

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
FEI Rule Change	9/1/2024	3/20/2024	

Rule Change Intent

The FEI is changing its requirements for combined nosebands and is no longer allowing a jowl strap to replace the throat latch. The FEI will now require a bridle with a jowl strap to also have a throatlatch. The "jowl strap" cavessons are widely used in both FEI and national competitions and immediate clarification is needed. (Updated illustration of the bridle on the left will be provided).

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

### DR121 Saddlery and Equipment

3.c. Throat latch. A throat latch ~~and/or a jowl strap~~ is required. A jowl strap is ~~considered a throat latch that can be used to replace or used~~ in addition to a traditional throat latch. ~~In order to replace the throat latch, the~~ *The* jowl strap must be fitted around or immediately below the horse's jowl (Figure 121.7). Nosebands with one or two lower (chin) straps must also have a throat latch, as described above. Exception: Micklem Bridle. The back strap (or chin strap) of a noseband cannot also be considered a jowl strap.

Figure 121.7: Bridle with jowl strap ~~replacing and~~ throat latch (left). Bit snaps may not be used with this bridle. Combined noseband (no throatlatch) permitted for use in at any level (including USEF High Performance classes) and in warm-up with either a snaffle (middle left) or double bridle (middle right) as appropriate for the level. When used as a double bridle, the lower strap of the noseband (flash attachment pictured with the snaffle on left), is prohibited. Limits for placement of jowl strap (right).