

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Rule Change Intent

To encourage equine welfare by allowing nose nets to be permissible in all Hunter sections.

This is an effort to promote the industry's social license to operate in allowing nose nets to be utilized for horses and ponies. In following the inclusion of nose nets in the Jumpers and Equitation, the Hunter sections need to keep horse welfare at the forefront and allow this appropriate equipment aid to be utilized for horse, and pony comfortability. Nose nets allow horses with certain allergies and other conditions to continue to have a useful career as show horses rather than endangering them to an uncertain future when a simple device can help. Nose nets are already allowed in the equitation.

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Linked Rules Comments

HU 106 Equipment

1. Light pads [...] All artificial appliances, including but not limited to nasal strips, ~~nose-nets~~, belly bands, boots, wraps, and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.
 - a. ***Nose nets are permissible for horses and ponies. The nose net must not restrict movement of the horse's mouth.***
2. Electronic Communication Devices
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