

| Rule Change Type | Effective Date | Draft Received | Board Action |
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Rule Change Intent

Adopting the rules and verbiage from the Friesian Chapter for Sport Horse In Hand Tack-Bridles/Headstalls. This will allow all horses to show in a suitable headstall while keeping the requirement of horses under 2 years old not having the option to show in a bridle. This change will allow exhibitors with horses over the age of 2, the choice to show in a bridle or suitable headstall.

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| Linked Rules | Comments |
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Committee Actions

AL239 Sport Horse In-Hand Appointments

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2. Tack:

Bridles are mandatory on horses three years and older. A bridle shall be a dressage-type snaffle bridle or hunter-type snaffle bridle. Snaffle may be with or without cheeks, keepers allowed. Use of a noseband is optional but if used, it must be a cavesson, flash, figure 8, mexican, dropped, or crescent style noseband. A split or single lead made of either leather or chain (or a combination of both) may be used, attached through both sides of the bit, with or instead of reins. Horses aged two years may be shown in a bridle (as listed above), or a plain leather stable halter. Horses under age two years must be shown in a plain leather stable halter. Competitors with non-conforming appointments will be eliminated from judging consideration.

- a. *All horses 2 years of age and over may be shown in a suitable headstall with a throatlatch or a bridle appropriate to the discipline they are competing in at the discretion of the handler.*
- b. *All horses under 2 years of age must be shown in a suitable headstall with a throatlatch. The use of a bridle is prohibited.*
- c. *A split or single chain lead may be used instead of a rein or in addition to reins; however, a lead shank is required if reins are placed over the horse's neck and the handler must hold the shank.*
- d. *Gag and twisted bits of any type are prohibited.*