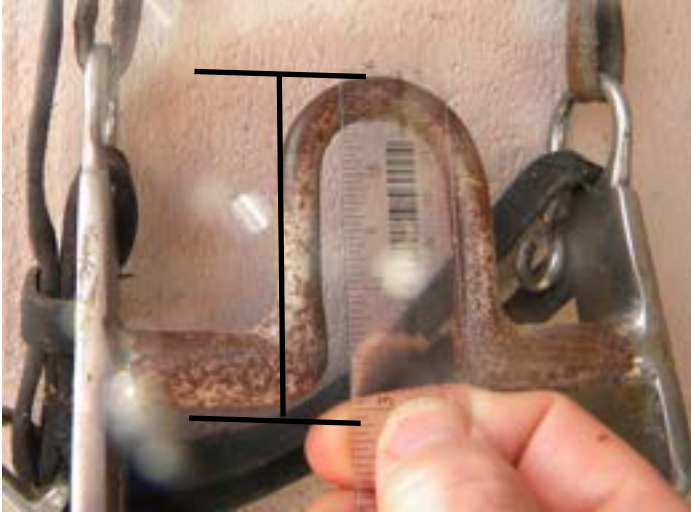# The Guide to Paso Fino Tack

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BITS

All mouthpieces must be smooth or latex wrapped. The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar 5/16" to 3/4" in diameter, as measured 1" in from the shank. Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece such as extensions, prong, or rivets designed to intimidate the horse.
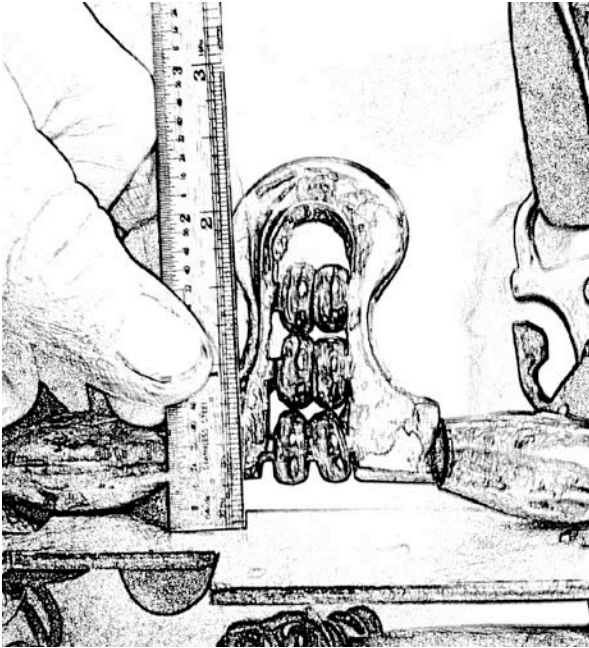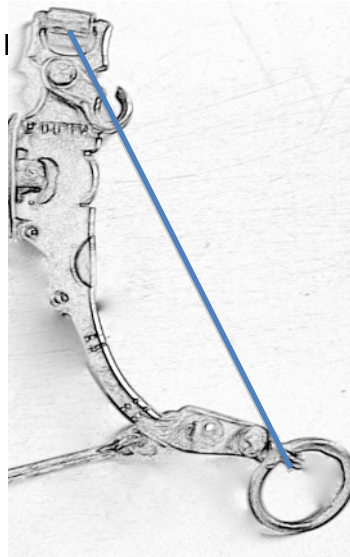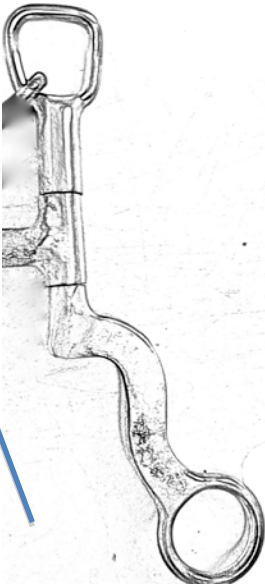

LEGAL
Port measures under 3 inches

LEGAL

Measuring the Port or Spoon of a bit

Measuring shanks
A straight line from the inside of the uppermost part of headstall slot to the point on the rein ring where the rein would pull from when pressure is applied to rein.

LEGAL

LEGAL

LEGAL

LEGAL

LEGAL
In Schooling classes

ILLEGAL

ILLEGAL
Jetera- Considered a tongue tie

ILLEGAL
Jetera – Considered a tongue tie
Bosal is uncovered metal and too narrow

ILLEGAL
Overall length of shank more than 8.5"
long

ILLEGAL
Port protrudes below mouthpiece

ILLEGAL
Port protrudes below mouthpiece

ILLEGAL
Port higher than 3"

LEGAL
Broken Spoon, portion below
mouthpiece does not intimidate

ILLEGAL
Movement of mouthpiece has gag
effect

ILLEGAL
Mouthpiece not smooth and too narrow

ILLEGAL
Gag bit and mouthpiece not smooth

ILLEGAL
Mouthpiece must be smooth

ILLEGAL
Mouthpiece does not meet the
measurement requirements for
diameter 3/4 "

ILLEGAL
Second mouthpiece is too narrow

ILLEGAL
Second mouthpiece is too narrow

ILLEGAL
Mouthpiece not smooth and too
narrow and a gag bit

ILLEGAL
Mouthpiece not smooth and too
narrow

ILLEGAL
Mouthpiece less than 5/16"

ILLEGAL
Mouthpiece greater than 3/4"

ILLEGAL
Double mouthpiece thicker than 3/4"
diameter

ILLEGAL
Gag mouthpiece

ILLEGAL
Inhumane not smooth

ILLEGAL
Prongs below mouthpiece

ILLEGAL
Double mouthpiece greater than 3/4"
in diameter

ILLEGAL
Prongs insert into mouth-inhumane

LEGAL
with ring shank hobble
and extra bit hook removed

Curb chain and curb straps

LEGAL
Curb chain with lip strap ring

LEGAL
Curb chain with leather straps

LEGAL
Leather curb strap

ILLEGAL
Too narrow

ILLEGAL
Too narrow

ILLEGAL
Both curb chains do not lay flat

ILLEGAL
Does not lay flat

ILLEGAL
Serrated edges

BOSALS

Except for Schooling classes in Classic Fino, Performance and Pleasure divisions, no metal is allowed in, under, over or attached to the cavesson or nosepiece, except for necessary buckles. (See Chapter Two, Section VII., Metal on Nosepiece.)

In Pleasure Division, a headriser made of plain leather or otherwise capable of being shaped or bent by hand pressure is permitted. In any case, metal is not permitted in, under, over or attached to the cavesson, nosepiece or headriser, except for necessary buckles (See Chapter Three, Section V., C. Appointments.)

LEGAL
In all Schooling classes and Pleasure Division

LEGAL
In Schooling Performance and Fino only, not Pleasure Division due to metal inside

LEGAL
In all Schooling classes and Pleasure
Division

LEGAL
In all Schooling classes - not legal in
Pleasure Division due to metal inside
leather

LEGAL
Rawhide

ILLEGAL
Metal bumps

ILLEGAL
Bumps not permissible

ILLEGAL
Hinged metal too severe even if
wrapped

ILLEGAL
Hinged metal too severe even if
wrapped

ILLEGAL
Metal bumps not permissible

ILLEGAL
Metal bump not permissible

ILLEGAL
Metal bumps not permissible

ILLEGAL
Balls not permissible

ILLEGAL
Too severe

ILLEGAL

ILLEGAL
Hinged too severe

ILLEGAL
Hinged too severe

ILLEGAL
Knots not permissible

ILLEGAL
Hinged and metal balls not
permissible

LEGAL
In Schooling and Pleasure Division

LEGAL
In Schooling and Pleasure Division

LEGAL
In Schooling and Pleasure

LEGAL
In Schooling and Pleasure

LEGAL
In Schooling-Legal in Pleasure if
bendable

LEGAL
In Schooling Performance and Fino
only- not bendable

LEGAL
In Schooling but not Pleasure
Division- not bendable by hand

ILLEGAL
Bump not permissible

ILLEGAL
Bumps not permissible

ILLEGAL
Bumps not permissible

ILLEGAL
Knots not permissible

ILLEGAL
Knots not permissible

LEGAL
In Schooling Performance and
Schooling Fino only not bendable

ILLEGAL
Serrated too severe even if wrapped

ILLEGAL

ILLEGAL
Hinged and serrated

ILLEGAL
Illegal even if wrapped--too severe

LEGAL
In all classes with English Tack
except Equitation and Horsemanship

LEGAL
In all classes with English Tack
Required in Equitation and Horsemanship

LEGAL
In all classes requiring English Tack.

LEGAL
In Schooling and Pleasure Division
only

LEGAL
Rawhide buckle back reins

LEGAL
Twisted Rawhide
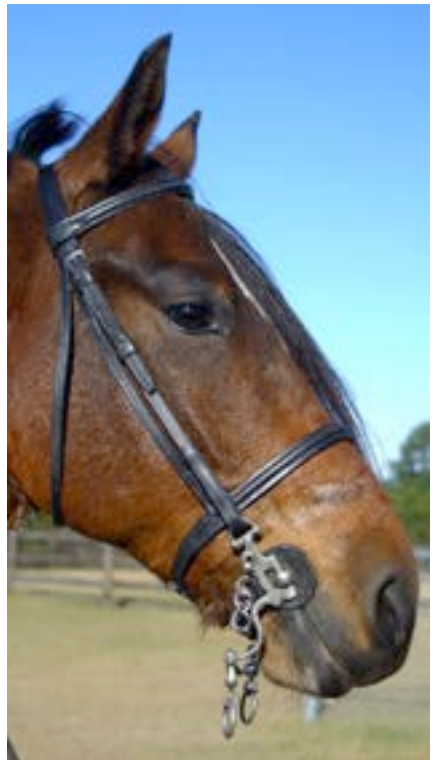Bridle-Legal in
Schooling
classes only

BRIDLES

LEGAL
In all classes with English Tack
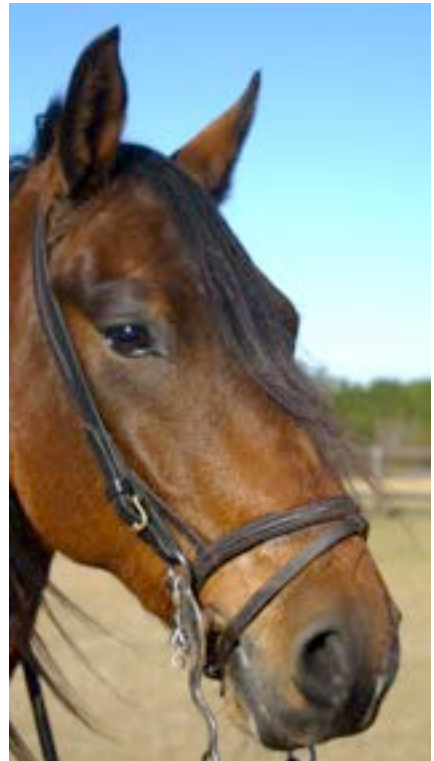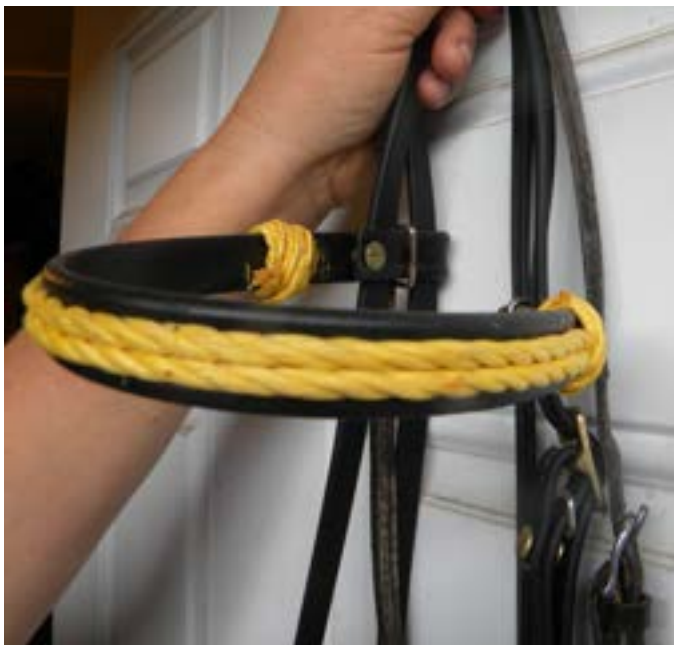Colombian Bridles with Pisadors

LEGAL
Rawhide

English Bridle -legal where
English Tack is used

Western Bridle with Bosal and Mecate Rein legal for Schooling horses with Western Tack

ILLEGAL
Flash Noseband & must have a browband & throatlatch

ILLEGAL
Appliqued

Legal
Stitched

SADDLES

LEGAL
Dressage saddle

Western saddle- Legal in
Pleasure, Country Pleasure
and Western Pleasure

Legal in Pleasure Division

Galapagos- Legal as shown for Pleasure Division. Legal in Performance and Fino with English Type stirrups and Leathers shown below

Sidesaddle legal in Pleasure
Division and Costume

LEGAL
English blunt spur

LEGAL
In Western Tack

ILLEGAL
Sharp rowels

ILLEGAL
Sharp rowels

English Breast collar
Legal where English Tack is used

Western Breast collar
Legal with Western Tack

Helmet must have ASTM/SEI label
Legal in any class

CROPS

LEGAL
Measured from end of handle
to end of lash. Must not
exceed 30"

LEGAL
Flat shoe

LEGAL
Flat shoe with drawn toe clip

ILLEGAL
Half Round

ILLEGAL
Not flat

ILLEGAL
Wedge shoe

ILLEGAL
Trailer

ILLEGAL
Rolled toe

ILLEGAL
Squared Toe

ILLEGAL
Rocker Toe

ILLEGAL
Pastern Weights-Artificial Devices
**Not allowed on the show
grounds**