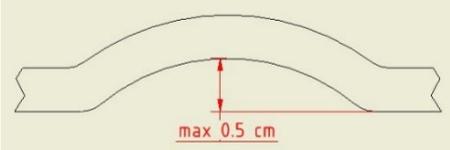
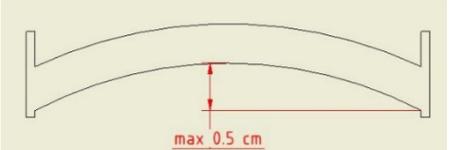
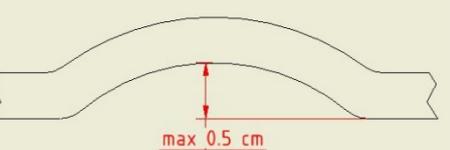
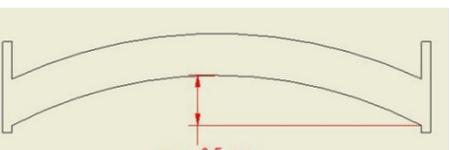




Prohibited Equipment (valid as of April 1, 2022)

All pictures shown are provided as an example only; the rule applies in case of all bits and nosebands with similar function as well. The latest version of the list of prohibited equipment is provided under <https://www.feif.org/feif-equipment/>

Bits	
<p>Pelham:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A pelham bit shall be used with two reins! 2. It is NOT allowed to use a couple piece/bridge!" <p>Icelandic bits</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Icelandic bits shall be used with one rein only! 2. It is NOT allowed to use two reins.! 	
<p>Myler combination bits with short or long shanks (and similar bits from other producers)</p> <p>This type of bit combines bitless techniques with a bit and is designed as training bit.</p>	 <p>long shank short shank</p>
<p>Peruvian bit (and other bits typically designed for specific other horse cultures)</p> <p>This kind of bits is not fitting to the Icelandic horse riding style and/or culture.</p>	
<p>Sliding gag bits (bits that can move up and down along the cheek pieces of a bridle)</p> <p>These bits are mainly correction bits and are not suitable for showing horses</p>	

<p>Breeding only: All bits with leverage mechanism and port higher than 0.5 cm (unbroken, single broken, double broken)</p> <p>These bits are forbidden in all breeding presentations with ports higher than the max. of 0.5 cm.</p> <p>The port is a bend over the full width of a bit or a bend in the center of the bit irrelevant of the direction of the port. The maximum height from the lowest part of the bit to the lowest part of the port is 0,5 cm.</p>	  
<p>Icelandic bits with ports higher than 0.5 cm (unbroken, single broken, double broken, multiple broken)</p> <p>These bits have been shown to cause bar injuries by studies conducted in Iceland therefore they are forbidden with ports higher than the max. of 0.5 cm.</p> <p>The port is a bend over the full width of a bit or a bend in the center of the bit irrelevant of the direction of the port. The maximum height from the lowest part of the bit to the lowest part of the port is 0,5 cm.</p>	  
<p>Peewee Bit</p> <p>description: The Peewee bit is, according to the manufacturer, a correction bit not designed for contact riding. It is a bit for training horses</p>	
<p>Swales Pelham bit</p> <p>The Swales Pelham bit seems like a Pelham, but it is not. It is clearly designed to be a corrective bit for over enthusiastic horses. From the manufacturer: The bit is designed to give control specifically for strong horses that are inclined to lean down. It is extremely popular bit with the showing and driving fraternity and is often used in other disciplines for faster work on an experienced horse that is “over enthusiastic”. This is the only Pelham which removes poll pressure as the cheeks are attached to the inner rings. The action on the curb and exerts more pressure on the jaws causing the lifting action.</p>	

Bridles and Nosebands

Kineton noseband

With this type of noseband there is an increased risk of bruising between bit and metal halter rings



Micklem noseband with clip

Micklem with clip (bit and noseband connected with a clip) is forbidden, combination of bit and bitless riding is not allowed.



A conventional bitted bridle used together with a bitless bridle

This is against the intention of a bitless bridle

Flash, Mexican, Drop (German/Hanoverian), Micklem, Anatomic or Leveler noseband in combination with any bits with a curb chain and/or upper and/or lower cheeks

There is a risk of the cheeks or curb chain becoming entangled in these types of nosebands. In some cases, the combination can become overly severe



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