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Rule Change Intent

This change will allow the banding of manes and forelocks in Reining and Reining Seat Equitation. It is common practice at reigning events to band manes and forelocks to keep a horse's mane from being caught in the reins. There is a desire from Arabian exhibitors to allow for this practice.

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SUBCHAPTER AR-1 GENERAL SECTION

AR106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances

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8. Purebred Arabian horses must wear a long, natural, unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail (with or without clipped bridle path). Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horses are not required to have a long mane and/or tail, but an unbraided/unbanded mane and/or tail is mandatory. Exceptions: Horses shown with Hunter, Jumper, Show Hack, Sport Horse or Dressage appointments, or in Western Dressage classes, are permitted to show with a shortened, pulled, or braided mane and/or tail. Decorative items in manes and tails, are prohibited. Only simple bows made from the yarn to secure braid(s) are permitted. Cutting horses may be shown with a roached/shaved mane. **Manes and forelocks may be banded in Reining, Reining Seat Equitation, and Reining Seat Medal classes.** For Carriage Pleasure Driving see division chapter CP. All horses must have a natural unaltered, unset, and ungingered tail as described in AR105.3 - Ginger, Capsaicin, and other Irritants.