

Appendix 5: Tack Rules – Dressage and Riding Test

TACK:

The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles
- Preliminary, novice, rural riders and riding tests – ordinary snaffle bridles only
- Micklem Bridles with permitted bits only
- Elementary and medium tests – ordinary snaffle or double bridles
- Nosebands are obligatory (drop, flash or cavesson with a snaffle and a cavesson with a double bridle)
- Discreet padding of the bridle at the poll or noseband is permitted
- Nose nets that are discreet and cover the nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps at Prelim level and Novice Riding Test (may be used for riding in at any level)
- Anti fly impregnated brow-bands or fly repellent discs
- Discreet fly fringes, gauzes or ear covers (outdoors only)
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- **Sponsors logos on clothing (see FEI website)**
- A stallion disc MUST be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- Side saddles (Dressage only)

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Martingales
- Bit guards, tongue guards and tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue
- Grackle
- Boots and bandages **except in warm up** (substitutes for conventional shoes are permitted)
- Saddle covers
- Elasticated reins
- Seat savers, except an unobtrusive saddle coloured gel pad seat saver, unless the rider has dispensation from BRC office
- Market Harborough's, side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles
- Blinkers or hoods
- Ear plugs (Spot checks may be carried out – evidence of use for sound muffling may incur elimination)
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces or any other attachment that may affect the horse's vision

EQUIPMENT:

- Whips ~~must not exceed 110cm in length including the lash~~ are allowed in all competitions including the Championships **but must not be used in a way or be of a length that disturbs other riders**
- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are NOT permitted
- Spurs MUST be worn with the curve of the neck directed downwards
- Seniors may wear smooth rowels not exceeding 1cm in diameter
- Spurs that have a smooth rotating rubber, plastic **or metal** ball on the shank are permitted

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- Spurs are compulsory for medium dressage tests
- Spurs are permitted for dressage and riding tests

- Cruppers and balancing straps are permitted
- You may not warm up in equipment not permitted in the actual test

COMMANDERS:

- Dressage and riding tests at Area competitions may be commanded, but NOT at the Championships.
- Rural riders (Team of 6) and Teams of Four MUST be commanded at all times

Appendix 5: Tack Rules – Horse Trials Dressage

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The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles
- Nosebands are obligatory (drop, grackle, flash or cavesson with a snaffle and a cavesson with a double bridle)
- Miklem Bridles with permitted bits
- Discreet padding of the bridle at the poll or noseband is permitted
- Breastplates
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- **Sponsors logos on clothing (see FEI rules)**
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- Neckstraps
- Nosenets

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Side saddles
- Martingale
- Bit guards, tongue guards and tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue
- Boots and bandages **except in the warm up**
- Saddle cover
- Elasticated reins
- Seat savers, except an unobtrusive saddle coloured gel pad seat saver, unless the rider has dispensation from BRC office
- Market Harborough's, side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles
- Blinkers or hoods
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Fly fringe, gauze or ear covers only permitted in warm-up unless written permission from BRC office
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces or any other attachment that may affect the horse's vision

EQUIPMENT:

- Whips are NOT permitted
- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are NOT permitted
- Spurs **MUST** be worn with the curve of the neck directed downwards
- Seniors may wear smooth rowels not exceeding 1cm in diameter
- Spurs that have a smooth rotating rubber, **metal** or plastic ball on the shank are permitted
- For horse trials dressage spurs must not exceed **4cm measured from the back of the boot/inside of the spur**
- Cruppers and balancing straps are permitted
- You may not warm up in equipment not permitted in the actual test **except boots or bandages on the horse**

COMMANDERS:

- Commanders are not allowed

Appendix 5: Tack Rules – Show Jumping

TACK:

The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles
- More than one noseband may be worn at a time
- Market Harborough's (juniors and seniors) but not in combination with any other martingale
- Only one martingale (standing, Irish or running) standing MUST be attached to the cavesson part of the noseband fitted above the bit,
- running MUST have rein stops
- Tongue guards that are properly made and detached from the reins and bits
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles – senior competitions only
- Micklem bridles with permitted bits
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- **Sponsors logos on clothing (see FEI rules)**
- A stallion disc MUST be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- Side Saddles
- Nosenets

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Saddle covers and seat savers
- Side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles - junior competitions only
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces or any other attachment that may affect the horse's vision
- Tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue

EQUIPMENT:

- Whips are permitted but MUST be between 45cm and 75cm
- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are NOT permitted
- Spurs MUST be worn with the curve of the neck directed downwards
- Seniors may wear smooth rowels not exceeding 1cm in diameter
- Spurs that have a smooth rotating rubber or plastic ball on the shank are permitted
- Spurs must NOT exceed **3.5cm measured from the back of the boot/inside of the spur**

Appendix 5: Tack Rules – Horse Trials Show Jumping

TACK:

The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles
- More than one noseband may be worn at a time
- Only one martingale (Irish or running) running MUST have rein stops
- Tongue guards that are properly made and detached from the reins and bits
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles - senior competitions only
- Micklem Bridles with permitted bits
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Breastplate
- Neckstraps
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent disc
- Numnah and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- A stallion disc MUST be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- Nosenets
- Fly Fringe

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Side saddle
- Saddle cover and seat saver
- Market Harborough
- Side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles - junior competitions
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces or any other attachment that may affect the horse's vision
- Tongue strap or tying down the horses tongue

EQUIPMENT:

- Whips are permitted but MUST be between 45cm and 75cm
- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are NOT permitted
- Spurs MUST be worn with the curve of the neck directed downwards
- Seniors may wear smooth rowels not exceeding 1cm in diameter
- Spurs that have a smooth rotating rubber, **metal** or plastic ball on the shank are permitted
- Spurs must NOT exceed **4cm measured from the back of the boot/inside of the spur**

Appendix 5: Tack Rules – Style Jumping

TACK:

The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles
- Only ordinary snaffle bridles are permitted
- Miklem bridle with permitted bit
- Only one noseband may be worn at a time, drop, flash, grackle or cavesson
- Only a running martingale with rein stops (but will incur a 5 point penalty)
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Breastplate
- Neckstrap
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- Nosenets
- Fly Fringe

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Side saddle
- Saddle cover and seat saver
- Market Harborough
- Tongue guard
- Side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces or any other attachment that may affect the horse's vision
- Tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue

EQUIPMENT:

- Whips are permitted but **MUST** be between 45cm and 75cm
- Spurs are permitted

Appendix 5: Tack Rules – Cross Country Including Hunter Trials and FOTH

TACK:

The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles
- More than one noseband may be worn at a time
- Only one martingale (Irish or running) running MUST have rein stops
- Tongue guards that are properly made and detached from the reins and bits
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles – senior competitions only
- Micklem bridles with permitted bits
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- **Sponsors logos on clothing (see FEI rules)**
- A stallion disc MUST be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- Nosenets
- Fly Fringe

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Side saddles
- Saddle cover and seat saver
- Market Harborough
- Side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles in junior competitions
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces or any other attachment that may affect the horse's vision
- Tongue strap

EQUIPMENT:

- Watches are NOT to be worn in one day events or hunter trials
- NO electronic devices may be worn
- Medical armbands MUST be worn
- Whips are permitted but MUST be between 45cm and 75cm
- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are NOT permitted
- Spurs MUST be worn with the curve of the neck directed downwards
- Seniors may wear smooth rowels not exceeding 1cm in diameter
- Spurs that have a smooth rotating rubber, **metal** or plastic ball on the shank are permitted
- Spurs must NOT exceed **4cm measured from the back of the boot/inside of the spur**

Appendix 5: Tack Rules – Showing

TACK:

The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles, including side saddles
- Snaffle, double bridles or pelham
- Nosebands must be worn - drop, flash, grackle or plain cavesson for working pony/horse and working cob, plain cavesson only for all ridden classes
- Discreet padding of the bridle at the poll or noseband is permitted
- Breastplates
- Running martingales may be worn in working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes only
- Boots of a plain colour may be worn in jumping phase of working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes only
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Martingale other than in working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes
- Bit guard, tongue guard and tongue strap or tying down the horses tongue
- Neckstrap
- Boots (except in jumping phase of working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes) and bandages
- Saddle cover and seat saver
- Market Harborough, side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamore and other bitless bridles, blinkers or hood
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Fly fringes, gauzes or ear covers only permitted in warm-up unless written permission from BRC office
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces or any other attachment that may affect the horse's vision

EQUIPMENT:

- Whips are only allowed in the jumping phase of working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes only
- Show canes are allowed
- Spurs, if worn, must be of smooth metal, there must be a shank, which must be no more than **4cm measured from the back of the boot/inside of the spur** without rowels. Spurs may only be worn in the traditional manner, with the curve, if any, of the neck of the spur directed downwards.
- Cruppers and balancing straps are permitted
- You may not warm up in equipment not permitted in the actual show