

SUBJECT: Dressage Bit Inspection Process (USEF/EC)

Amendment 1 (Blue)

(STANDARD)

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

Committee Action:

Approve

Disapprove

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

Competition Advisory Committee	0		
Dressage/Western Dressage Committee	1		
Sport Horse National Show Commission			0
USEF Arabian Division Committee	1		

CONVENTION ACTION:

XXX Approved _____ Approved with Modification _____ Disapproved

_____ Withdrawn _____ Referred to Committee _____

PROPOSED CHANGE: (**Check one**) X Add new rule _____ Delete existing rule _____ Change existing text

Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AR173

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

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

I. DR126.2. i.1 will apply with these exceptions:

- ~~1. For Arabian Regional and National Dressage Championships, show management will have the discretion to 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 exiting the arena.~~
- 1. Equipment inspections at Region and National Dressage Championships***
 - a. At Arabian Regional Championships, show management will have the discretion to check at least one third of the horses in the class or every horse upon exiting the arena.***
 - b. At Arabian National Championships, equipment inspections are required for each horse in the class upon exiting the arena.***
- 2. The tack inspections process will be performed as described in DR126.2. i.1.c for all Arabian/Half-Arabian breed restriction classes. During any hands-on equipment checking, if the ring steward/equipment checker determines it is determined that is to be unsafe to conduct the hands-on bit inspection portion on a selected horse, or in the***

51 **event of a questionable bit, the technical delegate or C2 steward may be called to follow the horse back to their**
52 **barn, stall or trailer, where the bridle can be dropped to conduct the bit inspection.**
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54 Effective: December 31, 2025, or when approved by USEF/EC

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56 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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58 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard Extraordinary _____ "If indicated as "Extraordinary", the
59 proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)
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62 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial requirements
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66 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: *(To be completed by AHA Staff)*
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68 Contact Person:
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70 SUBMITTED BY: Dressage/Western Dressage Committee Region Number:

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

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

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

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

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

77 Date vote taken: August 14, 2024

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

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