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### Proposed Rule Changes Due January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Current Convention Year

Proposed Rule Changes to be brought before the National Convention must be sent to the Director of Operations to send to the Rules Committee who will review the submissions for duplication, clarity and conflict with existing rules.

All submissions must be postmarked on or before January 1 of the current Convention year. All items **MUST BE** submitted on the following proposal form. All copies **MUST** be in type format, signed and **MUST** include the submitter's ASPC/AMHR membership number.

#### NO ITEMS WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM THE FLOOR AT CONVENTION!

Proposed ASPC/AMHR Rule Change (Must be typed – Must include Section, Article Part & Item Info)

Section, Article, Part & Item Number: Section XV 4.2 D Page # 294

Indicate: Add or Delete: Delete

Proposed Rule Change (provide desired language and intent of rule):

See Attachment

Reason/Justification for Rule Change (provide brief description)

See Attachment

Proposed Effective Date: 1/1/2028 Submitted by (Membership #) 102706

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Proposed Rule Change:

D . Tack Competitors must be penalized for incomplete appointments but not necessarily disqualified.

Entries shall be shown with stock saddle, but silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. Tapaderos are prohibited. There shall be no discrimination against any standard Western bit. A standard Western bit is defined as having a shank with appropriate measurements for the pony's size. Rollers or 1-2 jointed bits are acceptable.

Reins must be attached to each shank. Slip or gag bits, rigid donut mouthpieces, roping bits and flat polo mouthpieces are prohibited. Any rein design or other device which increases the effective length and thereby the leverage of the shank of a standard western bit is prohibited. Standard snaffle bits or hackamores are permitted in any class on any pony regardless of age. Curb chains and leather chin straps may be used but must be flat and at least ½" in width and lie flat against the jaws of the pony. If a curb strap is used it must be attached below the reins.

Bandages and boots of any type are prohibited

Reason/Justification for Rule Change:

This rule change would provide increased clarity for the judges and exhibitors for the western pleasure pony class as there were multiple instances of contraindications within this class. Additionally, this would allow ponies regardless of age to be ridden with a two-handed bit. This rule change would hope to promote increased entries as possible as some driving horses have difficulty with a shanked bit. Overall, these proposed changes will provide clarity and promote increased entries in this class/division.