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COMPETITIONS THAT PERMIT THE USE OF Dr. COOK'S BITLESS BRIDLE AND IN WHICH HORSES CAN ALSO COMPETE BAREFOOT

This information has been kindly provided by Jasmine Cave, who, in January 2004, searched the saddlery sections of all the following online rulebooks to see what each had to say about competing bitless &/or barefoot. The rulebooks state either that bitless bridles are allowed, or this is implied by omission in that there were no rules at all about bridles. The rulebooks infer that the term 'bitless bridle' refers to the traditional designs in this class; the hackamores, bosals and sidepulls. As yet, none of the rulebooks refer specifically to Dr. Cook's Bitless Bridle but it is reasonable to assume that this bridle would be acceptable under the generic banner of 'bitless bridle.'

Competitors are encouraged to review the rulebooks for future rule changes. It is always wise to check in advance with the stewards of the particular competition that any competitor is contemplating entering.

WESTERN

reining(bosal only in hackamore and freestyle classes)

www.nrha.com and www.usef.org

cutting(bosal only) www.nchacutting.com

penning www.ustpa.com

calf roping www.uscra.com

team roping www.ustrc.com

drill team www.unitedstatesdrill.com

barrel racing www.nbha.com

gymkhana www.omoksee.com

pro rodeo www.prorodeo.org

college rodeo www.collegerodeo.com

high school rodeo www.nhsra.org

TRAIL

distance riding www.endurance.net

endurance www.aerc.org also www.usef.org

competitive trail www.natrc.org

ride and tie www.rideandtie.org

mounted orienteering www.nacmo.org

Trec www.bhs.org.uk/TREC/TREC.htm. (awaiting reply)

distance driving www.midwestdistancedriving.org

ENGLISH

eventing www.eventingusa.com (bitless allowed XC and SJ)

fox hunting www.mfha.com

show jumping www.usef.org

polo www.us-polo.org

polocrosse www.americanpolocrosse.org (the rules do not allow bits with shanks, so

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hackamores could not be used but the Bitless Bridle conforms to APA sanctioned events.

See also www.mnextreme.com)

horseball www.horseball.org.uk

pony club www.ponyclub.org

(only show jumping, mounted games, polocrosse)