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Rule Change Intent

In the Sport horse in hand section (AR179.1a) it states that a noseband must match the discipline being shown. Referring back to AR163.1a (Hunter Section), it does not prohibit modified cavessons from being used. We are looking to strike through the language prohibiting modified cavessons in the showmanship section to align the halter and showmanship rules. This will create consistency with tack when using hunter/dressage/show hack style bridles.

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Linked Rules	Comments

Committee Actions

AR294 Judging Guidelines

Showmanship is not a halter class and should not be judged as such. The conformation of the horse is not to be judged. Horses are to be presented in the appointments (tack and attire) suitable for that horse's style. This class is designed to evaluate the exhibitor's ability to execute, in concert with their horse a set of maneuvers prescribed by the judge with precision and smoothness while exhibiting poise and confidence, all while maintaining a balanced, functional and fundamentally correct body position.

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3. APPOINTMENTS
    a. Attire and tack should be clean, well-fitting and in good repair. A workmanlike appearance should be presented.
        1. Attire should reflect the intended use of the horse and should be consistent with attire requirements described in the division depicted.
    b. Tack: An Arabian show halter, a leather show halter with or without silver (silver not to count), hunter/dressage/show hack style bridle, or a double bridle may be used. ~~Modified cavessons are prohibited.~~ A western style or bosal bridle are prohibited. Leads may be attached to the halter or cavesson. If a chain is used, it is prohibited to go through the horse's mouth, over the nose or through the bit. When leading with the reins, they must be attached to both sides of the bit. Hats are optional. Spurs are prohibited.