

1 **SUBJECT: Dressage Bit Inspection Process (USEF/EC)**

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3 (STANDARD)

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements.

5 Committee Action:

6 Committees required to review: *(This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)*

Approve

Disapprove

Competition Advisory Committee			
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee			
Sport Horse National Show Commission			
USEF Arabian Division Committee			

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8 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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10 \_\_\_\_\_ Approved                      \_\_\_\_\_ Approved with Modification                      \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved  
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12 \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn                      \_\_\_\_\_ Referred to Committee \_\_\_\_\_

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14 **PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one)   X   Add new rule \_\_\_\_\_ Delete existing rule \_\_\_\_\_ Change existing text**  
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AR173

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17 **RESOLUTION: Use *bold/italic* for new wording, ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletion**

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19 Whereas, DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management was modified in 2024 to update the procedures  
20 for tack inspections, including bits, conducted by the ring steward for Breed restricted classes, and  
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22 Whereas, These bit inspections specify, in part, that the ring steward is to insert a gloved finger into the horse's mouth and  
23 feel for illegal bits and foreign objects, and  
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25 Whereas, This can be a challenge for Arabian show management to find volunteer ring stewards who are able to safely and  
26 expertly identify legal and illegal dressage bits by feel, and  
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28 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, we believe that our Arabian Dressage competition management should have  
29 the option of having the technical delegate or C2 steward be called to assist in completing the bit inspection  
30 when it might be deemed unsafe or if they need a particular bit further inspected, and  
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32 Whereas, In addition, DR126.2. i.1 also currently states that championship classes are to have every horse  
33 inspected. We wish to give the show management the option to choose to do at least 1/3 of the class or  
34 every horse at regionals and national championship shows; Therefore, be it  
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36 Resolved, That a USEF AR173.2 be amended by adding a new l (lower case L) as follows:

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38 ***I. DR126.2. i.1 will apply with these exceptions:***  
39 ***1. For Arabian Regional and National Dressage Championships, show management will have the discretion to***  
40 ***choose to either check at least 1/3 of horses in each class or every horse, (as described in DR126.2. i.1.c), on***  
41 ***exiting the arena.***  
42 ***2. The tack inspections process will be performed as described in DR126.2. i.1.c for all Arabian/Half-Arabian breed***  
43 ***restriction classes. During any hands-on equipment checking, if it is determined that is unsafe to conduct the***  
44 ***hands-on bit inspection portion on a selected horse, or in the event of a questionable bit, the technical delegate***  
45 ***or C2 steward may be called to follow the horse back to their barn, stall or trailer, where the bridle can be***  
46 ***dropped to conduct the bit inspection.***

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48 Effective: December 31, 2025, or when approved by USEF/EC

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50 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)

52 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the  
53 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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56 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements

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None

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60 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*

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Contact Person:

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64 SUBMITTED BY: Dressage/Western Dressage Committee Region Number:

65  Member Organization  Committee  Commission  Board  Region *(check one )*

66 Who voted:  Members  Board  Delegates *(check voting body)*

67 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 95 Number of Yes votes: 29 Number of No votes: 4

68 How vote was taken:  mail  email/other electronic means  phone  meeting *(check one) (Must have Quorum*  
69 *with majority of yes votes)*

70 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Google Forms *(Must have printed documentation on file)*

71 Date vote taken: August 14, 2024

72 Contact Person: Carol Spangler *(Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw)*

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