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Introduction

Pony Club Association of Northern Territory Incorporated (PCANT) acknowledges PCAV in allowing adaption and adoption to produce these rules and guidelines.

This rule book supersedes all previous versions. It governs all activities, competitions and rallies conducted by the PCANT and its clubs.

Definitions

In this rule book, the following definitions apply:

- PCANT means Pony Club Association of Northern Territory Inc.
- Zone: means the a pony club is allocated to in accordance with the Handbook of By-laws.
- FEI means Fédération Equestre Internationale (www.horsesport.org).
- Activity: unless otherwise specified, means any rally, instructional or non-competitive riding activity undertaken while hosted by PCANT, or a club affiliated with the PCANT.
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- The singular includes the plural and vice versa; and words importing one gender include the other.
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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

- 1.1.a PCANT publications refer to “gear” as an abbreviation for saddlery and equipment. This rule book describes gear requirements.
- 1.1.b Any club or organisation hosting an activity or competition under PCANT rules must abide by these rules.

1.2 Gear

- 1.2.a The gear specified is a necessary requirement of riding, designed to provide comfort and safety for the rider and horse (combination), and equal and fair terms for competition.
- 1.2.b The required outcomes are:
 - i Safety of the rider
 - ii Comfort and safety of the horse
 - iii Compliance with competition rules.

1.3 Why Competition Rules?

- 1.3.a In these rules, there is a distinction between rally/non-competitive activities and competitions. For instance, saddles must always fit and be in good condition, whether at a rally or competition. A snaffle bit is not mandatory at a rally, nor is it a safety issue but it is required for dressage competitions. Spurs and whips are other examples where their use at a rally is not specific but, in competition, there are strict rules.
- 1.3.b The reasons for this are:
 - i To provide uniformity of gear, so every rider is assessed under the same conditions
 - ii To cater for the different assessment (judging) needs of a competition, relative to its intended outcomes.
- 1.3.c The following comparisons show this:
 - i **Dressage:** requires snaffle bits and no martingales (See EA rules), so the progressive training of the horse can be judged.
 - ii **Flat and musical teams:** require snaffle bits as, the training of the horse, rider and the team are being assessed
 - iii **Games:** require a snaffle bit. While there is often a speed element, assessment is of skill and training.
 - iv **Jumping and cross-country:** any bit is permitted, provided it does not injure the horse. This allows the rider to maintain control of the horse in the open and between fences.
 - v **Polo Crosse** rules relate directly to the safety of horse and rider, considering the contact nature of the game.

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2 Gear Check – When, Where and Who

2.1 When

- 2.1.a **Before participating in a rally, activity or competition:** All riders (including non-PCANT members) must be checked to ensure the gear complies.
- 2.1.b At competitions:
- i At a graded competition: gear check must occur before each event, phase or test for each discipline.
 - ii At a non-graded competition: gear check must occur before the competition commences or during the first event of a pony club show ring.
 - iii The only exception to this rule is “Open” show rings where a gear check is not required. However, riders must still comply or be penalised, in accordance with rule 3.10.

2.2 Where

- 2.2.a Gear check must occur at a controlled, supervised location, which may be:
- i At a formal gear check location on the grounds
 - ii At the beginning of the first instruction session
 - iii During the first event of a pony club organised show ring.
- 2.2.b Riders must be unmounted for a gear check at a rally/ non-competitive activity, and mounted for a gear check at a competition.

2.3 Who

- 2.3.a The gear must be checked by one of the following:
- i The CCI
 - ii An authorised instructor
 - iii A person authorised by the club
 - iv At a competition, a person authorised by the organising committee.
- 2.3.b Any person who carries out a gear check is a Gear Check Steward and must perform in accordance with rule 5.

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3 Gear Check Overview

3.1 Prime Objective

- 3.1.a To ensure comfort, safety and competition requirements are achieved.

3.2 Rally/Non-Competitive Activity

- 3.2.a While always being required to meet the standards, it is also the time to:
- i Discuss with both the rider and parent/guardian gear rules that are not being met
 - ii Recommend and establish plans to correct non-urgent gear concerns, and overcome immediate problems.
 - iii Competition rules must not be imposed at a rally unless it is an internal or interclub competition.
- 3.2.b The club is required to meet its obligations to provide education and advice on the issues of:
- i Gear check processes and requirements
 - ii Relevance of comfort and safety
 - iii Welfare of the horse
 - iv Competition requirements

3.3 Competition

- 3.3.a The rider is required to know and comply with all requirements before competing.
- 3.3.b Gear check at competition should be a quick check to ensure the required competition gear is in use and meets comfort and safety requirements. It is not the time to educate and advise.
- 3.3.c For State Competitions the requirement is for one gear check for each discipline per day with the exception of Horse Trials etc. where one gear check per phase is required.

3.4 Comfort and Safety Criteria

- 3.4.a Gear must be:
- i Safe
 - ii In good order with no worn parts
 - iii Comfortable for the horse
 - iv Fitted correctly and used according to the manufacturer's instructions
 - v Appropriate for the activity
 - vi Not specifically prohibited by these rules
- 3.4.b There must be no restrictions or attachments of any kind or a bit or item of saddlery likely to wound the horse.

3.5 The Absolute Minimum

- 3.5.a If these items do not absolutely comply or are not changed to comply, the rider **must not** ride:
- i Helmet - in accordance with rule 10.5
 - ii Riding boots - in accordance with rule 10.7
 - iii Wear and tear - in accordance with rule 11.2 (Any worn parts and stitching that is unsafe)
 - iv Bit - in accordance with rule 11.4

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- v Saddle fit (when used) - in accordance with rule 11.9 (May be improved with riser pad.)
- vi Stirrups (when used) in accordance with rules 11.17
- vii Specified competition gear refer to the appropriate pages in these rules

3.6 Commercially Manufactured Gear

- 3.6.a An item of commercially manufactured equestrian gear that meets all the principles of comfort and safety specified in rules 3.4 and 3.5 is acceptable.

3.7 Changing Gear after Gear Check

- 3.7.a Once a combination has completed gear check, gear must not be changed until the rider has finished riding in the specific activity, competition or phase.
- 3.7.b If gear is changed after a specific activity, competition or phase, the gear must be rechecked. The only exception to this is a change between show rings, unless the organising committee specifies that another gear check is required.

3.8 Failed Gear Check

- 3.8.a Riders must successfully complete a gear check at every activity or competition.
- 3.8.b The gear check steward or the appropriate official must not permit anyone to ride who has failed a gear check, in accordance with rule 3.10.

3.9 Due Process

- 3.9.a Any exclusion of a rider from riding must only occur after the relevant processes outlined in rule 5 have been fully discharged.

3.10 Exclusion or Elimination

- 3.10.a Non-compliance with these rules may result in exclusion from participation in the activity or elimination from the competition or phase of a competition.

3.11 Disputes

- 3.11.a Any disputes must be referred to the club CCI at a rally or the most senior official, chief judge or jury of appeal on the day of a competition. That decision is final.

3.12 Insurance Limitation

- 3.12.a A rider who does not comply with all of these rules may prejudice their entitlement to insurance under the PCANT insurance policy or be left uninsured.

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4 Rider's Responsibilities

4.1 At all Activities and Competitions

- 4.1.a Be courteous and polite to gear check stewards at all times.
- 4.1.b Learn the requirements by reading these rules and ensure gear complies.
- 4.1.c If unsure about any gear, seek help from the club's CCI.
- 4.1.d Present for gear check as required, in accordance with rule 2.1, and allow plenty of time in case changes are required.
- 4.1.e Adjust or replace any unsatisfactory gear as requested by the gear check steward. Ask your parent/guardian for assistance if required. Gear check stewards must not alter a rider's gear, in accordance with rule 5.1.e.
- 4.1.f Riders must not alter any gear after passing through gear check in accordance with rule 3.7.

4.2 Additional for Competitions

- 4.2.a The competitor must know what is required and present to gear check in correct competition gear. Competitions are not the place for education, in accordance with rule 3.3.
- 4.2.b The gear check steward's role is to:
 - i Check the gear as presented by the competitor to ensure it meets comfort and safety requirements
 - ii Make every effort to notice any gear that does not comply with the competition requirements and advise the rider accordingly. However, the responsibility to ride in the correct competition gear remains with the competitor, in accordance with rule 4.2.a. If any judge or official discovers a competitor riding with incorrect competition gear, elimination may occur, in accordance with rule 3.10.
- 4.2.c The competitor must not expect the competition to be reorganised to accommodate them, if their scheduled riding time has past due to late arrival at gear check or a gear check query, even though the organising committee may make an effort to do so.
- 4.2.d The competitor must not ride if they cannot comply. However, the gear check steward must inform the competitor on how to comply.

4.3 Non-compliance Means No Ride

- 4.3.a Comply with the gear rules, as failure to do so may result in exclusion or elimination from the competition, in accordance with rule 3.10.

4.4 Insurance Reminder

- 4.4.a A rider who does not comply with these rules may prejudice their entitlement to insurance under the PCANT insurance policy or be left uninsured, in accordance with rule 3.12.

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5 Gear Check Steward's Responsibilities

In accordance with rule 2.3, a person (also known as a gear checker) must perform gear check duties as follows:

5.1 When Checking Gear

- 5.1.a Be courteous and polite to riders at all times.
- 5.1.b Be fully conversant with all of these rules and ensure the current gear rules are used.
- 5.1.c While comfort and safety requirements must be met, the required demeanour of the gear check steward must be one that seeks to help riders meet the requirements rather than exclude riders that could otherwise be advised on how to meet the requirements.
- 5.1.d As far as possible, complete the gear check in a safe, quick manner without touching the rider. Explaining at all times what you are about to check.
- 5.1.e **Never alter any gear.** When gear needs changing or altering, the gear check steward must request the rider, team manager or, if needed, the rider's responsible adult, to make the necessary adjustments and report back when this is completed.

5.2 Additional for Rallies / non-competition activities.

- 5.2.a Make all reasonable effort to assist the rider to pass gear check, educate and advise the rider in accordance with rule 3.2.
- 5.2.b Keep records to ensure gear is maintained or replaced as advised.
- 5.2.c Riders must be unmounted for gear check.

5.3 Additional for Competitions

- 5.3.a While it is the rider's responsibility to present in the correct gear, the gear check steward must make every reasonable effort to notice any gear that does not comply with the competition requirements and inform the rider how they can comply.
- 5.3.b If a competitor is in jeopardy of missing their riding time because of gear problems, the steward must do all they reasonably can to accommodate the competitor with another time without unduly inconveniencing other competitors and the general running of the day.
- 5.3.c **Riders must be mounted and the feet must remain in stirrups.** At all times during gear check, the rider's feet must remain in the stirrups and the rider must have control of the reins in case the horse takes fright.
 - i It is possible to check the stitching on the leathers by asking the rider to move the leg forward as if they were tightening their girth. This exposes both the stitching of the leather and the stirrup bar. Another method would be to ask the rider to roll their knee and thigh away from the saddle, as though they were going to alter their stirrup leather; this also exposes the stitching. To check the stirrup end of the leather for wear, ask the rider to take the weight of their foot slightly off the stirrup, so that the stirrup can move. Do this at the same time that you assess stirrup size.
 - ii If it is necessary for an inspection of gear that would require the rider to remove a foot from the stirrup, you must request the rider to dismount. However, this would be in an unusual situation.

5.4 When All Else Fails – No Ride

- 5.4.a If, after fully discharging the above process, a rider cannot comply with these rules, they **must not** ride.

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6 Laminated Guide

6.1 Use

- 6.1.a The *Competition Quick Reference/Check Guide*, which is at the end of this publication, is available to be used as a laminated version for use at competitions only. Note that competition rules are frequently different to gear check requirements at rallies.
- 6.1.b Do not use the laminated version as a substitute for a full understanding of these rules. Only use it as a reminder, once these rules have been fully read and understood.
- 6.1.c Always ensure the most recent version of these rules is used. Never rely on memory; rules change.
- 6.1.d PCANT rules are available from the PCANT web site.

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7 Uniform

7.1 Rallies

- 7.1.a Club committees decide what uniform or attire must be worn at rallies.
- 7.1.b For safety, members must always wear approved footwear and, when mounted, an approved equestrian helmet, in accordance with rule 10.5.
- 7.1.c A long sleeved (Sun smart) garment must be worn at all times when riding. Attire that has not been approved by the club committee must not be worn.
- 7.1.d Clubs may allow a period of grace before requiring a member to purchase and wear the full pony club uniform at a rally.

7.2 Competitions

- 7.2.a Pony club sections: To compete at competitions, all pony clubs must have an approved registered club uniform. Uniforms must be approved by the applicable club and registered through the PCANT state office, in accordance with the *Handbook of By-laws*.
- 7.2.b Open sections: Riders must follow PCANT uniform rules at competitions as per Gear Rules. The minimum requirement is PCANT Approved helmet, jodhpurs/breeches/moleskins of banana, cream, fawn, white or beige colour, approved boots, and a sleeved garment. Moleskin jeans of white for polo crosse and or blue denim for campdrafting.

7.3 Official Club Uniform Items

- 7.3.a The club's official uniform must consist of only the following garments which may be worn in any combination.
- 7.3.b Traditional:
 - i. White long sleeve shirt with approved club tie
 - ii. Jacket/ Woollen jumper
- 7.3.c Club Logo Garments:
 - i. Club long-sleeved sun smart shirt
 - ii. Club long sleeved shirt
 - iii. Club jacket / jumper
 - iv. Club wet weather jacket.
- 7.3.d A ratcatcher style shirt may be worn in white or club colours with the Club and/or PCANT logo (long sleeved)
- 7.3.e Club logo garments must only be designed in accordance with rule 7.5
- 7.3.f Singlets and sleeveless garments can only be worn under or over a sleeved garment.



Sleeved Polo Shirt (logo not to scale)

7.4 Uniform Combinations

- 7.4.a Approved registered (Official) club uniform items must only be worn in any combinations:
 - i A member may remove a jumper, jacket or vest at any time
 - ii Cross country: When competing in cross country, a sleeved garment must be worn, which is either a club registered uniform item as described in rule 7.3 or a non-registered garment in the club colours or white.

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7.5 PCANT Logo

- 7.5.a PCANT logo garments defined in rule 7.3.c may be purchased either through the PCANT nominated supplier or from another supplier of a club's choosing.
- 7.5.b Each of the PCANT logo garments detailed in rule 7.3.c must have the authorised PCANT logo fixed to the front upper left-hand side of the garment, in accordance with Figure 2. The logo must fit within a 75 mm square and the horses head face to the centre.
- 7.5.c The Club logo must only be embroidered in one of the club's registered colours or white.
- 7.5.d No person may create their own PCANT logo. To ensure consistency, the official PCANT logo template must be used. The template is available from the PCANT web site or state office for forwarding to embroiderers.

7.6 Club Logos

- 7.6.a Embroidered logos are permitted, however sponsorship logos are not permitted.
- 7.6.b Woollen V neck jumper/ zippered coat: either the PCANT or club logo may be worn on the front upper left-hand side and must fit within a 75 mm square.
- 7.6.c PCANT logo garments:
 - i In addition to the mandatory PCANT logo, may have a club logo which must fit within a 75 mm square and be placed on the front upper right-hand side,
 - ii A rider's name may be added underneath the club logo in letters of no more than 12mm in size.
 - iii May have the club name placed on the back in lettering not more than 50 mm in height.

7.7 Approved PCANT Badge, Logo and Emblem

- 7.7.a As an option, the PCANT badge (Figure 4) may be worn on club jumpers.



Figure 3. PCANT Badge (Updated 2015)

- 7.7.b **The PCANT logo (Figure 3)** may be on official PCANT clothing items, in accordance with rule 7.4.



Figure 4. Previous PCANT Logo

7.7.c Previous PCANT logo

- 7.7.d The PCANT state representatives' emblem (Figure 5) is only for use on uniforms endorsed by the state board for national competitions.



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Figure 5. PCANT state representatives' emblem for national competitions

7.8 Optional Enhancements to Uniforms

- 7.8.a Clubs may enhance their official uniform(s) with trimming, panels, sashes, badges or logos providing the enhancements are approved by the club and registered at PCANT, in accordance with rule 7.2 and these conditions:
- i Panels in the club's registered trim colours may be applied to the PCANT logo garments providing the registered dominant colour remains predominant
 - ii A sash may be applied to the woollen V neck jumper and must be 75 mm wide, worn diagonally over the right shoulder and extend to the base of the garment on the left side. The sash must be securely attached

7.9 Optional Items

- 7.9.a Members may wear the following items at any time without registration:
- i Official PCANT wet weather jacket
 - ii Riding gloves
 - iii PCANT brass badge
 - iv Efficiency test coloured discs may be worn behind the PCANT brass badge or a material efficiency badge strip measuring not more than 50 mm by 10 mm may be worn under the left-hand side logo.
 - v Cross country: Refer to rule 7.4.a.

7.10 Prohibited Uniform Items at Competitions

- 7.10.a Non-PCANT Registered Attire:
- i Participants must only wear attire approved by the PCANT and registered, in accordance with rule 7.2

7.11 Sponsorship logos

- 7.10.a Official uniform items may not be enhanced with sponsorship logos, i.e. Not permitted on garments with Club or PCANT logo. Sponsorship logos are permitted on unofficial items with measurements not exceeding:
- 7.10.b 200sq cm on each side of Saddlecloth.
 - 7.10.c 80sq cm once only on Jackets or top garments at the height of a breast pocket on the front, or 200sq cm on the back.
 - 7.10.d 16sq cm on both sides of the shirt collar.
 - 7.10.e 150sq cm on the upper seat of jodhpurs or breeches.

7.12 Penalty

- 7.12.a The members of a club, which fails to comply with these requirements or have all of its uniform items registered, will be denied entry into competitions and activities until the uniform complies and is registered.

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8 Checking Saddle Fit and Condition

8.1 For the Horse

- 8.1.a When assessing the fit of the saddle the priority is always the horse.
- 8.1.b A well fitting saddle will not pinch the horse's shoulders or place uneven weight or pressure on the spine or back. This will allow the horse to work comfortably and happily to the best of his ability. An incorrectly fitting saddle may cause the horse to show discomfort in a number of ways—from actively raising his head and swishing his tail, to not working properly forward or even refusing to jump.

8.2 How the Fit of the Saddle can be Affected

- 8.2.a Saddle fitting has become a complicated science with courses and qualifications available. Even professionally fitted saddles are subject to external influences that can cause the saddle fit to change.
- 8.2.b Influences:
 - i Condition of the horse
 - A correctly worked horse will have a well muscled back or top line to support the saddle
 - How the top line changes:
 - When the horse is turned out and not worked, muscle tone deteriorates
 - As a horse ages, the top line also changes and becomes less defined
 - Horses that lose weight due to illness or change of season will also have poor top lines
 - Ponies that become very fat will have a changed top line.
 - ii Condition of the saddle
 - Panels might need reconditioning, as they may become hard and flat or lumpy, upsetting the fit and, therefore, comfort of the horse
 - The saddle might not sit level, tipping back or forward due to an incorrectly sized gullet. This affects the rider's position and balance, which also upsets the horse.

8.3 Checking Saddle Fit for Comfort

- 8.3.a The gear checker is not expected to be a saddle fitter but rather someone who will recognise a badly fitting saddle that may cause discomfort to the horse.
- 8.3.b Most problems can be solved using a commercially manufactured riser pad to get through the activity. This is only an interim solution. The rider must then seek professional help to restuff or change the saddle.
- 8.3.c Towels, a second saddlecloth or other makeshift arrangements must never be used in an attempt to correct an ill-fitting saddle. They create ridges and/or pressure causing more discomfort to the horse's back.
- 8.3.d Place fingers flat under the saddle blanket at the wither and check:
 - i Does the saddle have clearance from the wither along the spine?
 - ii Are the wither and shoulder free and not pinched?

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8.4 The Rider and the Saddle

- 8.4.a Is the saddle the right size? - A hand's width (about 10cm) between the rider and the cantle indicates the right size.
- 8.4.b Is the flap long enough for the rider's leg? - The rider's knee should not be above the kneepads.
- 8.4.c Is the seat/waist of the saddle correct? - If the seat/waist is too narrow or too wide, the rider may experience discomfort.

8.5 Saddle Maintenance

- 8.5.a Is the saddle well maintained?
 - i Leather—regularly cleaned and oiled, soft and supple leather, safe and comfortable for the horse
 - ii Synthetic—clean, synthetic covering not cracked or breaking away
 - iii Mounts—well fitting and maintained mounts are just as important as the saddle
 - iv Saddle Cloth—should be cleaned to remove dirt and sweat that can irritate or cause discomfort to the horse. Two saddlecloths are not permitted as that increases pressure on the horse.
 - v Girth and Points—clean, correct length, not worn. A clean girth helps avoid girth galls, usually caused by dirty girths that are too tight or loose
 - vi Stirrup Leathers—clean, stitching maintained, holes free from tears.

9 Other Checks

9.1 The Bit

- 9.1.a When a competition requires a compliant snaffle bit, the gear check steward can gently pull the bit to one side in the horse's mouth. This will expose the mouthpiece and central joint(s) for checking.
- 9.1.b If the gear check steward is unable to determine if the bit is correct, they may require the rider to return to gear check at the completion of the test or applicable competition, to remove the bridle and check the bit. Do this in a safe place using a headstall and lead rope. If the bit is not compliant, the competitor must be eliminated.

9.2 Helmet Fit

- 9.2.a Gear check stewards may ask the rider to demonstrate correct helmet fit by placing one hand on top of the helmet and moving helmet from side to side, back and forwards.
- 9.2.b A helmet only protects what it covers. Always wear a helmet low at the front to protect the forehead; it should fit snugly but comfortably. With a correctly adjusted harness, you cannot remove the helmet, or roll it backward or forward, to expose the forehead, obscure vision or hit the nose. If the fit is comfortable and the skin on your forehead moves with the helmet, the fit is correct; if not the helmet is too loose.
- 9.2.c Refer to rule 10.5 for other requirements

9.3 Misuse of Gear

Any Gear that is misused in any way, too tight, ill-fitting or incorrectly used will not be tolerated. This includes but is not confined to bits, saddlery, boots, spurs, whips and any equipment that may pass a Gear Check in normal circumstances.

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10 Rider Requirements

Reminder:

Non-compliance may mean that you (the rider) are uninsured, in accordance with rule 3.12.

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10.1 Uniform and Attire

It is the decision of the committee of management at each pony club as to what its members must wear at rallies/activities. However, boots and helmets must always be worn while mounted as specified in these rules	Pony club sections: Refer to rule 7 Open sections: As specified on the competition entry schedule, refer to rule 7.2b
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10.2 Jodhpurs and Moleskins

As above	Banana, Beige, cream, fawn or oatmeal or similar to.
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10.3 Hair

Recommended but not essential, that hair is tied up or back, so that it does not catch on anything	Tied up so it does not obscure any part of a competitor number. This is especially important for cross-country where a fence judge may not be able to identify the competitor. This could lead to wrongly assigning faults.
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10.4 Jewellery and Piercing

Jewellery: watches and medical bracelets are permitted Piercing: all visible piercing must be removed or taped	Same as for Rally/Activity Watches allowed where competition rules permit Not allowed in Grades 5 & 4 Horse Trials or Short Course except Supercross.
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10.5 Helmets

It is the rider's and or parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure the rider wears a helmet at all times while mounted and it is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fastened and fitted in accordance with rule 9.2The current complying safety helmet standards:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) AS/NZS 3838 (Current Australian Standard)b) PAS015 (UK)c) VG1 (Europe bridging standard) EN 1384 (Europe) only acceptable up to and including 2015d) ASTM F1163 (Current US Standard)Being used or is replaced from time to time, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Manufacturers recommend a 5 year life from date of manufacture. Always check the helmet fit. Compulsory checks of compliance standard	All Rally/Activity conditions apply. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rider onus and rule 3.12 applyMembers are recommended to check the standard and year of manufacture of their helmet.Spot checks may occur. However, an organising committee, at its discretion, may require all competitors to present helmets at the event office for inspection of a compliance standards number. If this is required, the entry form/schedule must state so.
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<p>numbers are not mandatory as rider onus and rule 3.12 apply</p> <p>However:, pony club officials reserve the right to inspect a rider's helmet at any time</p>	
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10.6 Medical Armbands

<p>It is the decision of each pony club's committee of management whether its members are required to wear armbands or not.</p> <p>The card insert can be any colour as long as the information is correct</p> <p>Not all competitions require competitor numbers.</p> <p><u>When required medical armbands must be fully visible at all times while mounted</u></p>	<p><u>When required medical armbands must be fully visible at all times while mounted</u></p> <p>Must be worn by all competitors on the upper left arm.</p> <p>Rider/parent/guardian onus applies to ensure details are completed correctly</p> <p>Visible at all times on either <u>upper arm</u>, on the outside of garments.</p> <p>Cross-country: armbands must be inspected before the competitor rides to ensure their name and an emergency contact and phone number are visible and legible. The card insert can be any colour</p>
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10.7 Boots

<p>The objective is for the boot to be able to slide backwards out of the stirrup easily, but not forward through the stirrup.</p> <p>Boots must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black or brown plain elastic sided Jodhpur boots(with or without zip). • Fully soled in smooth leather or rubber synthetic material. • 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. • Long boots only senior riders (17 years and over) are permitted to wear Long boots • Long boots that are laced at the ankle (field boots) are permitted • Short boots that lace at the ankle with eyelets and billet hooks must have these covered with either a gaiter or a chappette, in accordance with rule 10.8 • Gaiters to be the same colour as boot <p>ALLOWED ONLY FOR:</p> <p>Campdraft, Polocrosse, Team Penning and Sporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The roper or dogger type boot can be worn with riding trousers. The "roper" style of the western boot has a shorter boot shaft. They also have a low and 	<p>Colour must be brown or black.</p> <p>All other Rally/Activity conditions apply.</p>  <p>Black or brown plain elastic sided</p>  <p>Smooth soled with textured tread</p>  <p>Top Boots</p>
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<p>squared off “roper” type heel usually less than 1” high and a rounded toe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not acceptable are any other types of Western boots – i.e. Dress boots, Cuban type heels, pointed toes & any metal tips. • Must be only worn under stockman cut trousers and stirrups meet the safety requirements, i.e. <p><i>Approximately 15mm 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.</i></p>	 <p>Acceptable (Campdraft, polocrosse, Team penning & Sporting) Notice the low squared off heel, rounded toe and short shaft</p>  <p>Not Acceptable Notice pointy toe, high heel and long shaft.</p>
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10.8 Gaiters and Chappettes

<p>Gaiters : are permitted</p> <p>Chaps, chinks and/or chappettes are permitted if the club’s committee of management approves</p>	<p>Gaiters</p> <p>May be made of leather or synthetic material, but must be smooth on the outside, may have suede on the inside.</p> <p>May only be worn with complying short boots.</p> <p>Colour must match boots (black or brown)</p> <p>May have hunting tops, which must be brown or black.</p> <p>Not permitted: chaps, chinks and chappettes.</p>
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10.9 Spurs

<p>All riders may use spurs, as they are being supervised in a training environment.</p> <p>Spurs design rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spurs capable of wounding a horse are forbidden • Must be made of metal • There must be a shank either curved or straight pointing directly back from the centre of the spur when on the rider's boot • The shank must not exceed 20 mm in length <u>excluding ball/plastic knob</u> • The tip of the shank must not point upwards or inwards • The arms of the spurs must be smooth and may be covered with rubber • Must sit in the curve of the back of the heel with the buckle of the strap to the outside • Impulse Spurs with plastic knobs are allowed • Soft touch Roller Ball spurs which must have a rounded smooth roller are permitted • Horizontal rolling ball spurs must have a soft roller not a rowel • Spurs with Rowels (including Disk and Daisy) are <u>not permitted</u> 	<p>May only be used where the competition rules permit (refer specific competition requirements).</p> <p>Same design rules as Rally/Activity.</p> <div> </div> <p>Impulse Spurs</p> <div> </div> <p>Roller Ball Spur</p> <div> </div> <p>Disk Rowels – <u>Not permitted</u></p>
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10.10 Whips

<p>A rider may use a whip, if required.</p> <p>Permissible whips are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not exceeding 750 mm including a compulsory flat flap on the end, which must not be weighted; or • Not exceeding 1200 mm including a compulsory lash • For polocrosse only (Rule20) No longer than 1100 mm including the flap which is not less than 50mm long and 25mm wide. <p>While riding hands must not be placed through whip handle straps, Cutting handle straps or whip flaps is not a requirement</p>	<p>May be only used where the competition rules permit (refer to specific competition requirements).</p> <p>All other Rally/Activity conditions apply.</p>
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10.11 Rain Coats and Gloves

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Permitted	Permitted. However, competitor number and armband must remain clearly visible.

10.12 Lunging

<p>Permitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunging at a rally, activity or competition must take place in a confined area designated exclusively for lunging. If no such area exists lunging is not permitted.• The competition schedule must state if and where lunging is permitted at a venue.• At a competition venue with a designated lunging area, only the competitor may ride or lunge his horse or pony.• The penalty for disobeying this rule is elimination.• At a rally or activity an adult may lunge a member's horse or pony in a designated lunging area.• If no such area exists lunging must not take place	<p>Correct competition gear may be worn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunging cavessons may be used• Side reins and ancillary equipment is not permitted – see 12.1• for the duration of the event, horses entered in the Competition may only be ridden and schooled by the rider competing on that horse• lunging and work in-hand by someone other than the nominated rider is permitted• The horse may only be by a groom mounted in the saddle and wearing prescribed safety helmet and boots may walk the horse on a long rein only• Horse boots: are permitted• Must only take place in a designated “lunging only” area if the competition schedule permits it
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10.13 Competitor Numbers

Not applicable	<p>Not all competitions require competitor numbers. When required, competitor numbers must be fully visible at all times while mounted, under penalty of elimination.</p> <p>Competitor numbers must be displayed by one of the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Body number: on both the competitor's chest and back for cross-country, eventing and Tetrathlon• Bridle: on both the left and right side of the bridle• Saddle cloth: on both the left and right side of the saddlecloth. <p>The Organising Committee must specify in the schedule of entry conditions what type of numbers, if any, will be required to be worn.</p> <p>The Organising Committee must state what numbers they will provide and what numbers, if any, must be supplied by the competitor.</p>
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10.14 Body Protectors

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Permitted It is important that a Body Protector MUST be correctly fitted to be safe & effective. An incorrectly fitted/sized Body Protector may cause injury to the rider Must follow manufacturer instructions when fitting.	Permitted

10.15 Watches

Allowed for rallies.	Not permitted cross country for grade 4 & 5
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11 Horse Requirements

Reminder:

Non-compliance may mean that you (the rider) are uninsured, in accordance with rule 3.12.

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11.1 Horse Condition

Should be in good condition and well groomed. Hooves must be in good order, whether the horse is shod or not.	Same as Rally/Activity.
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11.2 Stitching, Holes, Wear and Tear

Stitching: must be in good condition. Holes: must not be torn or unduly worn. Wear and Tear: all gear must be checked for wear and tear. Special areas of concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saddle Girth Points: Check for wear and tear around the holes and stitching around the attachment to the tree.• Reins: Check stitching and look for cracking, especially if billet hooks are used, and wear around the bit.• Stirrup Leathers: Must not be cracked or thin from use, especially where the stirrup hangs. Stitching must be sound.	Same as Rally/Activity.
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11.3 Bridles

The throat lash should be tight enough so it does not slip over the horse's cheek and not so tight that it restricts the horse's breathing The cheek straps must not be too tight, only one or two creases on either side of the mouth above the bit should show The brow band must be large enough not to pull on the back of the ears and not so big that it protrudes from the horse's forehead Metal snap hook fasteners or metal clips of any type, that attach to the bit are not permitted.	Same as Rally/Activity.
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11.4 Tongue layer/Tongue Grid

<p>Both items are designed to dissuade a horse from putting tongue over the bit</p> <p>Layer – loops around the bit and lies on the tongue pointing towards the back of the throat rubber</p> <p>Grid - used on a bridoon headpiece and fits the bit</p>	<p>Permitted except in dressage tests, flat teams and musical ride</p>
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11.5 Bits

<p>The horse/pony must always be ridden with a bridle, bit and reins when at a rally/activity/competition.</p> <p>The bit must not be too wide or too narrow; otherwise the central hinge will rub on the horse's gums. About 10 mm of the bit must protrude on either side of the horse's mouth and there must be one or two wrinkles on either side of the mouth above the bit.</p> <p>Any bit may be used at a rally/activity. However, the rider must be educated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are competitions where only a snaffle bit is permitted • Until competent with a snaffle, they will not be able to compete in those competitions. • Curb chains should lay flat against the curb groove in the horse's chin and must not be uncomfortable or injure the horse 	<p>Refer to rule 21 for the various snaffle bits permitted in competition.</p> <p>Must be used in accordance with competition rules (refer specific competition requirements).</p> <p>All Rally/Activity conditions apply.</p>
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11.6 Cheek Guards

<p>Permitted. (Cheek guards are leather, rubber or synthetic circular attachments that stop the bit pulling through the mouth.)</p>	<p>Permitted except in dressage tests, flat teams and musical ride</p>
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11.7 Nosebands

<p>Nosebands must be in accordance with rule 22.1.</p>	<p>Are permitted. However, when a snaffle bit is specified for the competition, only the nosebands in rule 22.2 are permitted.</p> <p>At all other times, refer to rule 22.1</p>
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11.8 Muzzled Nets

Permitted	Permitted all disciplines with a Veterinary Surgeon's exemption.
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11.9 Fly Hoods and Ear Covers

Permitted. Fly Hoods must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• not cover the horse's eyes• be made of thin material• the covering over the ears must not be insulated against sound• no materials may be used to plug the horses ears	Same as rally/activity. Protective Fly Hoods (ear covers) permitted. Must not have sound reducing material. The fly hoods should be discreet and must not cover the horse's eyes. However they may be checked by stewards at the end of the test to ensure that nothing prohibited has been added to or is covered by the fly hood.
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11.10 Reins

Reins must be attached to the bit. Whether knotted or not, must at least reach the pommel of the saddle when the horse is standing square and relaxed. Knotted reins must not have a loop at the end; hence the buckle must be undone. Metal snap hook fasteners or clips of any type, that attach to the bit are not permitted except for grass reins. Grass reins: Reins or ties that restrict the horse from reaching down to eat grass are permitted. Snap hooks or clips may be used for grass reins.	Grass reins are not permitted. All other reins same as Rally/Activity.
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11.11 Saddle

The saddle must fit correctly and sit straight on the horse, in accordance with rule 8. The saddle must fit and function in the manner for which it was designed. If the saddle has a tree, it must leave the spine free of any pressure when the rider is mounted Treeless saddles are permitted Refer to saddle fit rule 8; also refer to the girth and stirrup leather, bars and irons rules 11.15 to 11.17	Saddles are compulsory for all competitions unless stated otherwise in the Schedule; e.g. Active Riding Competitions, optional for Fancy Dress. Saddles should be suitable for the discipline in which they are being used.
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11.12 Saddlecloth and Covers

<p>Only one saddlecloth must be used with or without one commercial riser pad.</p> <p>A saddlecloth is anything put under the saddle other than a commercial riser pad.</p> <p>A commercial riser pad may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riser pad • Gel pad • ½ Numnah • Sheepskin pad <p>Club colours are optional.</p> <p>The saddlecloth must be fitted so there is no ridge or edge under the seat of the saddle that could cause soreness in the horse's back.</p> <p>Folded/rolled saddlecloths, towels and other makeshift padding are not permitted.</p> <p>Saddle covers are permitted.</p> <p>A quarter sheet may be worn during warm-up or warm-down, provided it is fitted under the saddle and is not attached in any way to the rider.</p>	<p>Saddle covers are not permitted.</p> <p>All Rally/Activity conditions apply.</p>
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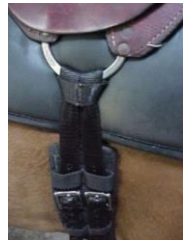
11.13 Cruppers and Fore Girths

All Permitted.	Same as Rally/Activity.
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11.14 Monkey Grips

All Permitted.	Same as Rally/Activity.
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11.15 Girth

<p>The saddle may have one or more points. However, if the saddle has only one point, or a single-point girth is used, a surcingle and the applicable rigging must be used.</p> <p>"D rigging to 2 point girth adaptor" available from The Top Saddlery is approved by PCANT (refer to 11.2).</p> <p>Single Girth strap Half Breed saddle permitted – 2 girth straps to one strap, does not require a surcingle.</p> <p>The girth must be firmly tight and be secured to the corresponding girth points on each side of the saddle.</p>	<p>Same as Rally/Activity.</p> <p>Top Saddlery "D rigging to 2 point girth adaptor"</p> 
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11.16 Stirrup Leathers

<p>Stirrup leathers must be outside the saddle flap and not tied down.</p> <p>The free end of the leather may be put in the stirrup keeper on the saddle.</p>	<p>Same as Rally/Activity.</p>
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11.17 Stirrup Irons

<p>The objective is that the boot is able to easily slide backwards out of the stirrup. A stirrup too large is as dangerous as one too small; since the foot could slip right through.</p> <p>If peacock irons are used, they must be fitted with a rubber safety band.</p> <p>All stirrup irons and oxbows must fit the rider's boot. This means when the ball of the foot is in the stirrup and the foot is over to one side, with approximately 15 mm of space between the edge of the boot and the stirrup iron.</p> <p>Toe-stoppers are permitted, providing the size of the stirrup iron spacing is not compromised.</p>	<p>Same as Rally/Activity.</p>
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11.18 Stirrup Bars

<p>If the stirrup bar is hinged, it may be up or down.</p> <p>A pony pad, paddle or treeless saddle that has an enclosed "D" rather than a stirrup bar must be fitted with clogs, stirrups with toe-stoppers or quick out/quick release stirrups as per manufacturer's guidelines.</p> <p>Saddles with swinging fenders must be fitted with oxbows.</p>	<p><i>Same as Rally/Activity.</i></p>
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11.19 Martingales

<p>Standing Martingales are not permitted.</p> <p>Running martingale (“rings”) if used must be fitted so the rings can reach the horse’s gullet when the horse is standing in a normal position.</p> <p>A diagonally fitted rubber stoppers or a fixed ring at the horse’s chest is compulsory with all running martingales.</p> <p>When the horse’s head is carried in the correct position for that horse’s level of education and the reins are held with contact, the rings should not be pulling down on the reins. When the bit becomes level with the horse’s wither the martingale comes into effect.</p> <p>Irish martingales are permitted</p> <p>Stops on the reins are compulsory.</p>	<p>May be only used where the competition rules permit (refer to specific competition requirements).</p>
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11.20 Breastplates

<p>Must avoid interfering with the horse’s breathing or with the movement of the horse’s shoulder.</p>	<p>Same as Rally/Activity.</p>
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11.21 Bandages, Taping and Exercise Boots

<p>Bandages and taping are not permitted.</p> <p>Exercise boots are permitted providing they are fitted to the manufacturer’s specifications.</p> <p>Straps and fastenings must be on the outside of the horse’s leg and face to the back. If the fastening includes a “D” fastener, then the straps must be threaded through them.</p> <p>Any boot that causes discomfort to the horse is Not Permitted.</p>	<p>Exercise boots may be only used where the competition rules permit (refer to specific competition requirements).</p> <p>All other Rally/Activity conditions apply.</p>
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11.22 Bell Boots

<p>Permitted.</p>	<p>May be only used where the competition rules permit (refer to specific competition requirements).</p>
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11.23 Hoof Over Boots – such as Old Mac Boots

<p>Permitted.</p>	<p>May be only used where the competition rules permit exercise boots to be used.</p>
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12 Gear Never Permitted

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12.1 Prohibited Items

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bandages • Taping of horse boots • Bits or items of saddlery likely to wound a horse • Bits made of rubber only & chain • Metal snap hook fasteners or metal clips of any type that attach to the bit • Blinkers • Running or Draw reins • Towels/second saddlecloth under saddle • Market Harboroughs • De Gogue or ancillary training aids • Side reins, except for lunging activities at rallies • Standing martingales • Hackamores and bosals • Tongue Ties • Visible jewellery (except for watch and medical bracelet), unless taped. • Helmet cameras and any other visual /video recording device of whatever nature <p>Any gear that is misused in any way, too tight, ill-fitting or incorrectly used will not be tolerated. This includes but is not confined to bits, saddlery, boots, spurs, whips and any equipment that may pass a Gear Check in normal circumstances.</p>	<p>Same as Rally/Activity plus:</p> <p>Chaps</p> <p>Chappettes</p> <p>Chinks</p> <p>Ancillary lunging equipment such as side reins, chambon and pessoas</p>
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12.2 Penalty for Non Compliance

Non-compliance MAY result in exclusion or elimination. See 3.10, 4.3	Non-compliance MAY result in exclusion or elimination. See 3.10, 4.3
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13 Pure Dressage

Unless specifically mentioned here, the fit and condition of gear must be as described previously.

13.1 Bits	Snaffle bits only must be used in accordance with rule 21.
13.2 Nosebands	Only Cavesson, Dropped, Grackle and Hanoverian nosebands may be used (see rule 22.2).
13.3 Ear Covers/Fly Hoods	Permitted. Must not have sound reducing material.
13.4 Muzzle Nets	Permitted with Veterinary Surgeon's exemption
13.5 Tongue layer/Grid	Not permitted
13.6 Cheek Guards	Not permitted
13.7 Horse Leg Wear	No leg wear of any description is permitted in dressage tests.
13.8 Martingale	Running/Irish martingales: Not permitted for competitions. Permitted in Warm-up & exercise areas but NOT past Gear Steward and NOT in competition. With a snaffle bridle only which must be fitted in accordance with rule 11.19
13.9 Spurs	Permitted
13.10 Whip	Permitted not exceeding 1200mm including lash.
13.11 Warm-up	Correct competition gear may be worn. Lunging cavessons may be used. Side reins and ancillary lunging equipment are not permitted. Rule 12.1 Only the competitor may ride or lunge the horse. Horse boots are permitted. Running martingales, which must be fitted in accordance with rule 11.19, are permitted. A whip not exceeding 1200 mm, including the lash, may be used.

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14 Horse Trials Dressage

Unless specifically mentioned here, the fit and condition of gear must be as described previously.

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| 14.1 Bits | Snaffle bits only must be used in accordance with rule 21. |
| 14.2 Nosebands | Only Cavesson, Dropped, Grackle and Hanoverian nosebands may be used (see rule 22.2). |
| 14.3 Ear Covers/Fly Hood | Permitted. Must not have sound reducing material. |
| 14.4 Muzzle Net | Permitted with Veterinary Surgeon's Exemption |
| 14.5 Tongue Layer/Grid | Not permitted. |
| 14.6 Cheek Guards | Not permitted. |
| 14.7 Horse Leg Wear | No leg wear of any description is permitted in dressage tests. |
| 14.8 Martingale | Running/Irish martingales: Not permitted for competitions.
Permitted in Warm-up & exercise areas but NOT past Gear Steward and NOT in competition. With a snaffle bridle only which must be fitted in accordance with rule 11.19 |
| 14.9 Spurs | Permitted. |
| 14.10 Whip | Not permitted - Grades 1, 2 and 3 are not permitted to use a whip.
Grade 4 and 5 are permitted to use a whip not exceeding 750 mm. |
| 14.11 Medical Armband | Required |
| 14.12 Warm-up | Correct competition gear may be worn.
Lunging cavessons may be used.
Side reins and ancillary lunging equipment are not permitted. Rule 12.1
Only the competitor may ride or lunge the horse.
Horse boots are permitted.
Running martingales, which must be fitted in accordance with rule 11.19 are permitted.
A whip not exceeding 1200 mm, including the lash may be used. |

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15 Show Jumping and Cross-Country

Unless specifically mentioned here, the fit and condition of gear must be as described previously.

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| 5.1 Cross Country Uniform | The competitor may wear a sleeved garment which is either a club registered uniform item as described in rule 7.3 or a non-registered garment in club colours or white. |
| 15.2 Bridle | Pure Show Jumping only: Sheep skin may be used on each cheek piece providing the sheep skin does not exceed 30 mm in diameter measured from the horse's face. |
| 15.3 Bits | No restrictions in Show Jumping and cross-country, provided they are correctly fitted and do not cause injury to the mouth. |
| 15.4 Nosebands | No restrictions in Show Jumping and cross-country, provided they are correctly fitted and do not cause injury to the horse. |
| 15.5 Ear Covers/Fly Hoods | Permitted. Must not have sound reducing material |
| 15.6 Muzzle Net | Permitted with Veterinary Surgeon's exemption. |
| 15.7 Horse Leg Wear | Bell boots and exercise boots are permitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any boot that causes discomfort to the horse is Not Permitted. |
| 15.8 Spurs | Spurs. |
| 15.9 Medical Armband | Required for cross country |
| 15.10 Whip | Not exceeding 750 mm. |
| 15.11 Warm-up | Correct competition gear may be worn.
Lunging cavessons may be used.
Side reins and ancillary lunging equipment are not permitted. Rule 12.1
Only the competitor may ride or lunge the horse.
Horse boots are permitted.
Running martingales, which must be fitted in accordance with rule 11.19, are permitted.
A whip not exceeding 1200 mm, including the lash, may be used. |
| 15.12 Timing devices | Not permitted for Cross country phase in HT & Supercross, - grades 4 -5. |

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16 Games

Unless specifically mentioned here, the fit and condition of gear must be as described previously.

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| 16.1 Bits | Snaffle bits only must be used, in accordance with rule 21. Cheek Guards permitted. |
| 16.2 Nosebands | Only Cavesson, Dropped, Grackle and Hanoverian nosebands may be used, in accordance with rule 22.2. |
| 16.3 Ear Covers/Fly Hoods | Permitted. Must not have sound reducing material |
| 16.4 Muzzle Net | Permitted with Veterinary Surgeon's exemption. |
| 16.5 Horse Leg Wear | Bell boots and exercise boots are permitted. |
| 16.6 Martingale | A running/irish martingale is permitted, which must be fitted, in accordance with rule 11.19. |
| 16.7 Spurs | Not permitted. |
| 16.8 Whip | Not permitted. |
| 16.9 Plaiting | Not permitted. |
| 16.10 Warm-up | Correct competition gear may be worn.
Lunging cavessons may be used.
Side reins and ancillary lunging equipment are not permitted. Rule 12.1
Only the competitor may ride or lunge the horse.
Horse boots are permitted.
Running martingales, which must be fitted in accordance with rule 11.19, are permitted. |

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17 Flat Teams and Musical Rides

Unless specifically mentioned here, the fit and condition of gear must be as described previously.

17.1 Bits	Snaffle bits only must be used, in accordance with rule 21.
17.2 Nosebands	Only Cavesson, Dropped, Grackle and Hanoverian nosebands may be used, in accordance with rule 22.2.
17.3 Ear Covers/Fly Hoods	Permitted. Must not have sound reducing material
17.4 Muzzle Net	Permitted with Veterinary Surgeon's exemption.
17.5 Tongue Layer/Grid	Not Permitted
17.6 Cheek Guards	Not permitted.
17.7 Horse Leg Wear	Leg wear of any description is not permitted.
17.8 Martingale	Running/Irish martingales: Not permitted for competitions. Permitted in Warm-up & exercise areas but NOT past Gear Steward and NOT in competition. With a snaffle bridle only which must be fitted in accordance with rule 11.19
17.9 Spurs	Permitted.
17.10 Whip	Permitted, not exceeding 750 mm.
17.11 Plaiting	Optional.
17.12 Warm-up	Correct competition gear may be worn. Lunging cavessons may be used. Side reins and ancillary lunging equipment are not permitted. Rule 12.1 Only the competitor may ride or lunge the horse. Horse boots are permitted Running martingales, which must be fitted in accordance with rule 11.19, are permitted. A whip not exceeding 1200 mm, including the lash, may be used.
17.13	Flat Teams must wear approved club uniforms; Musical riders MUST wear sleeved garments., Helemts, boots, armband and long pants/jophurs.

18 Fancy Dress

18.1 Helmets	Always required.
18.2 Boots	Always required.
18.3 Horse Leg Wear	Leg wear of any description is not permitted.
18.4 Spurs	Permitted.
18.5 Attire	Fancy Dress riders Must wear sleeved garments, helmets, boot and long pants/jodhpurs

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19 Show Rings

For pony club members only—not required for “open” sections.

Unless specifically mentioned here, the fit and condition of gear must be as described previously.

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| 19.1 Bits | Snaffle bits only must be used, in accordance with rule 21. |
| 19.2 Nosebands | Only Cavesson, Dropped, Grackle and Hanoverian nosebands may be used, in accordance with rule 22.2. |
| 19.3 Ear Covers/Fly Hood | Permitted. Must not have sound reducing material. |
| 19.4 Muzzle Net | Permitted with Veterinary Surgeon’s Exemption |
| 19.5 Tongue Layer/Grid | Not permitted. |
| 19.6 Cheek guards | Not permitted. |
| 19.7 Horse leg wear | Not permitted. |
| 19.8 Martingales | Not permitted. |
| 19.9 Spurs | Permitted. |
| 19.10 Plaiting | Optional, at the discretion of the organising committee. |
| 19.11 Whips | Permitted, not exceeding 1200 mm including lash for led classes.
Permitted, not exceeding 750mm for ridden classes. |
| 19.12 Warm-up | Correct competition gear may be worn.
Lunging cavessons may be used.
Side reins and ancillary lunging equipment are not permitted. Rule 12.1
Only the competitor may ride or lunge the horse.
Horse boots are permitted
Running martingales, which must be fitted in accordance with rule 11.19, are permitted.
A whip not exceeding 1200 mm, including the lash, may be used. |

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20 Polo Crosse

Unless specifically mentioned here, the fit and condition of gear must be as described previously.

- 20.1 Bits** Permitted
- Snaffle bits
 - Belgian gag with only one loop underneath the main ring, with the rein attached to the lowest ring.
- Not permitted
- Gags (except Belgian gag) and cheek snaffles with protruding cheek pieces
 - Fulmer snaffles
 - Bitless bridles
 - Curb hooks must be taped.
- 20.2 Saddles** Saddles must be equipped with a breast plate for competition.
- 20.3 Nosebands** Nosebands suited to snaffle bridles are permitted. Refer rule 22.2
- 20.4 Ear Covers** Not permitted.
- 20.5 Martingales** Running martingales are permitted
- 20.6 Bell Boots** Bell boots in front and behind are compulsory
- 20.7 Leg Boots** Suitable boots for the horse which protect the fetlock must be worn
- 20.8 Face Guards** Face guards, if worn must be fitted to an approved helmet. Rigid faceguards are not permitted.
- 20.9 Spurs** Spurs may only be used with the permission of the competitor's CI and must be in accordance with rule 10.9.
- 20.10 Whips** Whips must be not longer than 1100 mm including a flap not less than 50 mm long and 25 mm wide at the end.
- 20.11 Knee Pads** If worn, knee pads must be brown, black, cream or white and made of soft fabric or leather, and must be pliable.
- 20.12 Team Numbers** Team shirts may have team numbers printed on them to indicate the position of the player. The number must be clearly visible on the back of the shirt and on the sleeve, if desired. The only other writing is the name and logos on the front in accordance with rule 7.
- 20.13 Warm-up** Correct competition gear may be worn.
- Lunging cavessons may be used.
- Side reins and ancillary lunging equipment are not permitted. Rule 12.1
- Only the competitor may ride or lunge the horse.
- Horse boots are permitted.
- Running martingales, which must be fitted in accordance with rule 11.19, are permitted.
- A whip not exceeding 1200 mm, including the lash, may be used.

Remember: An item of commercially manufactured equestrian gear that meets all the principles of comfort and safety specified in rules 3.4 and 3.5 is acceptable.

21 Compliant Snaffle Bits

21.1 Bridle and Bit

- 21.1.a The horse/pony must always be ridden with a bridle and bit and reins, when at a rally/activity/competition. However, for dressage, games, handy-mount, flat teams and musical ride, pony club show rings, one of the compliant snaffle bits described here and pictured in rule 21.4 is required.
- 21.1.b Snaffle bits having combinations of any of the rings or cheeks with any of the mouthpieces shown in 21.4 are permitted when a compliant snaffle bit is required for competition.
- i An ordinary snaffle is a plain snaffle with a straight bar or joint in the centre
 - ii If a snaffle has two joints, all parts must be rounded and smooth.

21.2 Mouthpieces

- 21.2.a Only snaffle bits with the following features are approved. Snaffle bits shall be composed of:
- i Metal or rigid plastic and maybe covered with rubber or latex
 - ii Metal and rubber (bits made only of rubber or rubber and chain are not permitted).
 - iii Metal and synthetic material
 - The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece.
 - The minimum diameter of the mouth piece is 10 mm
 - Snaffles used for ponies must have a minimum diameter of 10 mm
 - There shall not be more than two joints in the mouthpiece
 - Double-jointed mouth pieces may have one “roller”, or rotating middle piece, in the centre section. Multiple rollers are not permitted
 - All parts of the bit coming into the horse’s moth shall be rounded, smooth and not ridge, sharp or corrugated.

Permitted bits are described and illustrated in 21.4

Also permitted but not illustrated:

Bits permitted for dressage under EA rules are compliant snaffle bits for PCANT.

- Half-moon, port-mouthed, curved – there must be a straight line from the rings
- Rubber or synthetic bit – both jointed or unjointed
- Sweet iron

NB: A Dr Bristol bit is not a compliant snaffle as the central plate is designed in such a way that it applies pressure to the tongue, which is considered an artificial aid. However, it can be used for activities/competitions which do not require a compliant snaffle.

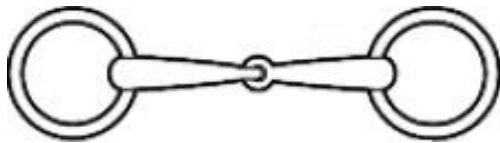
21.3 Checking Bits at Gear Check

- 21.3.a Refer to rule 9.1.
- 21.3.b Refer to rule 21.4 for pictures. When a snaffle bit is specified for a competition, snaffle bits with these criteria are the only bits permitted.

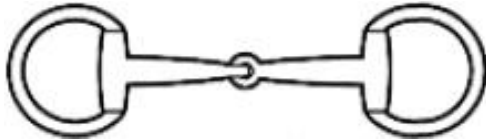
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21.4 Permitted Snaffle bits

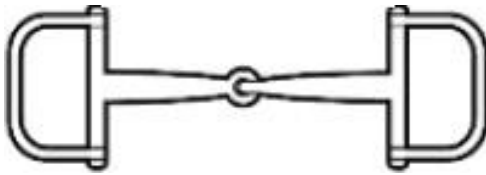
When specified for a competition, snaffle bits with a combination of these features are the only bits permitted



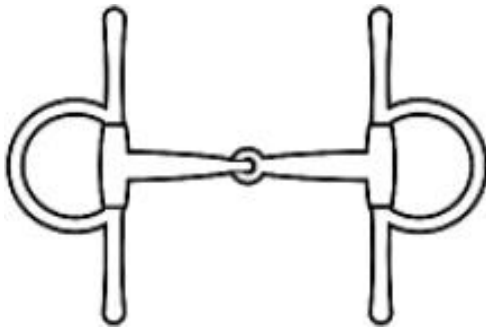
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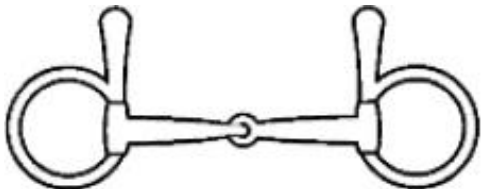
Egg-butt



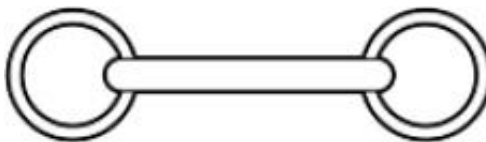
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Egg-butt snaffle with cheeks (Fulmer)



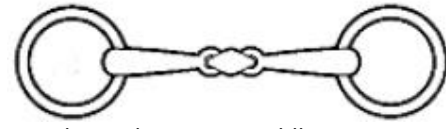
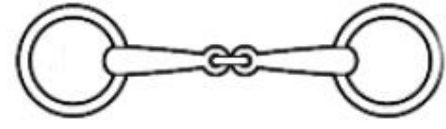
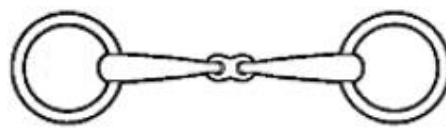
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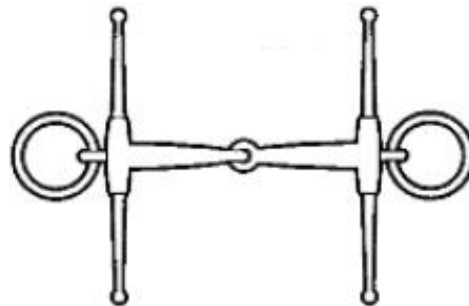
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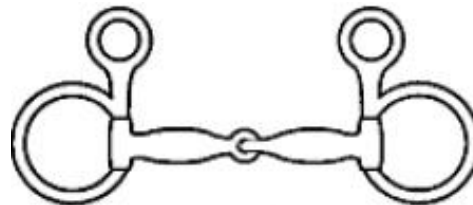
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Jointed mouthpieces – middle piece must be rounded



Loose ring with cheeks FM/tom thumb



Hanging cheek

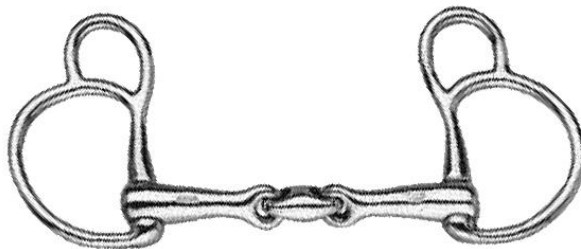


Rotating mouth piece

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21.5 Miscellaneous (Bits)

The Sprenger KK – Ultra B Ring Snaffle is not approved for DRESSAGE



22 Nose Bands

22.1 Basic Fit Requirements

- 22.a A noseband must never be so tightly fixed as to hurt the horse.
- 22.b A noseband must be fitted high enough not to interfere with the horse's breathing, but not so high that it rubs on the horse's cheek bone.

22.2 Nosebands to Use when a Snaffle Bridle/Bit is Specified

- 22.2.a For dressage, games, handy-mount, pony club show rings, flat teams and musical ride competitions, only these nosebands may be used with one of the snaffle bits described in rule 21.
 - i. Cavesson
 - ii. Dropped
 - iii. Grackle – also known Crossover or Mexican
 - iv. Hanoverian – also known as Flash
 - v. Combination noseband/bridle – no throat lash.
 - vi. Micklem Bridle

22.3 Nosebands Illustrations



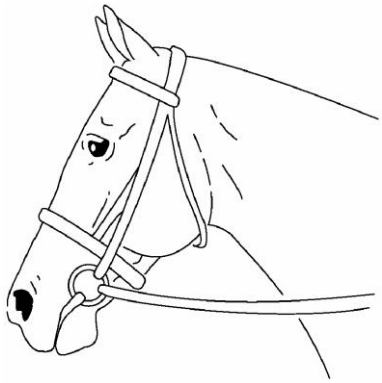
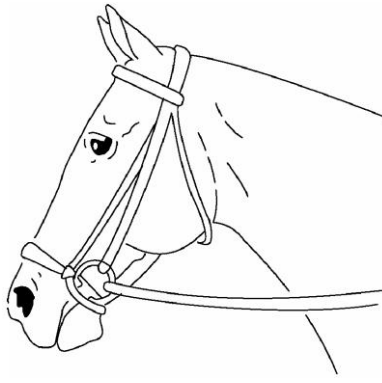
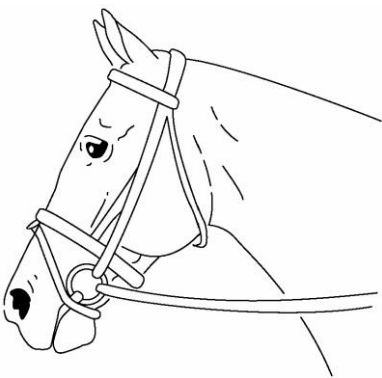



5. Combined noseband – no throat lash



6. Micklem bridle

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22.3 Noseband Illustrations

	
<p>Cavesson</p>	<p>Dropped</p>
	
<p>Hanoverian (Flash)</p>	<p>Crossed (Grackle or Mexican)</p>
	
<p>Worcester Noseband (not allowed for Dressage)</p>	<p>Muzzle Net Veterinary Surgeon letter Only</p>

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23 Competition Quick Reference Guide

Item	Quick Reference Details	Rule
Armbands	Compulsory at cross country and horse trials for all competitors including non-PCANT members	10.6
Body protectors	Optional	10.14
Badges	Optional	7.9
Bandages	Never permitted	11.21
Bits	Always required when riding. Only snaffle for dressage, pony club show rings, games and flat teams. No restrictions for SJ and CC	11.4
Boots (horse)	Not permitted in dressage test or show rings but permitted in warm up	11.21-11.23
Boots (rider)	Short Jodhpur or long boots in black or brown	10.7
Bridles	Must fit horse correctly	11.3
Chappettes/Chaps/Chinks	Not permitted	10.8
Cheek guards	Not permitted for dressage, flat/musical ride teams or show rings	11.6
Draw reins	Not permitted	12.1
Ear Covers/Fly Hood	Permitted . Must not have sound reducing material.	11.9
Ear rings	Removed or securely taped	10.4
Gaiters	Optional for any aged competitor	10.8
Gloves	Optional	10.11
Hair	Must be tied up to allow competitor number to be seen	10.3
Helmets	Must comply with nominated standards and fit	10.5
Helmet Cameras	Any visual/video recording device of whatsoever nature. Not permitted	12.1
Hooves	Must be in good order; may be unshod	11.1
Jewellery	Watches and medical bracelets permitted. No other visible jewellery unless taped	10.4
Jodhpurs	Similar in colour to :Banana, beige, white, fawn, oatmeal	10.2
Market Harboroughs	Not permitted	12.1
Martingales	Permitted SJ, XC, games. Rubber stopper always required Standing martingales are not permitted.	11.19
Moleskins	Similar in colour to :Banana, beige, white, fawn, oatmeal	10.2
Monkey grips/Neckstrap	Permitted	11.14
Muzzle Nets	Permitted.....	11.8
Nosebands	Optional: Cavesson, Dropped, Grackle or Hanoverian ,combination, Micklem for Dressage, Worcester not permitted Dressage	11.7, 22.2a
Plaiting	Not permitted for games. Optional for flat teams, musical ride and gymkhanas if OC permits	17.11, 19.9
Pessoa system	Not permitted.....	12.1
Raincoats	Optional, as long as competitor number and armband visible	10.11
Running martingales	Permitted SJ, XC, games, flat teams, musical ride and dressage warm up only. Polo Crosse Rubber stopper always required.....	11.19
Running reins	Not permitted	12.1
Saddle covers	Not permitted	11.12
Saddle pads	Commercial pad permitted	11.12
Saddlecloths	One only, must be used	11.12
Saddles	Compulsory unless specified otherwise. Must fit correctly.....	11.11
Side reins	Not permitted	12.1
Spurs	Permitted for all disciplines except games.	10.9
Standing martingales	Not permitted	11.19
Stirrup leathers	Must hang outside the saddle flap, free end may be in the keeper	11.16
Stirrup irons	Must fit the rider's boot. When ball of the foot is in the stirrup and the foot is over to one side there is about 15mm of space.....	11.17
Uniform	Includes PCANT logo garments like long sleeved shirts	7, 10.1
Watches/Timing Devices	Horse Trials - Grade 1-3 – PERMITTED; Grade 4-5 – NOT PERMITTED	10.15
Whips	Also refer to relevant disciplines, No hands in any manner through whip handle straps. No cutting of strap/flap	10.10

Key:

SJ = Show Jumping **XC** = Cross-country **OC** = Organising Committee **Polo Crosse**, refer rule 20 for all requirements

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24 Competition Quick Check Table

Item	Competition	Prep	Prelim	Novice	Elementary	Medium
Saddles	All	With a tree must clear withers and spine. Treeless permitted				
Saddlecloths	All	One only saddlecloth may be used, with or without one commercial riser pad A full numnah is a saddlecloth Folded saddlecloths, towels and other makeshift padding are not permitted				
Monkey Grips/neck strap	All	Yes				
Bits	Dressage Games Flat teams Musical Ride Gymkhanas/Show Rings	Snaffle No cheek guards, Tongue Layer /Grids				
	Show jumping Cross-country	No restrictions, cheek guards, Tongue Layer/Grids are permitted				
	Games	Snaffle & Cheek Guards permitted for Games				
Nosebands	All	Cavesson, Dropped, Grackle, Hanoverian combined or Miklem. Worcester not permitted for Dressage. Refer to illustrations in rule 22				
Fly goods/Ear Covers	All	Permitted – Rule 11.9 Must not have sound reducing material.				
Muzzle Nets	All	Permitted with Veterinary Surgeon letter – Rule 11.8				
Martingales	Games Show jumping Cross-country Flat Teams, Musical Ride	Yes				
	Dressage	No				
	Show Rings	No				
Whips	Pure Dressage Show Ring - Led Classes	1200 mm, including lash				
	HT,CT,SCC Dressage	Not permitted			750 mm including flap	
	Show jumping Cross-country Flat teams, Musical Ride Show Ring - Ridden classes	750 mm including flap				
	Games	No				
Spurs	Pure Dressage Horse Trials Dressage	Yes				
	Show Jumping Cross-country Show Rings	Yes				

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	Games	No
	Flat Teams, Musical Ride	Yes
Timing Devices/Watches	Cross Country	Grade 1-3 – PERMITTED; Grade 4-5 – NOT PERMITTED

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