

**JUDGES ADVISORY and TEACHING PANEL COMMITTEE MEETING
ZOOM**

July 14, 2026, 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. (CST)

Approved

Members Present: Doug Allen – Committee Chair, Mike McEntire – Vice Chair, Bob Kail, Eugenio Latorre, Maik Bartmann, Manuela Maiocchi, Margaret Fuchs, Matt Lantz, Ollie Griffith, Patrick Wickenheiser, Reid Fady, Sebastian Petroll, Pete Kyle, Joe Schmidt, Van Luse, Ed “Hoot” Bricker, Andrea Stillo – Ex-Officio Member, Sandy Jirkovsky

Members Not Present: Steve Ross, Mark Turner

Staff Present: Christa Morris-Stone, NRHA Asst. Commissioner; Sr. Director of Education & Officials – Patti Carter; Coordinator of Education & Officials – Dena Nason

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair, Doug Allen, at 1:00 P.M. (CST).

Consent Agenda: May JAC & Teaching Pool Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion made and seconded to approve May JAC & Teaching Pool meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: May JAC & Teaching Pool Meeting Executive Session Minutes Approval

Motion made and seconded to approve May JAC & Teaching Pool meeting Executive Session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Equipment Review – Rein Attachment

Committee reviewed a new type of rein attachment and voted to declare it illegal due to having two points of attachment, in keeping with the established rule that standard Western bits should have only one point of attachment for rein connection. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Equipment Review – Snaffle Bit

Committee reviewed a specific snaffle bit and voted to declare it illegal due to the middle attachment preventing free movement of the ring, which does not meet rulebook standards requiring the inside circumference of the ring to be free of attachments. Motion made and seconded to add the bit to the photo library as an illegal equipment example and include it in the updated equipment document distributed to stewards, judges, and professionals. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational: 2026 NRHA Derby Report

Staff shared an update on the record-breaking success of the 2026 NRHA Derby, including increased horse entries, sold stalls, and significant social media reach. A full summary document to be distributed separately.

Action: Entered and Exited Executive Session

Meeting Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.