## The Guide to

## Paso Fino Tack



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## Bits

1. All mouthpieces must be smooth or latex wrapped.
The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar, $5 / 16$ to $3 / 4$ inch in diameter, as measured 1 inch in from the shank.

Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece such
 as extensions, prongs or rivets designed to intimidate the horse.
2. Measuring the port or spoon of a bit.
Maximum $3 ½$ inches.


Legal Example.
Port measures $31 / 2$ inches.


## Measuring Shanks

1. A straight line from the inside of the uppermost part of headstall slot to the point on the rein ring where the rein would pull from when pressure is applied to rein.

Maximum $81 / 2$ inches.


## Legal Bits

1. Legal: Rollers must move.

2. Legal: Broken Spoon, portion below mouthpiece does not intimidate


## Illegal Bits

1. Illegal: Mouthpiece does not meet the measurement requirements for diameter $3 / 4$ inch.

2. Illegal: Gag bit and mouthpiece not smooth.

3. Illegal: Mouthpiece less than $5 / 16$ inch.

4. Illegal: Mouthpiece greater than $3 / 4$ inch in diameter, 1 inch width.

5. Illegal: Jetera - Considered a tongue tie.

Bosal is uncovered metal and too narrow.


## Curb Chain and Curb Straps

1. Must lie flat, at least $\mathbf{1 / 2}$ inch in width, required with a shank bit
2. Legal: Curb chain/Curb chain with leather straps

3. Legal: Leather curb strap

4. Illegal: Too narrow.


## Bosals/Alzadors

1. Except for Schooling classes in Classic Fino and Performance divisions, no metal is allowed in, under, over or attached to the cavesson or nosepiece, except for necessary buckles. (See Chapter Two, Section VII., A.)
2. In the Pleasure Division, a headriser made of plain leather or otherwise capable of being shaped or bent by hand pressure is permitted. In any case, metal is not permitted in, under, over or attached to the cavesson, nosepiece or headriser, except for necessary buckles (See Chapter Three, Section V., C.)
3. Legal: In all Schooling and Pleasure Division classes.

4. Legal: In Schooling Performance and Fino only, not Pleasure Division due to metal inside.


## 5. Legal: Rawhide.



## 6. Illegal: Metal bumps.


7. Illegal: Bumps not permissible.

8. Illegal: Metal bumps not permissible.

9. Illegal: Knots not permissible.

10. Legal: In Schooling and Pleasure Division.

11. Legal: In Schooling-Legal in Pleasure if bendable.

12. Legal: In Schooling Performance and Fino only - not bendable.

13. Illegal: Bumps not permissible

14. Illegal: Knots not permissible


## Reins

1. May be leather, flat, rolled or braided. Snaps may be used to attach to the bit -EXCEPT in Equitation and Horsemanship Classes.
2. Legal: In all classes with English Tack except Equitation and Horsemanship.

3. Legal: In all classes with English Tack. Required in Equitation and Horsemanship

4. Legal: In all classes requiring English Tack.

5. Legal: In Schooling and Pleasure Division only.


## Bridles

1. Legal: In all classes with English Tack Colombian Bridles with Pisadors.

2. Legal: Twisted Rawhide Bridle - in Schooling classes only.

3. Legal: English Bridle where English Tack is used.

4. Legal: Western Bridle with Bosal and Mecate Rein legal for Schooling horses with Western Tack.

5. Illegal: Flash noseband. Must have a brow band and throat-latch.


## Browband

1. Legal: Stitched. May also have flat metal decoration.
2. Illegal: Not stitched.


## Saddles

1. LEGAL: Dressage saddle. Saddle pad must conform to shape of saddle.

2. LEGAL: Western saddle - Legal in Pleasure, Country Pleasure and Western Pleasure. Saddle pad must be conservative in color.

3. LEGAL: Plantation style - saddle pad does not have to conform to shape of saddle, but must be conservative in color.

4. LEGAL: Galapagos- Legal as shown for Pleasure Division. Legal in Performance and Fino with English Type stirrups and Leathers shown below. Saddle pad must conform to shape of saddle.

5. LEGAL: Sidesaddle legal in Pleasure Division and Costume

6. LEGAL: Forward seat - legal only in classes where a jump is required.


## Spurs

1. Specialty Classes only - must be blunt
2. Legal: English blunt spur.

3. Legal: With Western Tack.

4. Spurs are NOT LEGAL in the warm-up area EXCEPT for Specialty horses

## Breastplate or Breast Strap/Breast Collar

1. Legal where English Tack is used.

English Breast Collar - 1 inch or less.

2. Legal with Western Tack.

Western Breast Collar - may exceed 1 inch.


## Helmet

1. Helmet must have ASTM/SEl label Legal in any class.

Required for all riders 12 and under while on horseback or in a driving class.
Required for all riders in a class which requires a jump.


## Crops

1. Legal: Measured from end of handle to end of lash. Must not exceed 30 inches.


## Shoes

1. If shod, must be on all 4 feet, same type of shoe of same material, weight and thickness. Shoe cannot exceed 10 ounces.
2. Classic Fino horses must be shod.
3. Legal: Flat Shoe

4. Legal: Flat Shoe with drawn toe clip.

5. Illegal: Pastern Weights - Artificial Devices

Not allowed on the show grounds


