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As at January 2021

**RULINGS ON GEAR & EQUIPMENT MUST BE MADE BY STATE CIP,  
All changes pertaining to gear & equipment must be referred to CIP for approval. (Jan07)**

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**For Organisers and Gear Check Steward: - The following pages need to be photocopied to give to all the gear check.**

***Alterations to these rules to come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021***

**These will be in red print**

# **GENERAL UNIFORM REGULATIONS - AS AT JANUARY 2021**

## **CHECK INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINES FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS.**

At all times when mounted riders must be neatly dressed in their correct uniform including tie and with sleeves rolled down and shirt tucked in.

Ties may be removed or sleeves rolled up only if authorised by the judge in chief and an official announcement is made.

Correct Club uniform must be worn in all competitions, except where Zone or Queensland uniform is permitted.

**The wearing of other apparel, or the incorrect wearing of the uniform, could result in disqualification at all events from gymkhanas to championships.**

### **1. CLUB UNIFORM:**

**SHIRT** Long-sleeved shirt (may be in same or different material than ratcatcher style)/ratcatcher shirt, usually for girls (as per PCQ registered uniform): Ratcatcher may be worn for all disciplines – main colour of the body of the ratcatcher shirts to be the colour of the registered shirt; maximum of 3 colours to be used, one of which must be the colour of the tie (Please send sketch/drawing to Zone for approval prior to manufacture. Zone to advise PCQ of inclusion of this)

**PATCHES** **Proficiency certificate:** are allowed to be worn on the top of the left-hand uniform shirt sleeve.

**TIE** Fly-away or Zipper Tie (Jan07) *As per PCQ registered Club Uniform colour.*

**JODHPURS** Coloured jodhpurs *As per PCQ registered Club Uniform colour.*

**TROUSERS** *Stockman Cut or Jeans in club colours*  
**Campdraft/Challenge** *Allowed including State Championships*  
**Combined Training** *Allowed at Club/Zone but **NOT** permitted at State Championships*  
**Dressage** *Allowed at Club/Zone but **NOT** permitted at State Championships*  
**Gymkhanas** *Allowed for all events on program including State Championships*  
**Jumping Equitation** *Allowed at Club/Zone but **NOT** permitted at State Championships*  
**Mounted Games** *Allowed including State Championships*  
**ODE** *Allowed at Club/Zone but **NOT** permitted at State Championships*  
**Showjumping** *Allowed at Club/Zone but **NOT** permitted at State Championships*  
**Sporting** *Allowed including State Championships*

**PULLOVER** Optional V-necked Pullovers, sleeved or sleeveless, no collar.  
Stripes on pullovers should only be on the V-neck or cuffs.  
No bands are permitted on the body of the garment.  
Button-front material vests are not allowed.  
If Club adopts a pullover as part of the club uniform, it must be registered with PCQ.  
**The wearing of vests in competition is optional.**

**GLOVES** Optional all disciplines.





**POLO SHIRT, RUGBY SHIRT, T-SHIRT** MUST be Club Colours  
**Campdraft/Challenge** Not Allowed  
**Combined Training** Not Allowed  
**Dressage** Not Allowed  
**Gymkhanas** Not Allowed  
**Jumping Equitation** Not Allowed  
**Mounted Games** Allowed  
**ODE** Allowed for cross country phase only  
**Showjumping** Not Allowed  
**Sporting** Not Allowed

**RAINCOAT** Permitted at the discretion of the Organising Body, but in no way adopted as part of the official uniform.

**HACKING COAT** Is NOT part of the uniform & cannot be worn when competing, regardless of age of the member, except at an Open Hack Day.

**HELMET: The following shows helmets permitted in Pony Club**

*Helmets generally have a useful life of 5 years, but must be checked after a fall*

| Standard  | PCA  | EA                                  |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Australia New Zealand standard 3838<br>Marked SAI Global<br>                         | ✓  | ✓                                   |
| Australia New Zealand standard ARB HS 2012<br>(racing helmets) Marked SAI Global<br> | ✓  | ✓                                   |
| American standard ASTM F1163 Marked SEI or SNELL E2001<br>                           | ✓  | ✓                                   |
| British Standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) BSI Kitemarked<br>                          | ✓  | ✓                                   |
| European standard (old) EN1384<br><b>2020 is the last valid year for this standard and only with date of manufacture of 2015</b>                                      | ✓<br><b>Only for helmets with manufacture date up to and including 2015</b>      | ✗<br><b>Not permitted from 2017</b> |
| European standard (new, interim) VG01.040 (2014-12)<br><br><small>This may be abbreviated as 'VG1' on the helmet label</small>  | ✓<br><b>Note that new helmets may carry both the EN1384 &amp; VG01.040 marks</b> | ✓                                   |

There are to be NO attachments to helmets (no modified or additional equipment e.g., GoPro or Lights)  
**Black, brown, navy blue & white are preferred for competition**

**HELMET COVER:** Detachable Helmet Covers in Black, brown, navy blue and white Allowed **Any Discipline**

**FACE GUARD:** Allowed on ASA equestrian helmets.

**SUNSHADE/SUN PROTECTOR:** Can be worn over or under helmet all disciplines. *NB: Not caps*

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Coloured Combination of shirt and tie colours of club/zone |  |
| <b><u>Campdraft/Challenge</u></b>                          | Not Allowed                              |
| <b><u>Combined Training</u></b>                            | Not Allowed                              |
| <b><u>Dressage</u></b>                                     | Not Allowed                              |
| <b><u>Gymkhanas</u></b>                                    | Not Allowed                              |
| <b><u>Jumping Equitation</u></b>                           | Not Allowed                              |
| <b><u>Mounted Games</u></b>                                | Allowed                                  |
| <b><u>ODE</u></b>  | Allowed <b><u>Cross Country only</u></b> |
| <b><u>Showjumping</u></b>                                  | Not Allowed                              |
| <b><u>Sporting,</u></b>                                    | Allowed                                  |

**JEWELLERY:** Necklace and bracelet only allowed under shirt.  
Rings only allowed under gloves.  
Only sleepers or stud earrings (or that size & style) are allowed **in the ears only**. Bling to be kept to a minimum. No boundaries on bling, but no extra points for bling.

Allowed Any Discipline other than:

**Mounted Games:** No jewellery or Bling permitted

**BODY PROTECTORS:** Allowed in any discipline and must be effectively secured

538.3 Cross-Country Test, Body protectors are compulsory for this Test, including when schooling over Cross-Country fences, at any time  
EA 538.3.1 Cross-Country Body Protector Body protectors are compulsory for Cross-Country. A Body protectors manufactured after 2009 and labelled as complying with one of the following standards are mandatory effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.  
EN13158:2009 Level 3  
Beta 2009 Level 3  
EN13158:2008 Level 3  
Beta 2018 Level 3

**Cross-Country** phase of Horse Trials **Compulsory**  
**Showjumping:** recommended

**MEDICAL ARM BANDS:** Riders entering the cross-country section of an ODE, Hunter Trials or Short Course Eventing are required to wear a Medical Arm Band. Copy available on website

**SHIN GUARDS :**

|                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b><u>Campdraft/Challenge</u></b> | Not Allowed           |
| <b><u>Combined Training</u></b>   | Not Allowed           |
| <b><u>Dressage</u></b>            | Not Allowed           |
| <b><u>Gymkhanas</u></b>           | Not Allowed           |
| <b><u>Jumping Equitation</u></b>  | Not Allowed           |
| <b><u>Mounted Games</u></b>       | Not Allowed           |
| <b><u>ODE</u></b>                 | Not Allowed           |
| <b><u>Showjumping</u></b>         | Not Allowed           |
| <b><u>Sporting</u></b>            | Allowed in all events |

**BOOTS:**

**All Disciplines**

All Age Groups may wear any of the following: (AGM 09)

1. Black or brown plain elastic sided Jodhpur boots (with or without zip).
2. Cuban heels allowed. Depth of heel to be not less than 14mm.
3. Jodhpur boots with smooth soles.
4. All brands of smooth soled riding boots with textured tread which must be no more than 3mm in depth with a smooth border around the outside of the tread pattern.
5. Lace-up riding boots with eyelets only (same conditions apply as for other boots)
6. Lace-up riding boots with eyelets and hooks are allowed **only if hooks are covered by gaiters**.
7. Jodhpur boots as described above with gaiters
8. Gaiters to be the same colour as boot
9. Plain top boots, black or brown, leather or synthetic.
10. Field boots, i.e. top boots with lacing at front of ankle are acceptable
11. Redwing/Thomas Cook styled boots **black or brown**. Allowed in any discipline where Stockman cut trousers or jeans are permitted. Maximum height 30cm (12")  
Must be only worn under stockman cut trousers or *Jeans* and stirrups meet the safety requirements i.e. *Approximately 10mm clearance on each side of the boot, only exemption where rider is already using the maximum size stirrup commercially available (125mm) where the use of breakaway stirrups is recommended.*

ALLOWED -->

No.1



No. 2



No. 9



No.4

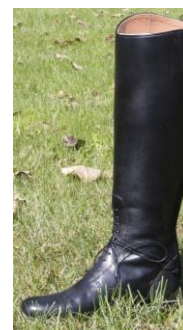
Horseshoe Roper

NOT ALLOWED -->

**GOLF SHOE STYLE LACE-UPS, HORSEHOE ROPERS ARIAT H<sup>2</sup>O OR SIMILAR BRANDS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

**GAITERS:** Gaiters must be worn with at least the exposed side of gaiter to be of full leather (full grain hide)

**Must** be either black or brown to match the colour of the Jodhpur boots worn with them.



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**CHAPETTES:**

**Campdraft/Challenge**

Allowed

**Combined Training**

Not Allowed

**Dressage**

Not Allowed

**Gymkhanas**

Allowed

**Jumping Equitation**

Not Allowed

**Mounted Games,**

**Not Allowed**

**ODE**

Not Allowed

**Showjumping**

Not Allowed

**Sporting,**

Allowed

**Any garment other than those referred to in the above paragraphs is not permitted in competition, & the wearing of such apparel could result in disqualification.**

## **2. ZONE UNIFORM:**

Zones are allowed to have a registered uniform, but it is not compulsory for a Zone to have one.

At State Events riders may wear either their Club or Zone uniform.

In a Zone Team or Pairs Competition, members of a Club or members from Clubs affiliated with the one Zone, must

wear their own Club colours unless a Zone uniform has been approved and registered with PCQ. Saddlecloths in Zone colours are allowed, provided they carry the Zone number on both sides of the cloth in numbers not exceeding 100mm in height. Zone saddlecloths are not compulsory.

### **3. STATE UNIFORM FOR INTERSTATE/NATIONAL TEAMS**

The State Uniform is worn by members selected to compete in Interstate and National competition for Queensland.

**Please check with your Team Manager whether any of Queensland Uniform & Gear is unacceptable in the State concerned.**

The uniform consists of:

- White long-sleeved shirt (supplied by rider)
- Fawn/Beige jodhpurs (supplied by rider);
- Boots as per regulations for Club (above) OR regulations imposed by Host State (supplied by rider)
- Maroon pullover (sleeved or sleeveless) with State Team Badge, supplied initially by PCQ. Any replacement pullovers required for subsequent teams must be purchased by rider.
- Maroon tie with PCQ motif.
- PCQ Maroon polo shirt for use in Cross Country phase only; and PCQ maroon polo shirt for Mounted Games.
- Equestrian helmet – **Please refer to Page 2**
- Helmet covers quartered maroon/white for Mounted Games Teams. Loaned by PCQ to be returned at conclusion of the event.

Rider must abide by relevant State/Nation rules in regard to jewellery worn.

**National Team uniform consists of all of the above plus** (for Official Dinner):

- ◆ White Shirt/blouse (supplied by rider)
- ◆ Beige Skirt or Ladies pants (supplied by rider)
- ◆ Beige pants for the boys (supplied by rider)
- ◆ PCQ Scarf or Tie (purchased by rider)
- ◆ Black shoes/boots (supplied by rider)
- ◆ A maroon soft shell jacket supplied by PCQ

# **GENERAL SADDLERY & GEAR REGULATIONS - AS AT JANUARY 2021**

## **CHECK INDIVIDUAL DISCIPLINES FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS.**

All gear should be inspected by a steward prior to any events to ensure it complies with PCQ rules, and is suitable, correctly fitted and comfortable for the horse.

Wherever possible, a marshalling yard should be provided for competitors at sporting/novelty events.

The responsibility for the use of the correct saddlery and equipment according to the rules of PCQ and the specific competition rests with the competitor.

Failure to comply with the rules may entail elimination from the competition.

The final responsibility, especially for safety of saddlery and equipment, rests with the rider.

**For any Gear (apart from bits) not contained within this book refer to a, FEI Rulings for specific disciplines.**

## **TO GEAR CHECK STEWARD.**

**DO NOT TOUCH THE RIDER.**

**DO NOT ALTER ANY SADDLERY YOURSELF.** Any adjustments are to be made by the rider, parent or team manager, e.g. a running martingale, which needs loosening.

Gear check is a compliance check rather than a safety check and it is the responsibility of riders to ensure their gear is safe, should any gear inspection reveal any gear which appears to the gear check steward that it may be unsuitable, the rider should be advised immediately and sent away to adjust the equipment and return for a further gear check before competing.

**Failure to do so could result in disqualification.**

## **ALL EQUIPMENT**

Must be used in the manner in which it was designed to be used, in conjunction with the gear with which it was intended to be used, & not tampered with to make it severe *or alter its action*.

All saddlery and equipment must be suitable and correctly made and fitted.

Baling twine or similar material is not permitted for any use on equipment including repair or adjustment.

Only saddlery & equipment specified below is permitted in competitions & warm-up & training areas as stated for particular discipline.

It is the competitor's responsibility to abide by the following rules. Failure to comply will entail elimination.

'Bling' to be kept to a minimum. No boundaries on bling, but no extra points for bling.

Riders needing special equipment, apply for an exemption card, and are *then* permitted to compete with special equipment.

## **EXCLUDED GEAR – Not permitted in warm-up or training areas or in competitions under penalty of elimination.**

**ANY FORM OF BLINKERS AND HOODS**

**OVERCHECKS**

**STANDING MARTINGALES**

**BEARING, RUNNING, DRAW OR BALANCING REINS – not allowed on day of competition**

**TWINE** - Baling twine or similar material is not permitted for any use on equipment in any way, including repair or adjustment.

**MOBILE PHONES: Not to be used while on horseback – in competition rider maybe eliminated**

**IT IS ADVISABLE WHEN CHECKING SADDLERY TO CHECK THE CONDITION OF STITCHING ESPECIALLY ON THE BRIDLE, REINS & STIRRUP LEATHERS.**

## SPURS;

Check both spurs.

**Non-compliance or incorrect spurs will entail elimination**

- Spurs capable of wounding a horse are forbidden
  - The arms of the spur must be smooth (metal or plastic)
  - Shank must point only towards the rear from the centre of the spur
  - Curved shanks must only be worn with shank directed downwards
  - End must be blunt to prevent wounding the horse
  - Impulse and dummy spurs with no shanks are allowed
  - Spurs may be worn by competitors of all levels
  - Metal spurs with hard plastic knobs are permitted
- Soft touch spurs with a rolling ball *or broad disc* on either plane are permitted; where the neck is curved, the curve must be downward and not change direction, with the neck jutting from the centre back of the heel.

**Measuring of a dummy spur or spur with ball:** Is from the centre back of the heel to the outside edge of the spur. (Jan09)

### DUMMY SPURS:

Dummy Spurs allowed in all disciplines, EXCEPT Daisy rowels not allowed in jumping phase of any discipline. The neck may not exceed **45mm** length & must not be under 7mm diameter at the point of the neck.

### DUMMY SPUR



### SPUR WITH METAL BALL



### SPUR WITH PLASTIC BALL



### DAISY ROWEL \*\*\*



Daisy Rowel – 35mm shaft

\*\*\***Not allowed for Jumping in any discipline**



## ROWEL SPURS:

The rowel must be free running,  
The edge of the rowel is to be blunt /smooth  
Rowels must be in a vertical plane  
Not less in width than the thickness of a 20c piece.  
Neck to jut from the centre back of the heel.  
Tip of Shank not to point up or inwards

### Campdraft

Allowed

### Gymkhanas

Allowed for sporting events 13 and over only

### Sporting

Allowed 13 and over only

### Stockman's Challenge

Allowed



## SPURS NOT ALLOWED:

1. No side rollers
2. Taped or locked
3. Ripple spurs
4. No spurs where the downward curve changes direction,
5. *Straight spurs which turn upwards.*
6. Neck juts from side
7. Horizontal rowel spurs (*however soft touch spurs as on previous page are allowed*)
8. Rowels less than width of 20c piece – this does not refer to Daisy Rowels

### 1. Ripple Spur



### 4. Downward curve Changes direction upwards



### 5. Straight spur turns upwards



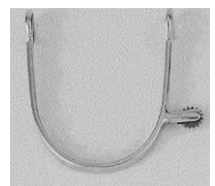
### 7. Horizontal Rowel



### 8. Rowel too thin



### 6. Side Shank



## WHIPS:

- A. Pony Club whips are to be no more than 75cm long, including flapper, which should be minimum 50mm long & not less than 20mm wide.
- B. Dressage whip in its entirety (*including tassel*) must not exceed 1.2m (4ft.). For ponies under 14.2 149cm whips of <1m> are preferable.

C. Racing Whip

The whip must be carried in the rider's hand.

No hacking canes allowed.



|                           | Pony Club Whip |             | Dressage Whip |             | Racing Whip |             |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                           | A              | A           | B             | B           | C           | C           |
| Campdraft/Challenge       |                | Not Allowed |               | Not Allowed |             | Not Allowed |
| Combine Training Dressage | Allowed        |             | Allowed       |             |             | Not Allowed |
| Combined Training SJ      | Allowed        |             |               | Not Allowed | Allowed     |             |
| Dressage                  | Allowed        |             | Allowed       |             |             | Not Allowed |
| Gymkhanas                 | Allowed        |             |               | Not Allowed | Allowed     |             |
| Jumping Equitation        | Allowed        |             |               | Not Allowed | Allowed     |             |
| Mounted Games             |                | Not Allowed |               | Not Allowed |             | Not Allowed |
| ODE Dressage              |                | Not Allowed |               | Not Allowed |             | Not Allowed |
| ODE SJ                    | Allowed        |             |               | Not Allowed | Allowed     |             |
| Show jumping              | Allowed        |             |               | Not Allowed | Allowed     |             |
| Sporting/Gymkhana         | Allowed        |             |               |             | Allowed     |             |
| Stockman's Challenge      | Allowed        |             |               |             | Allowed     |             |

## FALSE TAILS:

A false tail may be used. (This applies also to Presentation classes).

**Polocrosse.**

Not Allowed

## SADDLES, GIRTHS & SURCINGLES:

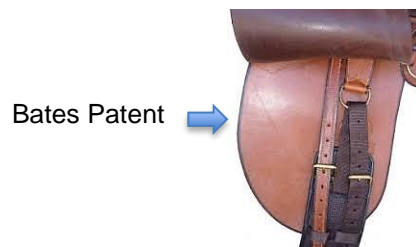
- Fender Saddles may be used for unofficial Dressage at all events
- English Style or Stock saddles must be used for all Official Dressage Competitions
- PCQ does not specify any particular brand of saddle.
- A Pony Club saddle is an English-type saddle,
- A stock saddle (without a horn).
- **Fender saddle** (without a horn).
- Saddle must be worn for competition, unless stated otherwise.
- Bareback riding is permitted.

## **SADDLES NOT ALLOWED**

- Western saddles are not allowed.
- Treeless Saddles: Any saddle made without a tree, or those employing a half tree or front arch only are not permitted, Exception for 'pony pads' used by young children.

**ALL SADDLES SHALL HAVE 2 FASTENINGS TO THE GIRTH OR IF ONLY ONE GIRTH FASTENING A SURCINGLE AS WELL (Aug.2014)**

- Homemade girths not permitted must be commercially branded
- It is acceptable to use a two buckle girth on a saddle with three points.
- A stock saddle must have a *two way point combination* either a girth & surcingle, or a Bates Patent & surcingle.
- Surcingles are also advisable for any form of jumping competition.
- Surcingle must buckle over top of girth so it cannot pinch. Ensure that they are fitted correctly. If surcingle inhibits the release of the stirrup leather from the stirrup bar, then use of safety/breakaway stirrups is required.
- If saddle is not made with slots for surcingle, slots must be cut or the surcingle put over the top of the saddle.
- Any saddle with fixed fenders, for safety, must also be fitted with breakaway stirrups/toe stopper type attachments. (Aug 07)
- The girth points, stirrup leathers & bars, & stitching should be regularly checked by the owner.
- Saddles must exert no pressure on the withers.



Saddles used in Pony Club have to serve a wide variety of horses, ponies, children & activities.

**STIRRUPS & STIRRUP LEATHERS:**

**All Disciplines**

Stirrups should be of a suitable size for the rider's boot.

There should be approximately 10mm clearance on each side of the boot, only exemption where rider is already using the maximum size stirrup commercially available (125mm), recommend the use of breakaway stirrups.

Avoid stirrups that are too large – rider's foot should not be able to slip through.

Tie downs & fixed stirrup points are not allowed. There must be no restriction or attachment of any kind.

Stirrup leathers must be on a bar designed for the leathers to come off OR if saddle has solid bars, must have breakaway stirrups or toe stopper type attachments (Jan07)

Bar clips may be up or down, but must be in working order. Mounted Games bar clips must be down.

Stirrup leathers under saddle flaps are acceptable for Dressage & flatwork. For all other activities, stirrup leathers must hang free from the bar of the saddle on the outside of the flap.

Safety Stirrups: Are allowed e.g. Safe Rider.

Toe Stoppers: Are allowed

**ALLOWED ONLY FOR:**

**Gymkhana**

**Campdraft**

**Stockman's Challenge**

**Sporting**

Oxbows: Provided the top of the oxbow can accept 2.5 - 3" or 65mm leather OR the minimum width within the top of the oxbow is 65mm.

## BREASTPLATES/FOREGIRTHS:

Allowed in All Disciplines  
Polocrosse Compulsory

## MONKEY GRIPS/NECK STRAPS:

Allowed in All Disciplines **except Mounted Games**

## MARTINGALES:

Only unrestricted **Running** or **Irish** are allowed

Standing martingales are not allowed

**Market Harboroughs (German martingales)** are allowed in the exercise/warm-up areas only (to be used on the flat only – no jumping).

Martingales are not permitted when using adjustable sporting reins, if buckle is more than 100mm from the bit.

Where two reins are used on a bridle, only the snaffle rein can be used with a martingale.

When using the martingale, reins must have ring stops of suitable size to stop the buckle going through the ring. Exception – Cotton/nylon type reins, which tie directly onto the bit without the use of buckles, clips etc.

In events where saddles are not used, neck straps & martingales must be removed.

Running or Irish are allowed in Dressage warm up area only.

## Fitting of running martingale:-

The rings must have no downwards pressure on the reins.

The reins should be in a straight line from hands to bit when the horse's head is level and the rider's hands are in the normal position.

The neck-strap to be suitably fitted.

## Martingales Use:

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <u><b>Campdraft</b></u>            | NOT Allowed   |
| <u><b>Combined Training</b></u>    | Not allowed in dressage phase<br>Allowed in other phase |
| <u><b>Dressage</b></u>             | Not Allowed   |
| <u><b>Gymkhanas</b></u>            | Allowed   |
| <u><b>Jumping Equitation</b></u>   | Allowed   |
| <u><b>Mounted Games</b></u>        | Allowed   |
| <u><b>ODE</b></u>                  | Not allowed in dressage phase<br>Allowed in other phase |
| <u><b>Polocrosse</b></u>           | Not Allowed   |
| <u><b>Showjumping</b></u>          | Allowed   |
| <u><b>Sporting</b></u>             | Allowed   |
| <u><b>Stockman's Challenge</b></u> | Not Allowed   |

## BRIDLES:

Horse must have a bit in its mouth when rider is mounted.

Bridle to be an English type

Made of:

- leather,
- webbing
- synthetic

Consisting of a:

- headpiece (worn behind the ears),
- brow band,
- throat lash
- cheek pieces
- bit
- reins

Double bridles must have:

- Two (2) pairs of reins.
- Only a Cavesson noseband can be used with double bridle.
- Where two reins are used on a bridle, only the snaffle rein can be used with a martingale
- Pelham bridle must have two pairs of reins attached, or a forked rein or roundings. The use of one rein attached to only one ring of the bit is not allowed

**MICKLEM BRIDLE (AS PER DIAGRAM)**  
**ALLOWED (Aug.2014).**



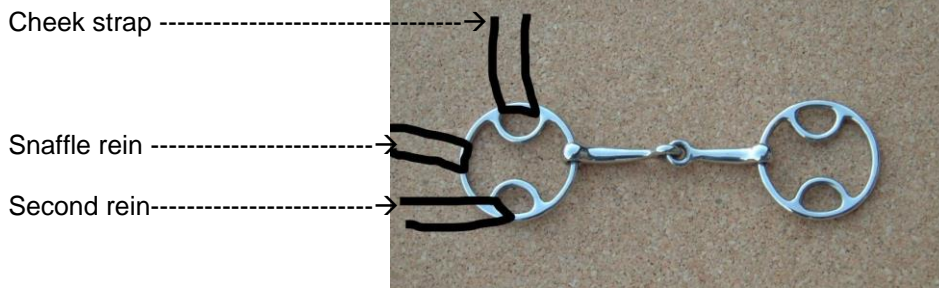
**COLLEGIATE ComFiTec Bridle**  
**ALLOWED (November 2018).**





**REINS:**  
**All Disciplines**

Reins must be attached to the bit, or if using a double bridle, both bits. A snaffle bridle may have two reins; if two reins are attached to any other bit, one rein must be attached to the snaffle ring of that bit



Reins must be joined by a buckle, or knot, or securely taped so as to not allow movement at join of reins or any likelihood of reins coming undone or apart during competition. If reins are knotted, the buckle must be undone. See exception below – Split Reins

When reins are attached to the bit with clips, the clips must be taped.

Reins must be appropriate length for the horse, i.e. reins that end up around rider's foot are not allowed.

When holding the reins in contact with the horse's mouth, and in the normal position the end of the reins must not hang down past the top of the stirrup iron.

Reins must be used over the neck & not under.

**Single direct side reins** are permitted, but only while lunged (only with one lunge rein), by rider, parent or club instructor. *Lungeing should only be carried out in designated area.*

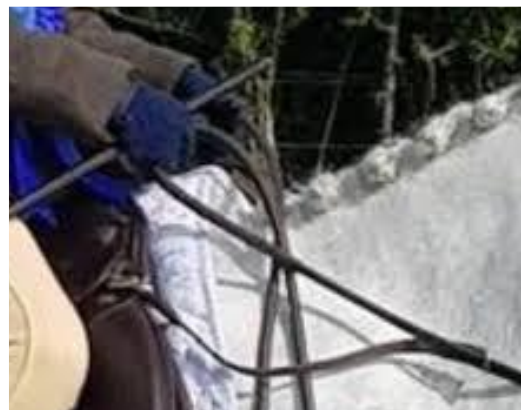
**Only for use at rally days. Cannot be used during competition except Gymkhanas for riders 8 years & under.**

**Grass Reins:** from the bit, up beside cheek strap, up through headpiece & onto D's on saddle are allowed *Kincade Anti Grazing Straps attached to D on saddle to the head piece of the bridle at the poll are also acceptable* but only at rally days cannot be used during competition except Gymkhanas for riders 8 years & under.

**Balance Reins:** Normal set of reins that connect to approved pony club bit with buckle have second elasticated support rein that connects to the Dee of the saddle with billet hooks. **The support rein should be slack when the rider has contact on the reins and only act if the pony naps or pulls.**



GRASS REIN



BALANCE REIN

**SPLIT REINS: only allowed at rallies or in:**

**Sporting:**

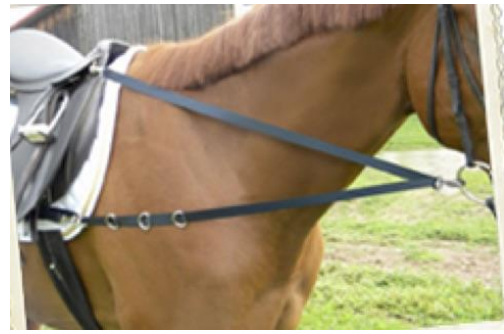
**Split reins** are permitted but must be joined by a buckle, knot or securely taped so as to not allow movement at join of reins or any likelihood of reins coming undone or apart during competition. To shorten split reins, they may be doubled up at the ends provided they are securely taped all the way to the end.

**Campdraft:**

**Split reins** of suitable length and not joined are only allowed for associates and over in Campdraft.

**NOT ALLOWED:**

Bearing, running, draw or balancing reins are not permitted when lungeing or riding under penalty of elimination

**BITS:**

If Gear Check is unsure of mouthpiece, riders can be requested to drop bit out of mouth OR rider to open horse's mouth so bit can be examined.

The Chief Instructors' Panel recommend the use of the ordinary snaffle bit for all facets of Pony Club activity. This does not mean that no other bit may be used. Sometimes, a combination of horse, rider & situation may demand the use of some other bit.

The use of an ordinary snaffle is advocated because it is one of the mildest bits. It has been found that horses schooled with this type of bit can be worked for any type of work.

Judges should not at any time penalise a rider using a snaffle bit in riding classes as her/she is using far greater skill in controlling the horse than a rider using a double bridle or some other type of bit.

- The Bit can consist of metal, leather, rubber, copper, sweet metal, flexi plastic (Mar 07) or synthetic material.
- The thickness of the bit must be such as not to harm the horse and not less than 6mm diameter. Bit measured 25mm from attachment to ring or shank.
- The bit can only have a ring of a size not less than 50mm in diameter
- It is recommended that loose rings have cheekers/bit guards. (Check Specific Discipline)
- The bit must have only a single mouthpiece, but may have more than one joint (Check specific discipline)
- The length of the shank on a leverage bit (e.g. Pelham, Dutch Gag, etc) is in ratio of 3:1 (below and above the bit).
- The height of the port or tongue control must not exceed 20mm.
- Stainless steel bits are recommended because of durability.

**ONLY THE ABOVE BITS ARE ALLOWED (REFER TO DIAGRAMS OF BITS FOR BITS ALLOWED/NOT ALLOWED)**

Any combination of mouth piece/ring/cheeks

For Bits for specific disciplines (e.g. Dressage Competition) refer Over Page

**LIST OF BITS NOT ALLOWED (NOT EXHAUSTIVE):**

- (a) Western Bits of any type, Hackamores.
- (b) Racing Bits, i.e. Bits designed for corrective action, e.g. Lugging Bits, Butterfly Bits, Ring Bits, etc.
- (c) Any bit which has been altered, e.g. rubber bit with rubber removed & the chain inside used as a bit.
- (d) Twisted Snaffle which is not smooth & rounded. (Twisted steel with square edges).
- (e) Combination Hackamore/Bit is approved as a training bit, but is not allowed on competition days.
- (f) Harness Racing Bit called The Controller.
- (g) Frogmouth Bit is allowed as a training bit, but not in competition.
- (h) Argentine Snaffle Bit (Aug 05)

## Bits

In regard to all bits:

The use of non-approved bit/s or incorrect thickness of bit/s will entail elimination

- a) bits must be smooth with a solid surface, all parts going into the horse's mouth shall be rounded, and not ridged, sharp or corrugated
- b) twisted and wire bits are prohibited
- c) bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber or latex
- d) bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue
- e) the diameter of the mouthpiece must be such so as not to hurt the horse
- f) the diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece
- g) mouthpieces may be the same thickness or tapered towards the centre or central joints
- h) wrapping of bit with any kind of material is not permitted

## Snaffle Bits

The use of non-approved bit/s or incorrect thickness of bit/s will entail elimination. Bit measurement has a tolerance of +/-1mm.




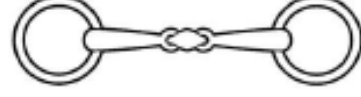


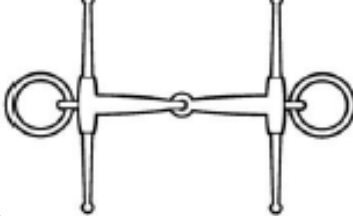
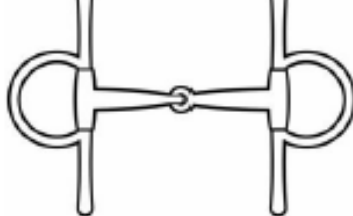
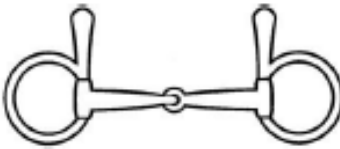
Only snaffle bits that have the following features are approved for use in dressage:

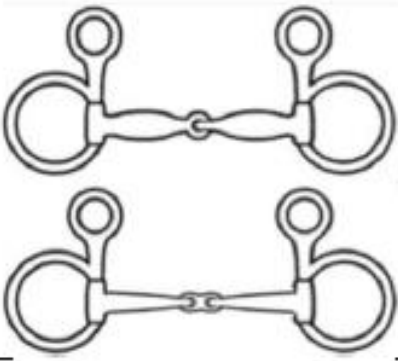

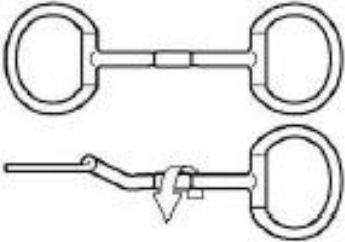

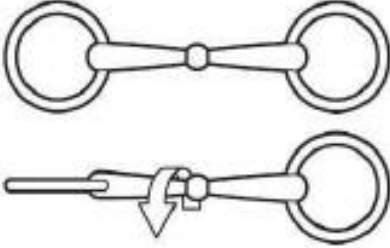
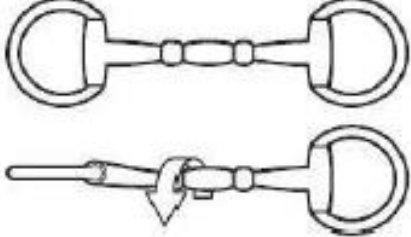
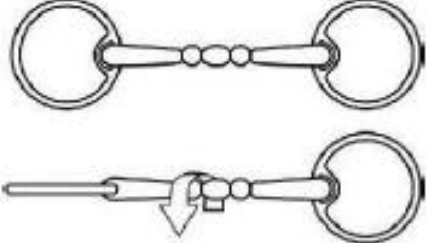
- a) the minimum diameter of the mouthpiece is 10mm for ponies including Young Pony competitions and 12mm for horses (14mm in Young horse competitions see rule 9.1.2)
- b) snaffle bits may be used with loose ring, D-Ring, eggbutt or hanging cheeks (Baucher). Single or double-jointed snaffles may also be used with upper or lower cheeks, hanging cheeks, full cheeks or Fulmer cheeks. Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring
- c) a snaffle may have up to two joints. A bushing or coupling is permitted as the centre link in a double-jointed snaffle; however, the surface of the centre piece must be solid with no moveable parts other than a roller. The centre link may be tilted in a different orientation from the mouthpiece but must have rounded edges and may not have the effect of a tongue plate
- d) a double-jointed snaffle or snaffle with rotating mouthpiece may be shaped to allow tongue relief. The maximum height of the deviation is 30mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The mouthpiece of a jointed or unjointed snaffle may be shaped in a curve within the dimensions specified above
- e) forward curved bits are permitted but not with hanging cheeks and they must have a joint (i.e. centrepiece must move) and can have fixed or loose ring

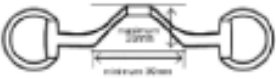


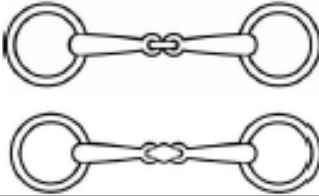

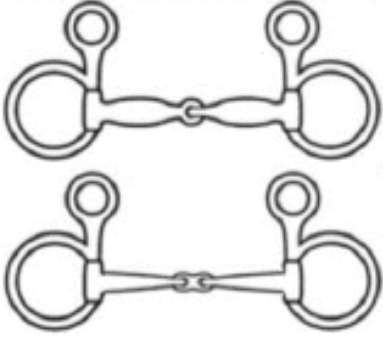

Keeping within the definition above, some of the types of bits permitted are described and illustrated at the end of this section in rule 5.20. Also permitted but not illustrated:

- f) half-moon — port-mouth — curved
- g) rubber or synthetic bits covering metal (but not chain) – both jointed and unjointed
- h) sweet iron bit



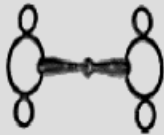
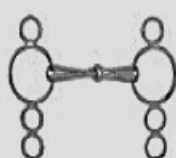






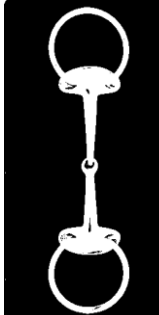





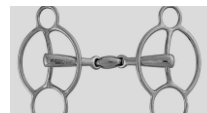

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| 1. Loose ring snaffle   |    |
| 2. Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece where middle piece must be rounded. Egg butt sides also permitted  |    |
| 3. Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece where middle piece must be rounded. Egg butt sides also permitted  |    |
| 4. Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece where middle piece must be rounded. Egg butt sides also permitted. |    |
| 5. Egg butt snaffle   |    |
| 6. Racing snaffle (D ring)  |    |
| 7. Loose- ring snaffle with cheeks (fulmer) (keepers permitted)                                       |   |
| 8. Egg- but snaffle with cheeks (keepers permitted)   |  |
| 9. Snaffle with upper cheeks only   |  |













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| <p>10. Hanging cheek snaffle<br/>(single or double joint only)</p>                        |    |
| <p>11. Straight bar snaffle. Permitted also with mullen mouth and with egg butt rings</p> |    |
| <p>12. Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece</p>   |   |
| <p>13. Snaffle with rotating middle piece</p>   |  |
| <p>14. Rotary bits single jointed</p>   |  |
| <p>15. Rotary bits double jointed</p>   |  |
| <p>16. Rotary bit with rotating middle piece and lopped rings</p>                         |  |

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| Measurement for deviation to allow tongue relief in snaffle with rotating mouthpiece   |    |
| <b>Double bridles bits - bridoons</b>  |  |
| 17. Loose-ring bridoon bit   |    |
| 18. Loose-ring bridoon bit with jointed mouthpiece where the middle piece is rounded   |    |
| 19. Loose-ring bridoon bits with jointed mouthpieces where the middle piece is rounded |    |
| 20. Bridoon bit with rotating middle piece   |    |
| 21. Bridoon bit with hanging cheeks (single and double joint only)                     |  |
| 22. Egg-butt bridoon bit   |  |

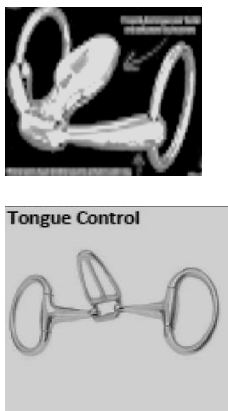


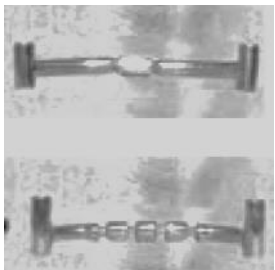
## BITS ALLOWED GENERAL (EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC DISCIPLINES)

All disciplines other than Dressage


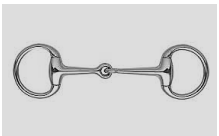
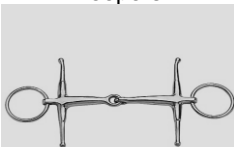
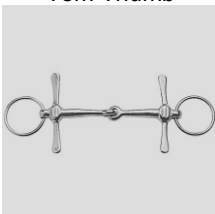

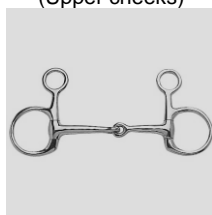

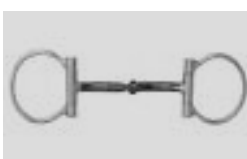
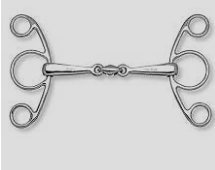
| GAGS & OTHERS  |   |   |  |   |  |
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| Dutch gag with 3 rings<br>                        | Dutch gag with 4 rings<br> | Running Gag<br>        | Half Ring Gag<br> | French Gag<br>                           | Sliding Gag<br> |
| Pelham with 2 reins, forked rein or roundings<br> | Double Bridle<br>          | Gold Wings Snaffle<br> | Willkie Bit<br>   | Old Mac Pee Wee Bit Correctly fitted<br> |  |
|    |                           |                       |                 |   |  |
| Swales Pelham  | Rugby Pelham  | Military Pelham   | Stubbens Gag   | Campdraft Sweet Iron  |  |

| MOUTHPIECES  |   |  |  |   |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| Straight or Mullen<br>          | Half Moon or Curved<br>                                      | Jointed with one central join<br> | Double Jointed: French Snaffle<br> | Double Jointed with Port<br> | Copper and Stainless Steel Rollers<br> |
| Double jointed – Dr Bristol<br> | Double Jointed – Oval link Double Jointed – Central Ball<br> | Double Jointed with Rings<br>     | Kimblewick / Spanish snaffle<br>   | Waterford Snaffle<br>        | Cherry Roller<br>                      |

Any combination of mouthpiece/rings/cheeks

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|  <p>Tongue Control</p> | <p>Thick Twisted Wire Smooth</p>  | <p>Plate Joint</p>  | <p>Barrel Joints</p>  |  |
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## RINGS & CHEEKS

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| <p>Loose Ring</p>                | <p>Eggbutt</p>  | <p>Fulmer/FM/Full cheek with or without keepers</p>  | <p>Tom Thumb</p>            | <p>Half Spoon (Lower Cheeks)</p>  |
| <p>Baucher (Upper cheeks)</p>  | <p>Dee</p>    | <p>Butted Dee</p>                                  | <p>Butterfly Snaffle</p>  |   |

## CURB CHAIN / CURB CHAIN GUARDS/LIP STRAPS

Are optional with bits that require a chain – refer to Individual Disciplines

### CHEEKERS/BIT GUARDS:

Guards must be no larger than 10cm in diameter and smooth on both sides of each guard. Recommended for loose ring bits. **Not allowed in Dressage or the dressage phase of any Event.**

**Cheekers:** - Rubber strap attached to head piece of bridle and sides of bit in down the nasal bone, splitting to the guards at the sides of bit. (Below)



**Bit Guards:** - Circular type attached to rubber or leather. (Below)





## EYE GUARDS:

Pelling eye guards are **allowed in Polocrosse**. To protect eyes if needed.

## NOSEBANDS:

### Fitting

Nosebands may never be so tightly fixed as to harm the horse.

Officials should not loosen the noseband but request rider to do so

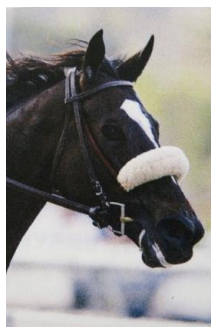
**Padding under the noseband is permitted as long as it is securely attached.**

**Only one type of noseband may be used at any one time.**

Only a cavesson noseband shall be used with a simple double bridle

A noseband must be worn in Dressage or Dressage phase of discipline

**SHADOW ROLL**



Shadow rolls permitted in Showjumping or Showjumping phase of discipline

Other than Micklin Bridles (see picture Page 11), Nosebands fixed to cheek straps and bit are not permitted.

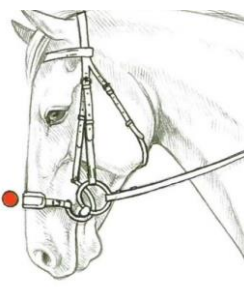


**ABOVE NOSEBANDS (or Similar) NOT PERMITTED**

### KINETON NOSEBAND

**NOT ALLOWED in Dressage or Dressage Phase of ODE or Combined Training**

**NOT ALLOWED in Mounted Games**

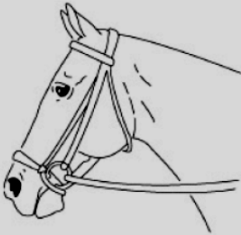

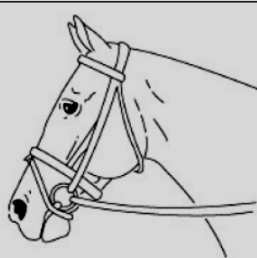
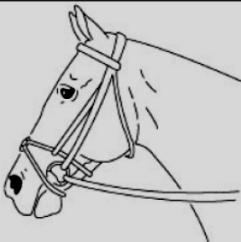


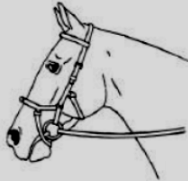


## Types of Noseband

### Allowed in All Disciplines:

1. Cavesson,
2. Dropped,
3. Crossed (Mexican, Grackle)
4. Flash (Hanoverian)
5. Collegiate ComFiTec (See picture Page 11)

**A noseband must be worn in Dressage or Dressage phase of discipline**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Dropped noseband   |    |   |
| 2. Cavesson noseband  |    |   |
| 3. Flash noseband (Hanoverian)  |   |   |
| 4. Crossed noseband (Grackle or Mexican)  |  |   |
| 5. Combined noseband – no throat lash. When 5 is used as a double bridle, the lower strap of the noseband is not allowed. |  |   |
| 6. Micklem bridle   |  |  |
|   | 5. Combined noseband – no throat lash   | 6. Micklem bridle   |

### TONGUE TIES/TONGUING BITS:

Tongue must not be tied, but commercially manufactured tonguing bits are allowed.

Not allowed in Dressage or the dressage phase of any Event.

Ties made of string or binder twine or similar material are not permitted.

### HORSE BOOTS:

- Must be correctly fitted and sized appropriate to the horse.
- All hind protections may have a maximum interior length of 16cm *except in Cross Country*
- Inside of the protection must be smooth
- The rounded rigid part of the protection must be placed around the inside of the fetlock joint
- No additional elements may be used in conjunction with the protection
- **Hind Boots for Jumping only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other method of fasteners may be used**
- Riders shall remove and reapply boots that are suspected of being over tensioned on the judges or stewards request at any time.
- Taping of horses' leg boots is recommended but not compulsory

**Not Allowed Dressage** where they may only be used in the warm-up/exercise areas only

**Not Allowed ODE Dressage Phase** where they may only be used in the warm-up/exercise areas only

**Not Allowed Combined Training Dressage Phase** where they may only be used in the warm-up/exercise areas only

#### **Not Allowed in Formal Classes.**

Taping of horse leg boots is recommended but not compulsory.

#### ***Dressage:***

***NB; If Boots, Bell boots, Bandages, are worn in the space around the arena or in the arena, then it incurs 2 penalties each judge***

### **PINCH BOOTS – Not allowed in any discipline**

Identified by solid straps, without elastic that are able to be 'winched' or tensioned, - non stretching  
Often shaped to pressure base of fetlock joint.

**Hind Boots – With only non-elastic Velcro type fasteners are allowed**



Allowed

### **BELL BOOT/S**

**Not Allowed Dressage** where they may only be used in the warm-up/exercise areas only

**Not Allowed ODE Dressage Phase** where they may only be used in the warm-up/exercise areas only

**Not Allowed Combined Training Dressage Phase** where they may only be used in the warm-up/exercise areas only

#### ***Dressage:***

***NB; If Boots, Bell boots, Bandages, are worn in the space around the arena or in the arena, then it incurs 2 penalties each judge.***



## BOOTS (cont.)

### HOOF BOOTS

Hoof boots may be used at rallies but not allowed in any competitions and **MUST** be fitted correctly



Examples of Hoof Boots



### BANDAGES

When worn they must have cotton wool or similar material next to the leg and must be sewn on the first round and the last.

**Not Allowed Dressage** where they may only be used in the warm-up/exercise areas only

**Not Allowed ODE Dressage Phase** where they may only be used in the warm-up/exercise areas only

**Not Allowed Combined Training Dressage Phase** where they may only be used in the warm-up/exercise areas only

**Not Allowed in Formal Classes.**

### **EAR HOODS (may be called Ear Muffs/Bonnets/Covers)**

*Ear hoods are permitted to be worn under the following conditions:*

- a) The ear hood must not cover the horse's eyes*
- b) The ear hood may be made of material that provides for sound reduction (Ear plugs not permitted)*
- c) Ear hoods may not be attached to the nose band for dressage phases*
- d) The OC/TD/Gear Check Steward may, after completion of the test, request the removal of any ear hood to verify that no additional insulation from manufacture state has been inserted in the ear hood and that ear plugs have not been inserted*

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>Dressage</u></b>           | <i>Allowed</i>     |
| <b><u>Combined Training</u></b>  | <i>Allowed</i>     |
| <b><u>Eventing</u></b>           | <i>Allowed</i>     |
| <b><u>Jumping Equitation</u></b> | <i>Allowed</i>     |
| <b><u>Showjumping</u></b>        | <i>Allowed</i>     |
| <b><u>Gymkhanas</u></b>          | <i>Not Allowed</i> |
| <b><u>Campdraft</u></b>          | <i>Not Allowed</i> |
| <b><u>Sporting</u></b>           | <i>Not Allowed</i> |
| <b><u>Mounted Games</u></b>      | <i>Not Allowed</i> |



### NOSE COVERS AND SADDLE COVERS AND FLY VEILS/SHIELDS

Only permitted in the exercise and warm-up areas.

Under exceptional circumstances, fly veils/shields may be permitted in competition.

**NOSE NETS.** Nose nets are only permitted to be used in dressage competitions and warm-up on written approval by the Chief Steward

Nose Net →



# MOUNTED GAMES

Riders & Ponies will be inspected by a person/persons appointed by the Organiser before the start, in the clothing & saddlery in which they are to compete & these will not be changed thereafter without reference to the Official Steward.

Team Managers should be with their Team during this inspection.

The Organiser will provide a Steward who will make a note of any faults & see that these are re-inspected, when the faults have been corrected.

The Official Steward has absolute discretion in ruling on these matters.

## **SADDLERY & GEAR REGULATIONS - AS AT JANUARY 2018**

### **TO GEAR CHECK STEWARD.**

**DO NOT TOUCH THE RIDER. DO NOT ALTER ANY SADDLERY YOURSELF. Any adjustments are to be made by the rider, parent or team manager, e.g. a running martingale which needs loosening.**

The responsibility for the use of the correct saddlery and equipment according to the rules of PCQ and the specific competition rests with the competitor. Failure to comply with the rules may entail elimination from the competition. The final responsibility, especially for safety of saddlery and equipment, rests with the rider.

**For more detail refer to General Gear Regulations (Page 5)**

### **PONIES**

Ponies must be turned out with well fitting & properly maintained saddlery.  
Ponies are not allowed to be plaited up.

### **SADDLES**

Saddles must be made on a conventional hunting/stock (without a horn)/general purpose tree & fitted with the usual stirrup bars with safety clips in the "down" position. They should be mounted with leathers, hunting or safety pattern irons & a two buckle girth.

**BITS The bits in Queensland to be the same as those allowed for Sporting & Campdrafting events. If Gear Check is unsure of mouthpiece, riders can be requested to drop bit out of mouth OR rider to open horse's mouth so bit can be examined. (Aug 95)**

### **BOOTS**

Are permitted. Taping of horse leg boots is recommended.

### **NOT PERMITTED:**

Saddlery which is not allowed in the Games, may not be worn on the day of the competition.

Badly fitted or unsafe tack, or saddles that are down on the withers when the rider is mounted, must be changed to the satisfaction of the Official Steward, before the start of the competition.

Any Saddles made without a tree, or those employing a half tree or front arch only.

Racing Saddles measuring less than 16 inches (40 cm) in length (i.e. from front arch to cantle) & weighing less than 5 lbs (2.3 kg.)

In events where saddles are not used, neck straps & martingales must be removed.

No Kineton Nosebands.

No Whips or Spurs.

NO OVERCHECKS, ANY FORM OF BLINKERS OR HOODS, STANDING MARTINGALES.

BEARING. RUNNING, DRAW OR BALANCING REINS, GRASS REINS, SPLIT REINS. – Not allowed on day of competition.

TWINE - Baling twine or similar material is not permitted for any use on equipment in any way, including repair or adjustment.

**IF THE GEAR CHECK STEWARD HAS ANY QUERIES IN REGARD TO UNIFORM OR GEAR, THEY SHOULD CONSULT THE CHIEF STEWARD**