

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

Some bits are manufactured to be attached in a specific direction in the horse's mouth. They should not be attached "backwards".

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Linked Rules Comments

Committee Actions

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

2. Bits Only those bits listed in Figure 121.1, Figure 121.3, Figure 121.4, and Annex A are permitted. Bits must be used in a conventional manner and attached only as illustrated in the diagrams. ***Bits must be attached to the bridle only as intended by design, in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.*** The type of bit should not vary from those pictured below except where specified. All bits must be smooth with a solid surface. Twisted bits, bits with "bumps", bits with uncovered wire or cable, and bits that place mechanical restraint upon the tongue are prohibited. Joints that could trap or pinch the oral tissues are not permitted.