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Rule Change Intent

The committee would like to add the acceptance of goggles for use in the warm-up area, but prohibit the goggle's use in the competition arena. This stems from several cases of horses requiring protection for their eyes from the direct sunlight. Goggle's allowance will give these horses a more comfortable environment for schooling and warm-up during competition.

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Linked Rules	Comments

Committee Actions

WD122 Prohibited Equipment

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3. Use of martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing reins, nasal strips, tongue tied down, etc.), any kind of boots (including "easy-boots" splint boots, hock boots, bell boots, etc.), tail bandages, any form of blinkers, and nose covers are cause for elimination. Protective "polo" style leg wraps are permitted, either white or a color closely matching the natural color of the horse as much as possible. Bright colors should be avoided.

4. Goggles (with clear or tinted full eye cups) that cover the horse's eyes, but do not obstruct the horse's vision, are prohibited in the competition arena, but are permitted in the warm-up area.

5. 4. Rein additions or attachments which create additional leverage are not allowed.

6. 5. Any decoration of the horse with extravagant items, such as ribbons or flowers, etc. in the mane, tail, etc. Exception: Costumed freestyle.

7. 6. Costumed Freestyle - Any accessories that may frighten other horses and/or threaten the safety of riders in the warm up area may be prohibited in the warm up area, at the discretion of competition management. Horses must wear bridles in all classes.

8. 7. Garrocha poles are prohibited in all classes.

9. 8. Flash, figure eight or dropped nose bands.

10. 9. Mechanical Hackamores.

11. 10. Bitless bridles with sidepulls.