

Intent: The United States Equestrian Trainers Association Board sent out a survey to our membership and the majority of the membership voted to have augmented nosebands allowed in the hunter ring. Currently rope nosebands are allowed in jumpers, chains on lead shanks are allowed over the nose or under the lip and we feel that augmented nosebands are less severe than either of those. In addition, with the absence of a chain noseband, many trainers have moved to a stronger bit. We want to be clear that we are not asking for permission to have a spiked noseband.

SUBCHAPTER HU-3 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT

HU105 Tack

1. Snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required.

a. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Unconventional snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles include, but are not limited to, hunter gags, kimberwickes, etc.

b. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in ~~illegal~~ **prohibited** bits or nosebands. ~~Illegal~~ **Prohibited** bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera... ~~Illegal~~ **Prohibited** nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands. **Augmented hunter chain nosebands are permitted.**

Type: Standard

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