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Rule Change Intent

The committee wishes to clarify that in driving classes, a competitor may use a whip exceeding 6', including the lash, in length. This is currently the practice, however, based on the way the rule is written without the clarification those in driving classes are in violation of the current rule. The changes are cleaning up and clarifying language and do not pose any change to the current rules or practices in the warm-up and competition rings.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Member Comments

SB103 General, Soundness, and Welfare

1. [...]
12. Attention getting devices ***and***~~&~~/or other noisemakers (including but not limited to tape measures, blow horns, bamboo poles, explosives, fire extinguishers, baby powder, whips longer than 6' ***(See SB104.13)***, etc.) are not allowed in and around the ~~make-up~~ ***warm up*** and competition rings during scheduled competition sessions or at any times designated by Competition Management. All such items will be confiscated, and offenders will be reported to the USEF. (See also GR839)
13. [...]

SB104 Appointments

1. [...]
12. A competitor may carry or use a whip not exceeding 6' including lash ***with the exception of driving classes***; the lash shall not have been altered in any way. It must be a standard whip of suitable style. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from further competition. (Exception: In-Hand. Refer to SB174.)
13. Whips longer than 6', including snapper or lash, are not allowed in the warm-up area***, except for a competitor preparing to enter a driving class.***
14. [...]