

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	12/13/2018	

Proposed Change

HU126 Tack [CHAPTER HU-4 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT]

HU126 Tack [Linked to EQ105.5 & JP111]

1. Snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required.

a. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Unconventional snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles include, but are not limited to, hunter gags, kimberwickes, etc.

b. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal bits or nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera... Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.

2. Curbs

When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.

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

3- 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.

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

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Rule Change Intent

For the welfare of the horse, this proposal protects the horse from equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort.

Linked Rules	Comments
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EQ 105 (284-18), JP 111 (282-18)

Web: curb chains

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: The committee would like to see a better definition of what a "cable or metal tie down" is. Additionally, concerns were expressed regarding the enforceability of the restrictions for curb chains: -Who decides what is comfortable vs. excessively tight -It is difficult for a judge to see what is on a curb chain -Welfare rules are currently in place that would address inhumane equipment The committee suggests using the language from the intent of this rule and prohibiting "equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort".
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

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Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments