



## To be read by D.C.'s, Trainers, Parents and Competitors

It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure the correct tack is used in conjunction with 2009 Rules. All tack should be properly maintained, correctly fitted & clean when presented for Tack Inspection. If a Tack Steward finds any gadget/bit or piece of saddlery that in his/her opinion is cruel, the Chief Steward, who has absolute discretion to forbid its use and to ban the respective animal from competition, will be called. Saddlery which is not allowed for competition may not, upon penalty of elimination, be worn on the day of competition. Actions deemed cruel will eliminate the combination of horse & rider. Rider only may school & ride their horse at competitions.

**Bridles:** Plain leather only recommended. Synthetic bridles must have leather strap at buckle end.

**Reins:** Plastic or nylon must have a leather insert at buckle. Lungeing in side reins is permitted but no other gadgets are allowed. Running/draw/check forbidden. No clips attaching reins to bit.

**Bitguards** Permitted, but must be smooth  
**Bitless bridles/**

**Hackamores** Not allowed in competition.

**Blinkers &/or  
Sheepskin cheek pieces** Forbidden

**Browbands** Plain leather only.

**Breastplates** Permitted

**Martingales** Running martingales are allowed. Rubber/leather stops must be fitted. No Standing martingales for cross country.

**Saddles** Black or brown of plain English type, and 2 (or more) buckled girth strap. Synthetic saddles allowed. No coloured saddles, no felt saddles.

**Stirrups** Safety stirrups not recommended. If safety stirrups are used they must have correct rubber bands and peacock leathers. Solid stirrups recommended for cross country. Stirrups must fit correctly, i.e. 2 cm space on either side of the foot. Stirrup bar must be down.

**Numnahs Saddle cloths/pads** White or dark colour only. Any piping round the edge should be of the same colour. No logo or writing.

**Twine** Forbidden, except for grass reins.

**Whips** (75cm) Must have flap on end.

**Studs** Care should be taken when using studs.

**Spurs** – Blunt only, made of metal without rowels or sharp edges. If curved, the curve must be downward and the shank straight back. **Metal spurs with rubber rowels and easy spurs allowed**

**Member: 3.5cm**

**Junior and Intermediate: 2cm**

**Under 12's competition – spurs not allowed.**

### CROSS-COUNTRY BITS:

**Must not be cruel or dangerous, at discretion of Tack Inspector/Chief Steward.**

No leather or wooden mouth-pieces allowed. Additional covering on any part not allowed.

Optional except that

a) Twisted snaffles and Elevators are not allowed.

b) Bits with fixed protrusions below the mouthpiece, to which either two reins attached to top ring and any other ring, OR single rein to rounding **OR to top or second ring.** Gag snaffles permitted with **two reins correctly fitted.**

**Double bridle** permitted for Intermediate and Members only.

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## GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION FOR RIDER'S TURN OUT & SAFETY

**Skull caps** - Only Skull Caps to PAS 015 or EN 1384 or ASTM F1163 (with S.E.I.) **Snell E2001 standard** are allowed. All skull caps must bear the CE mark and a quality symbol, either **BSI Kitemark** or the SEI Global symbol. Skull caps only for cross country.

**Chin Straps** - Must be fastened at all times when mounted (on penalty of elimination).

**Hair Nets** - Long hair must be tied-up in hair net.

**Body Protectors** - Correctly fitted (2cm below rib cage) must be worn for cross country training & competition. **Level 3 compulsory for Cross Country.**

**Body-rings/studs/Jewellery/Buttonholes** - are forbidden.

**Jodhpurs/Breeches** – only cream/white/beige.

**Medical Armbands** - Compulsory for all cross country competitions. Photo identification required on Medical armbands. Membership Cards must be carried in Medical Armbands for all competitions.

**Stocks** Traditional self-tied stocks are compulsory for cross country competitions. Stocks must be secure.

**Gaiters** Black or brown leather polished (not suede), may be worn with black or brown boots. **Suede allowed for Under 12's.**

**Sweatshirts** Branch colour or black or navy over body protectors or Rugby Shirt permissible for cross country. **Long sleeves required.**

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#### RIDER

	HAT PAS 015 EN 1384 SNELL 2001 with BSI Kitemark or ASTM F1163 with SEI	SKULL CAP PAS 015 En 1384 SNELL 2001 with BSI Kitemark or ASTM F1163 with SEI	BODY PRO- TECTOR  <b>L E V E L</b>  <b>3</b>	<b>G L O V E S</b>	<b>S T O C K</b>	<b>T I E</b>	<b>W H I P S</b>	SPURS  Jnr/Int 2cm Snr 3.5 cm Metal with curve pointed down ward. Easy spurs allowed	<b>C O L O U R S</b>	<b>MEDICAL ARMBAND WITH PHOTO</b>
Horse Trials	X	C	C	R	C	X	75cm	✓	✓	C
Hunter Trials	X	C	C	R	C	X	75cm	✓	✓	C
Tetrathlon	X	C	C	R	C	X	75cm	✓	✓	C

#### HORSE

	BRIDLE (leather recommended) If using synthetic fibre, recommended leather insert at rein buckle			NOSEBAND		MARTIN- GALE	GIRTHS Min. of two buckles	BOOTS OR BAND- AGES	SUR- CINGLE
	Snaffle	Pelham	Double	Cavesson Drop/Flash Grackle	Kineton				
Horse Trials	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	C	✓	R
Hunter Trials	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	C	✓	R
Tetrathlon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	C	✓	R

Key to symbols: ✓=permitted, X=forbidden, C=compulsory, R=recommended

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