

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	12/1/2025	9/10/2024	

Rule Change Intent

A few competitors and officials have been confused by the last sentence in this rule and have erroneously believed that only natural colors are permitted for braiding materials, i.e., blue or green yarn cannot be allowed for braiding. While extravagant items are not allowed, there is no prohibition against discreet yarn colors such as red, blue, etc.

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Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. Change to read:

15. Mane, tail and body. Braiding of the horse's mane and tail is permitted. False tails are permitted, but a false tail may not contain any metal parts, except hooks. ~~An existing wound or injury cannot be obscured.~~ Decoration of the horse with extravagant items, such as ribbons, flowers or glitter in the mane, tail, or on the body, including hooves, is prohibited. Exception: A red ribbon in a horse's tail is permitted to identify a horse that kicks. Only standard horse colors that occur naturally on that horse may be added to *effect the color of* the mane, tail, or body. *An existing wound or injury cannot be obscured.*