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Rule Change Intent

To align with the recent changes to other rule chapters and ensure nomenclature is correct and consistent.

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SB104 Appointments

1. Horses shall be shown in traditional tack based on the type of class. Any entries shown in non-traditional tack and/or in anything that alters the intended use of the appointments as provided for in the description of a given class are ineligible for placement in that class.
   a. The following are considered non-traditional for all sections: Hackamore bits and/or tie-down.
   b. The following is considered non-traditional for all sections except for driving classes and two year olds in Snaffle Bridle Classes: Martingale.
   c. The following are considered non-traditional tack for all sections except Dressage: A figure eight noseband, drop nose cavesson and/or flash cavesson.
   d. The following is considered non-traditional tack for all sections except Driving classes, Hunter and Western and two year olds in Snaffle Bridle Classes: A single snaffle.
   e. The following is considered non-traditional tack for all sections except Western: Hackamore bridle.
2. Entries must be penalized for incomplete appointments, but not necessarily disqualified.
3. Horses shall not be shown in/with artificial appliances. Exception: Artificial appliances listed within the SB chapter as acceptable.
4. Tail sets, high crupper which attaches to the saddle, or other training devices are prohibited in the competition ring.
5. The use of leather straps without appendages of any kind are permitted as action devices in warm up areas on the competition grounds during or before a competition. Rubber or elastic exercising devices attached with a fixed ring on a plain leather strap are permitted. Wool/fleece protective cover allowed. See also GR839.4h. The use of chains or rollers as action devices is prohibited at all times.
6. Inconspicuously applied hair in mane or tail, a tail brace and ~~mouth controls~~ ***tongue stabilizers*** are permitted. Exceptions: See Pleasure sections.
7. [...]

SB200 Appointments

1. English equipment:
   a. Bridle: Horses must be shown in a Dressage-type or Hunter-type snaffle bridle with a smooth snaffle bit (as approved in DR121). Noseband must be a regular cavesson, a drop noseband, a flash noseband, or a figure eight noseband. Martingales of any type, draw reins, ~~mouth controls~~ ***tongue stabilizers***, other artificial appliances, boots and bandages are prohibited in competition.
   b. Saddle: Saddles shall be English Dressage or all-purpose English type saddle. Dressage type saddle pads are required and should be white or of conservative color
2. [...]

SB206 Ranch Riding Exceptions

Ranch Riding classes held in the Saddlebred Division to be conducted in accordance with SUBCHAPTER WS-6 RANCH SECTION, except as stated herein:

1. Hoof black is discouraged but will not be penalized.
2. Tongue ~~Ties~~ ***stabilizers*** are permitted
3. For Saddlebred Ranch Riding, patterns found on the ASHBA website are preferred
4. [...]

3. In addition to the Tack/Equipment rules as seen in WS138.1, the following rules will apply for Saddlebred Ranch Horse Rail Pleasure:
   a. Attire and tack should be clean and presentable.
   b. Working tack is encouraged.
   c. Hoof polish is not prohibited but is discouraged.
   d. Split or romal reins are permitted.
   e. Scarves or wild rags are allowed.
   f. Tongue ~~ties~~ ***stabilizers*** are permitted.
   g. Only one hand may be used on the reins, except for junior horses shown two---handed in a snaffle bit or hackamore/bosal. Hands must not be changed. For split reins, rider may place index finger between the reins. Romal reins shall be held with fingers around the reins, no fingers between the reins. Posting or standing at the extended trot is acceptable. Holding the saddle horn at any extended gait is permitted.
   h. Tail extensions are not permitted. A long tail may be tied up in a neat fashion to prevent the horse from stepping on and/or breaking it.
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SB208 Ranch Trail Exceptions

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2. Optional obstacles: In addition to the optional obstacles listed in the WS Chapter Ranch Trail rules, the obstacles listed below are to be considered optional obstacles for Saddlebred Ranch Trail classes. The below obstacles will take precedence over similarly listed obstacles in the WS chapter.
   a. A jump obstacle whose center height is not less than 12 inches and not more than 18 inches.
   b. Drag an object. Object being dragged should be of a reasonable size and weight to challenge the horse but not so heavy as to not be manageable by all riders. Dally is required. Dally is defined as at least half a wrap around the saddle horn.
   c. Lead horse through a gate
3. Attire and tack should be clean and presentable. Working tack is encouraged.
4. Hoof polish is not prohibited but is discouraged.
5. Split or romal reins are permitted.
6. Tongue ~~ties~~ ***stabilizers*** are permitted

Scarves or wild rags are permitted.