

## CR APPENDIX 5: Tack Rules - Dressage including Riding Test, Combined Training and Horse Trials Dressage

### **TACK: The following ARE permitted:**

- English and continental type saddles
- Preliminary, novice, teams of four and riding tests - snaffle bridles only
- Miklem Bridles are allowed as snaffle bridles with permitted bits only at any level
- Elementary and above tests – ordinary snaffle or double bridles
- Nosebands are obligatory (drop, flash, cavesson with a snaffle and a cavesson with a double bridle or crossed noseband/Mexican noseband)
- Discreet padding of the bridle at the poll or noseband
- Nose nets & Equilibrium Net Relief Riding Masks or similar that are discreet and cover the nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible
- Breastplates, cruppers and balancing straps
- Neckstraps at any level
- Ear covers and fly hoods are permitted for all competitions, and may also provide noise reduction. Ear covers/fly hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and should be discreet in colour and design.
- A gel pad, memory foam or sheepskin seat saver provided it is unobtrusive and matches the colour of the saddle
- Anti-fly impregnated brow-bands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths
- Sponsors logos on clothing (see relevant discipline)
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- Side saddles (Pure Dressage only)
- Diamanté plaiting bands

### **The following ARE NOT permitted:**

- Martingales
- Double bridle (except pure Dressage at Elementary and above)
- Bit guards, tongue guards and tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue
- Boots and bandages except in warm up
- Substitutes for conventional shoes, except in warm up
- Elasticated reins
- Side saddles (except pure Dressage)
- Saddle covers
- 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 horse's mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces or any other attachment that may affect the horse's vision

## CR APPENDIX 5: Tack Rules - Show Jumping including Style Jumping, Combined Training and Horse Trials Show Jumping

You may not warm up in equipment not permitted in the actual test except for boots or bandages on the horse.

### The following ARE permitted:

- English type saddles
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles
- Micklem bridles with permitted bits
- A stallion disc MUST be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps at any level
- Nose nets that are discreet and cover the nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible
- **Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed 3cms in diameter measured from the horse's cheek**
- 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 stop
- More than one noseband may be worn at a time
- Tongue guards that are properly made and detached from the reins and bits
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Discreet fly fringes, gauzes
- Ear covers and fly hoods are permitted for all competitions, and may also provide noise reduction. Ear covers/fly hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and should be discreet in colour and design
- Anti-fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths
- Sponsors logos on clothing (see *discipline* rules)

### 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's**
- Side, draw, check or running reins
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horse's mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue
- Substitutes for conventional shoes, except in warm up

## CR APPENDIX 5: Tack Rules - Cross-Country including Festival Challenge and Arena Eventing

### 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
- Micklem Bridles with permitted bits
- 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
- Ear covers and fly hoods are permitted for all competitions, and may also provide noise reduction. Ear covers/fly hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and should be discreet in colour and design
- Fly Fringes
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Breastplate
- Neckstraps at any level
- Anti-fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent disc
- Numnahs and saddle cloths
- Boots and bandages
- Sponsors logos on clothing (see discipline rules)
- Medical armbands MUST be worn on the arm
- ***Stopwatches are allowed at all levels of BRC HT but are forbidden in BRC Challenge & Arena Eventing***

#### The following ARE NOT permitted:

- Side saddles and Racing 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
- Standing Martingales
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horse's mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces or any other attachment that may affect the horse's vision
- Tongue strap
- Substitutes for conventional shoes, except in warm up
- Electronic devices or head cams

**CR APPENDIX 6: Tack Summary**

COMPETITIONS	BRIDLE	BIT GUARD	TONGUE GUARD	NOSE BAND	BREAST PLATES	NECK STRAPS	WHIPS	SPURS	M/GALES	BANDAGE BOOTS
Prelim Dressage	Snaffle	No	No	Drop, Flash, Crossed or Cavesson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Novice Dressage	Snaffle	No	No	Drop, Flash, Crossed or Cavesson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Elementary Dressage	Snaffle or Double	No	No	Drop, Flash, Crossed, Cavesson with a snaffle or a cavesson with a double bridle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Medium and Advanced Medium Dressage	Snaffle or Double	No	No	Drop, Flash, Crossed, Cavesson with a snaffle or a cavesson with a double bridle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Riding Test Prelim	Snaffle	No	No	Drop, Flash, Crossed or Cavesson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Riding Test Novice	Snaffle	No	No	Drop, Flash, Crossed or Cavesson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Show Jumping	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	45-75cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Style Jumping	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	45-75cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Horse Trials and Combined Training Dressage	Snaffle	No	No	Drop, Flash, Crossed or Cavesson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Horse Trials and Combined Training Show Jumping	Snaffle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	45-75cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Horse Trials Cross-country	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	45-75cm	Yes	Yes	Yes
FOTH Challenge	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	45-75cm	Yes	Yes	Yes

NOTES: For further details on each item please see Appendices 4, 5 and 7

## CR APPENDIX 7: Permitted Bits; Snaffle bridles - all tests including horse trials and combined training

The following bits are permitted at all levels:

Bombers Equestrian Flexible Mullen and Loose Ring Ultra Comfy bit. Happy Mouth bits HB-6000-SP, HB-6801-SP and HB-2700.

Myler Weymouth (Curb) Bits, Myler 02 as Bridoon, Myler 32 as Bridoon, Myler 04 as Snaffle and Bridoon, Myler 06 as Snaffle and Bridoon, Myler 36 as Snaffle and Bridoon, Myler 33WL as Snaffle, Myler 33 as Snaffle.

1. Loose ring snaffle
2. a,b,c, Snaffle with jointed mouthpiece where middle piece should be rounded.  
i.e. French link. egg-butt sides also allowed.
3. egg-butt snaffle.
4. Racing snaffle D-ring.
5. egg-butt snaffle with cheeks.
6. Loose ring snaffle with cheeks (Fulmer). Fulmer keepers are permitted.
7. Snaffle with upper cheeks only.
8. Hanging cheek snaffle.
9. Straight bar snaffle. Permitted also with mullen mouth and with egg butt rings.  
These must be straight and have no ports or raised bumps.
10. Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece.
11. Snaffle with rotating middle piece.
12. Rotary bit with rotating middle piece.
13. Rotary bit with rotating middle piece and looped rings