cheeks ~~only~~ (half cheek)

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