



34. Working Rancher

34.1. Required Equipment

34.1.1. Western saddle with horn.

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

34.1.3. All snaffle bits and rawhide bosals may only be used on junior equine.

34.1.4. Roping, Romal or Mecate reins

34.1.5. Rope

34.2 Prohibited Equipment

34.2.1. Jerk lines

34.2.2. Tack collars

34.2.3. Chaps & ½ Chaps

34.2.4. Whips, Crops or bats

- 34.2.5. Slip or gag bits
- 34.2.6. Wire chin straps regardless of padding or covering
- 34.2.7. Any chin strap narrower than ½ inch
- 34.2.8. Martingales and draw reins
- 34.2.9. Sidesaddle or any type of English saddle
- 34.2.10. Snaffles or bosals on equine 6 years of age and older
 - 34.2.10.1. Documentation of equine's age may be requested
 - 34.2.10.2. Junior equines are defined as equines 5 yrs old and under
- 34.2.11. Side Pulls
- 34.2.12. Split Reins
- 34.2.13. Nosebands and Cavessons of any type when not used with an attached tie down.**
- 34.3. Optional Equipment
 - 34.3.1. Gloves
 - 34.3.2. Western spurs
 - 34.3.3. Nosebands **with** tie downs
 - 34.3.3.1. Must be secured to or behind a breast collar
 - 34.3.4. Chinks
 - 34.3.5. Protective boots, leg wraps.
- 34.4. Disqualification (*Also see General Rules 8.0 Judging*)
 - 34.4.1. 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.
 - 34.4.1.1. An athlete using two hands on a curb bit, or one hand on a snaffle bit, is considered to be using permitted equipment illegally.
 - 34.4.1.1.1 If the athlete enters the arena and begins the pattern correctly holding the reins, he will not be disqualified but will receive a "0" on every element ridden illegally.
 - 34.4.1.1.2. Exception: proper negotiation of an obstacle, or handling a rope may require a rider to use one hand on a snaffle or bosal temporarily.
 - 34.4.2. Obvious lameness or unsoundness detected in participating equine.