

HISA Rule 2281: Riding Crop Specifications

- (a) Riding crops are subject to inspection by the Safety Officer, Stewards, and the clerk of scales.
- (b) All riding crops must be soft-padded.
- (c) Riding crops shall have a shaft and a flap or 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 shall be 30 inches;
 - (3) The minimum diameter of the shaft shall be three-eighths of one inch;
 - (4) There shall be no binding within 7 inches of the end of the shaft. 17
 - (5) The flap or 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.
 - (vi) Shall be made of a waterproof, ultraviolet, and chemical resistant flap or 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.
 - (6) Riding crops shall not be altered and shall have a mark identifying the name and manufacturer.

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