



25. Reining

Reference Rules USEF Chapter "RN"

25.1. Required Equipment

25.1.1. Western saddle with horn.

25.1.2. There shall be no discrimination against any standard western bit.

25.1.3. Split reins, when used with a curb bit, must be held with one finger between the reins with the bight of the rein falling on the same side as the rein hand. They may also be held like romal reins with all fingers wrapped around the reins and with the bight held in the opposite hand. There can be no fingers between the reins when held romal style.

25.2. Prohibited Equipment

25.2.1. Jerk lines

25.2.2. Tack collars

25.2.3. Chaps & ½ Chaps

25.2.4. Whips, Crops or bats

25.2.5. Slip or gag bits

25.2.6. Wire chin straps regardless of padding or covering

25.2.7. Any chin strap narrower than ½ inch

25.2.8. Martingales and draw reins

25.2.9. Sidesaddle or any type of English saddle

25.2.10. Nosebands and tie-downs

25.2.11. Chinks

- 25.2.12. Roping reins
- 25.2.13. Snaffles or Bosals on equine 6 years of age and older
 - 25.2.13.1. Documentation of equine's age may be requested
 - 25.2.13.2. Junior equines are defined as equines 5 yrs old and under
- 25.2.14. Side Pulls
- 25.3. Optional Equipment
 - 25.3.1. Snaffle bits and rawhide bosals may only be used on junior equine
 - 25.3.2. Gloves
 - 25.3.3. Rope or Riata
 - 25.3.3.1. The rope or riata must be coiled and securely attached to the saddle
 - 25.3.4. Western spurs
 - 25.3.5. Protective boots, leg wraps, bandages
- 25.4. Disqualifications (*Also see General Rules 8.0 Judging*)
 - 25.4.1. If an athlete enters the arena with missing required equipment illegal equipment, or illegal use of permitted equipment, including uniform violations, not considered unsafe, the athlete will be allowed to continue on the course and receive scores and comments, but will be disqualified from the event.
 - 25.4.2. Obvious lameness or unsoundness detected in participating equine will result in disqualification.