

HISA Rule 2281. Riding Crop Specifications

(a) Riding crops are subject to inspection by the Safety Officer, stewards, and the clerk of the scales.

(b) All riding crops must be soft- padded.

(c) Riding crops shall have a shaft and a smooth foam cylinder and must conform to the following dimensions and construction:

(1) The maximum allowable weight shall be 8 ounces;

(2) The maximum allowable length, including the smooth foam cylinder attachment, shall be 30 inches;

(3) The minimum diameter of the shaft shall be three-eighths of one inch; and

(4) The shaft, beyond the grip, must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one millimeter throughout its circumference.

(5) There shall be no binding within 7 inches of the end of the shaft.

(6) The smooth foam cylinder is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet the following specifications:

(i) Shall have no reinforcements;

(ii) Shall have a maximum length beyond the shaft of one inch;

(iii) Shall have a minimum diameter of 0.8 inches and a maximum width of 1.6 inches;

(iv) There shall be no other reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft;

(v) Shall be made of shock absorbing material with a compression factor of at least 5 millimeters throughout its circumference;

(vi) Shall be made of a waterproof, ultraviolet, and chemical resistant foam material that is durable and preserves its shock absorption in use under all conditions; and

(vii) Shall be replaced after reasonable wear and tear is visibly evident.

(7) Riding crops shall not be altered and shall have an appropriate label or marking designating that the riding crop meets the required standards as established by the Authority.

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