

Appendix 5: Tack Rules – Dressage and Riding Test

TACK: The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles
- Preliminary, novice, **teams of six, teams of four** and riding tests - 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
- Nose nets that are discreet and cover the nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps - Prelim level ~~and Novice~~ dressage and riding test (or warm up 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 except in warm up**
- Elasticated reins
- Saddle covers and 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 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
- 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:

- Teams of Six and Teams of Four **MUST** be commanded at all time
- All other dressage and riding tests may be commanded at area competitions, but **NOT** at the Championships.

Appendix 5: Tack Rules – Horse Trials and Combined Training Dressage

TACK: 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
- Nose nets that are discreet and cover the nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible

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 covers and seat savers, except an unobtrusive saddle coloured gel pad seat saver, unless the rider has dispensation from BRC office
- 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
- ***Whips are allowed in all competitions including 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, 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 and Style 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 **and only with a snaffle bit**
- 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
- Nose nets that are discreet and cover the nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Saddle covers and seat savers, except an unobtrusive saddle coloured gel pad seat saver, unless the rider has dispensation from BRC office
- 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 and Combined Training 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
- Nose nets that are discreet and cover the nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible
- Fly Fringe

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Side saddle
- Saddle covers and seat savers, except an unobtrusive saddle coloured gel pad seat saver, unless the rider has dispensation from BRC office
- 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 – Cross-country including Festival Challenge

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
- Nose nets that are discreet and cover the nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible
- Fly Fringes

The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Side saddles
- Saddle covers and seat savers, except an unobtrusive saddle coloured gel pad seat saver, unless the rider has dispensation from BRC office
- 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