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Rule Change Intent

This proposal makes it clear that a Fiador made of acceptable materials are permitted in Western Dressage.

Proponent Details

Western Dressage

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Linked Rules

Comments

Arabian

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Friesian

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Morgan

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Member Comments

SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS

WD121 Tack

1. Bridles:
    a. Any western type headstall must be used. This can include leather, leather-like, or nylon headstalls, any of which may be brightly colored.
    b. A cavesson (braided or plain), or pencil bosal with space for two fingers placed between the cavesson and the jowl of the horse is allowed. The inside of the noseband must be smooth and free of any metal, other than the buckle.
    c. A Hackamore (Bosal) is permitted on a horse of any age at any level. A hackamore includes a bosal rounded in shape and constructed of braided rawhide or leather and must have a flexible non-metallic core, attached to a suitable headstall. No other material of any kind is to be used in conjunction with the bosal, i.e. steel, metal or chains. Bosals may be wrapped with smooth electrical tape to prevent rubbing. ***Use of a Fiador made of smooth, flexible leather, rope, or string is allowed.***