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As at January 2018

**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 1st January 2018

These will be in red print and italics

GENERAL UNIFORM REGULATIONS - AS AT JANUARY 2018

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.	<i>As per PCQ registered Club Uniform colour.</i>
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)	<i>As per PCQ registered Club Uniform colour.</i>
JODHPURS	Coloured jodhpurs	<i>As per PCQ registered Club Uniform colour.</i>
TROUSERS	Stock man Cut or Jeans in club colours	
	<u>Campdraft/Challenge</u>	Allowed including State Championships
	<u>Combined Training</u>	Allowed at Club/Zone but NOT permitted at State Championships
	<u>Dressage</u>	Allowed at Club/Zone but NOT permitted at State Championships
	<u>Gymkhanas</u>	Allowed for all events on program including State Championships
	<u>Jumping Equitation</u>	Allowed at Club/Zone but NOT permitted at State Championships
	<u>Mounted Games</u>	Allowed including State Championships
	<u>ODE</u>	Allowed at Club/Zone but NOT permitted at State Championships
	<u>Showjumping</u>	Allowed at Club/Zone but NOT permitted at State Championships
	<u>Sporting</u>	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]	MUST be Club Colours	
RUGBY SHIRT]		
T-SHIRT]		
	<u>Campdraft/Challenge</u>	Not Allowed
	<u>Combined Training</u>	Not Allowed
	<u>Dressage</u>	Not Allowed
	<u>Gymkhanas</u>	Not Allowed
	<u>Jumping Equitation</u>	Not Allowed
	<u>Mounted Games</u>	Allowed
	<u>ODE</u>	Allowed for cross country phase only
	<u>Showjumping</u>	Not Allowed
	<u>Sporting</u>	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

NOTE: Helmet compliance expires 5 years from date of manufacture

New Helmet Standards: Only affects members who have a European made helmet or are considering purchasing one.

PCA finds that any helmet tested and meeting the VGI helmet standard is acceptable for use in all Pony Club activities. Helmets need to comply with the following standards:

AS/NZS 3838 (AU) and ARB HS 2012; PAS 015 (UK); ASTM F 1163 (USA); VGI (Europe)
EN1384 – Only for helmets with manufacture date up to and including 2015

Black, brown, navy blue & white are preferred for competition

FACE GUARD Allowed on ASA equestrian helmets.

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

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

Coloured Combination of shirt and tie colours of club/zone

Campdraft/Challenge Not Allowed

Combined Training Not Allowed

Dressage Not Allowed

Gymkhanas Not Allowed

Jumping Equitation Not Allowed

Mounted Games Allowed

ODE Allowed **Cross Country only**

Showjumping Not Allowed

Sporting, 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 To be effectively secured

Allowed Any Discipline

Cross Country phase of horse trials Compulsory

Showjumping: recommended

SHIN GUARDS.

Campdraft/Challenge Not Allowed

Combined Training Not Allowed

Dressage Not Allowed

Gymkhanas Not Allowed

Jumping Equitation Not Allowed

Mounted Games Not Allowed

ODE Not Allowed

Showjumping Not Allowed

Sporting 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. Jodhpur boots with smooth soles. **Cuban heels are allowed.**
3. 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.
4. Lace-up riding boots with eyelets only (same conditions apply as for other boots)
5. Lace-up riding boots with eyelets and hooks are allowed only if hooks are covered by gaiters.
6. Jodhpur boots as described above with gaiters
7. Gaiters to be the same colour as boot
8. Plain top boots, black or brown, leather or synthetic.
9. Field boots, i.e. top boots with lacing at front of ankle are acceptable

ALLOWED ONLY FOR:

Campdraft

Sporting

Mounted Games

10. Redwing/Thomas Cook styled boots. 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



NOT ALLOWED --> Horseshoe Roper

GOLF SHOE STYLE LACE-UPS, HORSEHOE ROPERS *ARIAT H²O* OR SIMILAR BRANDS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

GAITERS

Gaiters must be worn with at least the exposed side of gaiter to be of full grain leather (full grain hide) **Must** be either black or brown to match the colour of the Jodhpur boots worn with them.

CHAPETTES

<u>Campdraft/Challenge</u>	Allowed
<u>Combined Training</u>	Not Allowed
<u>Dressage</u>	Not Allowed
<u>Gymkhanas</u>	Allowed
<u>Jumping Equitation</u>	Not Allowed
<u>Mounted Games,</u>	Not Allowed
<u>ODE</u>	Not Allowed
<u>Showjumping</u>	Not Allowed
<u>Sporting,</u>	Allowed

SHIN GUARDS May ONLY be worn for any Sporting event.

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) with cloth badge (supplied by PCQ) on left-hand front pocket;

Fawn 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. Loaned to rider for duration of event or may be purchased by rider from PCQ.

Maroon rugby/polo/T-shirt for use in Cross Country phase only; and maroon polo shirt for Mounted Games.

Equestrian helmet which must be AS/NZS 3838, EN 1384 or ASTM F1163 (1.1.2004) (supplied by rider) and preferably black.

Helmet covers quartered maroon/white for 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.

Uniforms, badges, caps and saddlecloths supplied by PCQ will be distributed by the Team Manager upon arrival at the venue.

Saddlecloths and helmet covers loaned by PCQ to be returned (or purchased - Sept '96) at conclusion of the event.

PCQ Interstate Team Metal Badge, as per flag, is supplied by PCQ and retained by riders as a souvenir and, due to the possibility of injury caused by its sharpness, is not to be worn as part of a mounted uniform.

National Team uniform consists of all of the above plus:

- ♦ A maroon blazer with state team badge
- ♦ A maroon & white track suit with state team badge
- ♦ Beige skirt or beige stockman cut trousers (supplied by rider)
- ♦ PCQ ladies' scarf (purchased by rider)
- ♦ Brown leather riding boots or lace up shoes (supplied by rider)
- ♦ At present, **half** the cost of the blazer and track suit is met by PCQ.

GENERAL SADDLERY & GEAR REGULATIONS - AS AT JANUARY 2018

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.

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

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)

Spurs with metal/synthetic roller/ball or rowel may not exceed 70mm. Other details as per dummy spurs

All Disciplines

DUMMY SPURS: The neck may not exceed **45mm** length & must not be under 7mm diameter at the point of the neck
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.

DUMMY SPUR



SPUR WITH METAL BALL



SPUR WITH PLASTIC BALL



DAISY ROWEL ***



Daisy Rowel

*****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 (*different to soft touch spurs with a rolling ball metal or plastic*)
8. Rowels less than width of 20c piece

1. Ripple Spur



4. Downward curve Changes direction upwards



5. Straight spur turns upwards



7. Horizontal Rowel



8. Rowel too thin



6. Side Shank



Other spurs not allowed:



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

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.

PCQ does not specify any particular brand of saddle.

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.

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

Cotton/nylon type reins, which tie directly onto the bit without the use of buckles, clips, etc., must also have ring stops.

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.

When using the martingale, reins must have ring stops of suitable size to stop the buckle going through the ring.

Martingales Use:

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

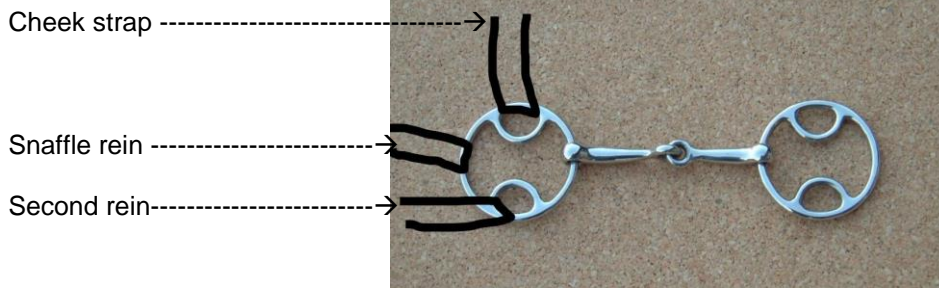
MICKLEM BRIDLE (AS PER DIAGRAM) IS ALLOWED (Aug.2014).



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.

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.*

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.

Grass Reins from the bit, up beside cheek strap, up through headpiece & onto D's on saddle are allowed but only at rally days Cannot be used during competition except Gymkhanas for riders 8 years & under.

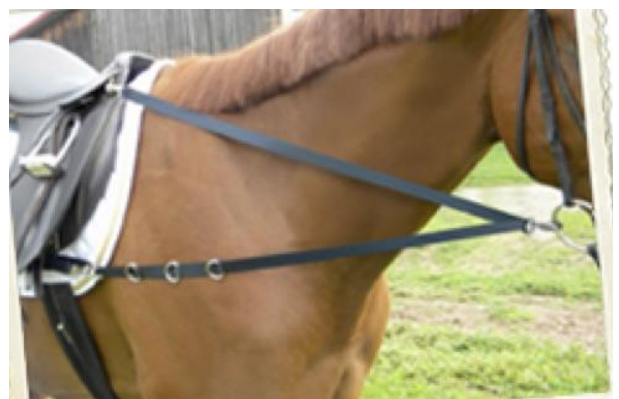
Kincade Anti Grazing Straps attached to D on saddle to the head piece of the bridle at the poll are also acceptable but only at rally days cannot be used during competition except Gymkhanas for riders 8 years & under.

Campdraft:

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

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.

NB: Bits for dressage may have only one metal or element through the mouthpiece section

Rubber bits are not allowed in Dressage

- 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
- 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


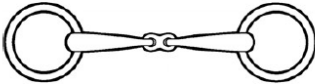

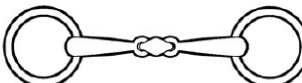
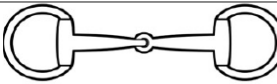
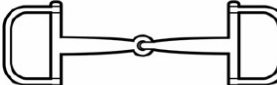
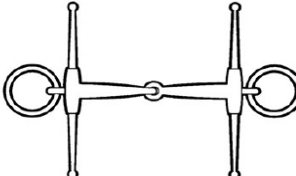
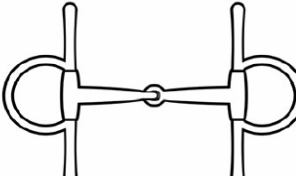

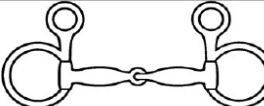
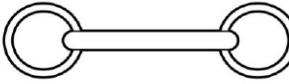
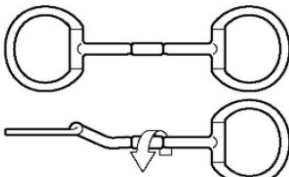

For Bits for specific disciplines (e.g. Dressage Competition) refer Over Page

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)









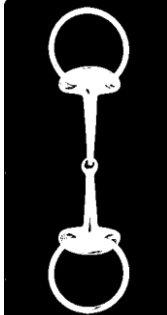

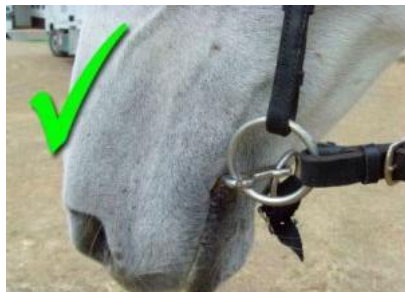





Dressage Bits: NB the following are the only Bits Allowed for Dressage:













Bits for dressage may have only one metal or other element through the mouthpiece section

Loose ring snaffle	
Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece where middle piece must be rounded. Egg butt sides also permitted	
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Eggbutt snaffle	
Racing snaffle (D ring)	
Loose- ring snaffle with cheeks (fulmer) (keepers permitted)	
Egg- butt snaffle with cheeks (keepers permitted)	
Snaffle with upper cheeks only	
Hanging cheek snaffle (single joint only)	
Straight bar snaffle. Permitted also with mullen mouth and with eggbutt rings	
Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece	
Snaffle with rotating middle piece	








BITS ALLOWED GENERAL (EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC DISCIPLINES)









All disciplines other than Dressage

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

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

Any combination of mouthpiece/rings/cheeks

 <p>Tongue Control</p> 	<p>Thick Twisted Wire Smooth</p>  	<p>Plate Joint</p> 	<p>Barrel Joints</p>  	
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RINGS & CHEEKS					
Loose Ring	Eggbutt	Fulmer/FM/Full cheek with or without keepers	Tom Thumb	Half Spoon (lower cheeks)	Baucher (upper cheeks)
					
Dee		Butted Dee			
					

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.

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

Shadow rolls permitted in Showjumping or Showjumping phase of discipline

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



Other than Micklin Bridles, Nosebands fixed to cheek straps and bit are not permitted.



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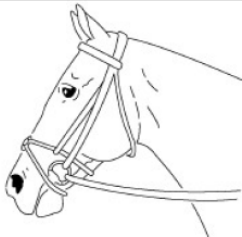


ABOVE NOSEBANDS (or Similar) NOT PERMITTED

Types of Noseband

Allowed in All Disciplines:

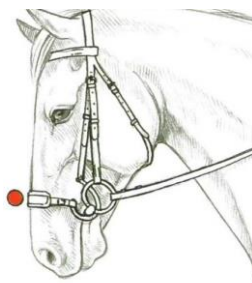
1. Cavesson,
2. Dropped,
3. Crossed (Mexican, Grackle)

4. Flash (Hanoverian)

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	

KINETON NOSEBAND

NOT ALLOWED in Dressage or Dressage Phase of ODE or Combined Training
NOT ALLOWED in Mounted Games



TONGUE TIES

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.

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
- For all Competitions any hind leg protection that has been found to be over tensioned to the point of being cruel or detrimental to the horses welfare in the opinion of the chief steward may be penalised by elimination
- Riders shall remove and reapply boots that are suspected of being over tensioned on the judges or stewards request at any time.

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

Identified by solid straps, without elastic that are able to be 'winched' or tensioned, - non stretching

Often shaped to pressure base of fetlock joint.- Not 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.

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

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*
- 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*

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

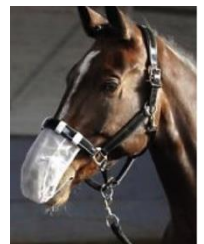


NOSE COVERS AND SADDLE COVERS AND FLY VEILS/SHIELDS

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



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