



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

Tack Rules.
 There is an element of future-proofing in the bit rules
 The only allowable nosebands and martingales are listed
 The use of blinkers is tightened

Current Rule Book Wording:

GR4.3. Only bits known as “snaffles” are permitted. A snaffle bit is defined as a bit with a ring at each end to attach the reins, and a straight or jointed mouthpiece. The pull of the reins exerts a pressure on the pony’s mouth equal to the force exerted by the rider; there is no leverage to increase that force. A table showing the different types of permitted snaffle bits is shown on the following page.

The minimum allowed mouthpiece diameter is 10mm measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece, and the length of the cheek bars must not exceed 9cm.

Bit-less bridles are not permitted.

Snaffle bits of the following types are permitted:

Loose ring snaffle



Egg-butt snaffle



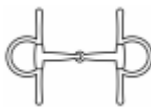
Racing snaffle D-ring



Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece and rounded middle piece



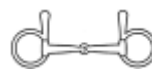
Egg-butt snaffle with cheeks



Loose ring snaffle with cheeks, Fulmer



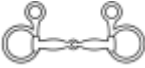

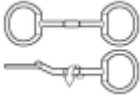


Snaffle with upper cheeks only



Hanging cheek

Snaffle with

Snaffle with

snaffle 	rotating middle piece 	rotating mouthpiece 
Rotary bit with rotating middle piece 	Straight bar snaffle. (also with mullen mouth and with eggbutt rings) 	

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GR4.5. The referee may inspect the tack of a pony at any time. His/her ruling as to the safety and/or severity will be final.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

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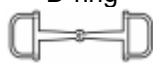
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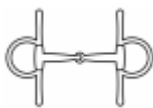
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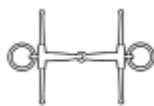
Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece and rounded middle piece



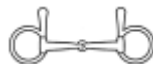
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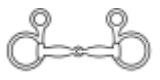

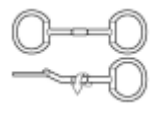
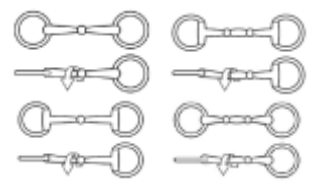

Snaffle with upper cheeks only



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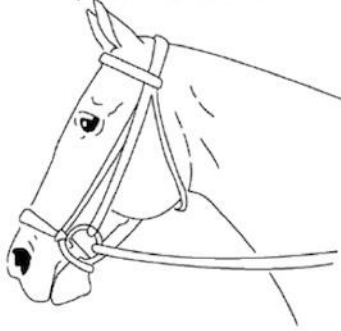
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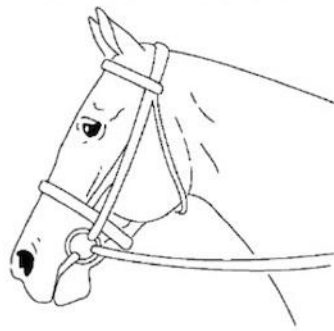
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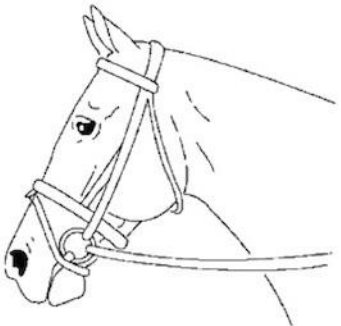
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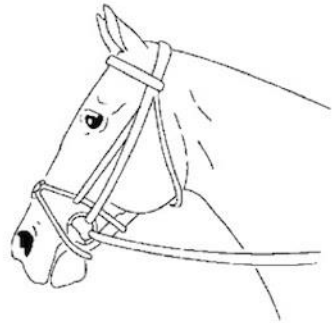
2. Cavesson noseband



3. Flash noseband



4a Crossed noseband/
grackle noseband



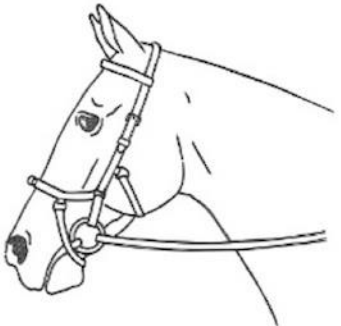
4b Mexican noseband/
high grackle noseband



5 Combined noseband –
no throat lash



6 Micklem bridle



If a Micklem bridle is used the bit clips may not be used

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bearing, side, draw, running or balancing reins or similar may be used. If a standing martingale is used it may only be attached to a cavesson noseband or the cavesson part of a flash noseband

GR4.6 No form of blinkers are permitted

GR4.7. The referee may inspect the tack of a pony at any time. His/her ruling as to the safety and/or severity will be final.

Reason for Change Request:

The FEI Rules provide a good basis for “allowable” tack and are kept up to date. Using the definitions above ‘future-proofs our rules and brings them into line with standard practice

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Reference:	2015-38
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Submission Date:	18/12/2015
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Decision Date:	27/12/2015
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	In Favour
Nikki Carter	In Favour
Philippe Gargallo	In Favour
Lois Hamilton	In Favour
Iain Hopkins	In Favour
Total In Favour:	6
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

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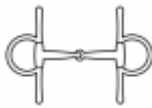
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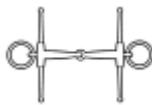
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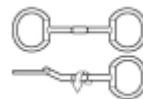
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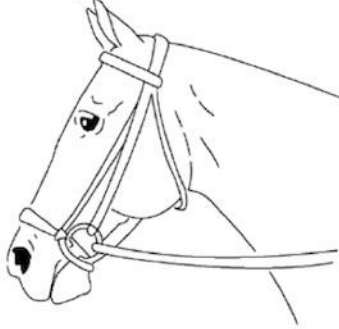


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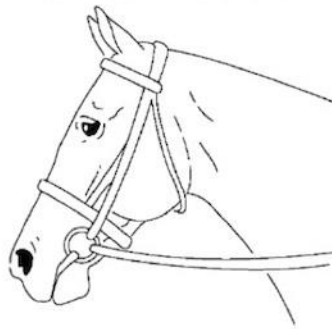


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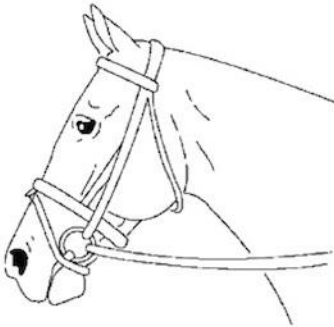
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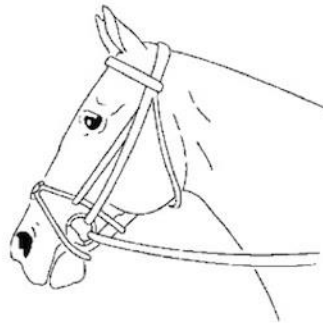
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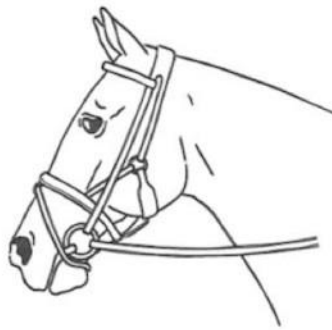
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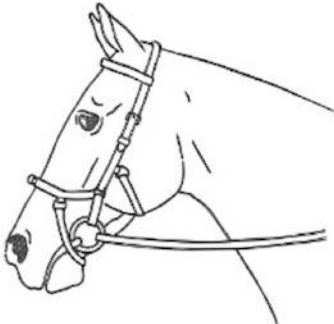
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Reason for Decision:

Brings rule up to date

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2016
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