

TACK & DRESS RULES DRESSAGE & RIDING TEST

TACK:

The following **ARE** permitted:

- ❖ English type saddles
- ❖ Side saddles, except for riding test
- ❖ Preliminary, novice, rural riders and riding tests ordinary snaffle bridles only
- ❖ Elementary and medium tests ordinary snaffle or double bridles
- ❖ Nosebands are obligatory (drop, flash or cavesson with a snaffle and a cavesson with a double bridle)
- ❖ **Discreet padding of the bridle at the poll or noseband is permitted**
- ❖ Breastplates
- ❖ Neckstraps in preliminary dressage or novice riders test only
- ❖ Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- ❖ Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- ❖ Stallions **MUST** wear a bridle tag

The following **ARE NOT** permitted:

- ❖ Martingales
- ❖ Bit guards, tongue guards and tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue
- ❖ Neckstraps (Novice tests and above and advanced riding tests)
- ❖ Grackles
- ❖ Boots and bandages (substitutes for conventional shoes are permitted)
- ❖ Saddle covers
- ❖ Seat savers, except an unobtrusive saddle coloured gel pad seat saver, unless the rider has dispensation from BRC office
- ❖ Market Harborough's, side, draw, check or running reins
- ❖ Hackamores and other bitless bridles, blinkers or hoods
- ❖ Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- ❖ Fly fringes, gauzes or ear covers only permitted in warm-up unless written permission from BRC office
- ❖ Full faced fly shields
- ❖ Sheepskin cheekpieces
- ❖ Side saddle in riding test only

DRESS:

- ❖ Jewellery or any items worn in facial or body piercings are **NOT** permitted
- ❖ Long hair hanging below the shoulder when standing **MUST** be in a hair net
- ❖ Collar and tie or hunting stock are permitted
- ❖ Black or brown polished gaiters with matching boots are permitted
- ❖ Gloves are compulsory for dressage and recommended for riding tests
- ❖ A hard hat with 3 point linkage harness to the appropriate standard **MUST** be worn
- ❖ Commanders for rural riders (Team of 6) **MUST** be in correct riding dress

EQUIPMENT:

- ❖ Whips must not exceed 110cm in length and are only allowed at Area competitions or at Area and Championships if carried by side saddle riders
- ❖ Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are **NOT** permitted

DRESS GUIDELINES

DRESSAGE & RIDING TESTS (Including dressage phase of Horse Trials)	
Hat	MUST wear a hard hat to at least the minimum standard, with a harness properly adjusted and fastened. Hats marked EN1384, PASO15:1998, ASTM F1163, BSEN14572:2005 or SEI. American standard SNELL E2001, ASTM 95, SNZ3838 1998. Skullcap hats must be worn with a silk
Jodhpurs & Breeches	White, cream or beige breeches or jodhpurs
Boots	Plain black or brown which may also be top boots or jodhpur boots. The boots should be a traditional style. Gaiters may be worn providing they are of identical leather to the boots and have no decoration of any sort
Jackets, Shirts & Body Protectors	Jacket may be dark blue or black with white stock. Tweed jacket with coloured stock or collar and tie. White stocks, white American collar or white shirts with collar and tie may be worn. Body protectors may be worn. If worn, it should be fitted and worn as per the manufacturers' guidelines.
Hair & Jewellery	No jewellery or any items worn in facial or body piercings are permitted. Hair must be neatly secured and MUST not hang lower than the shoulder line when standing normally
Gloves	Gloves of a light colour SHOULD be worn
Whips	Whips for Dressage and Riding Tests must not exceed 110cm. May be used when riding in, at Area qualifiers but NOT at Championships (except when a rider has a BRC Dispensation letter) In Horse Trials Whips may NOT be carried at Area qualifiers or at Championships
Spurs	Spurs are NOT permitted in Riding Tests In Dressage spurs of excessively severe design may not be worn, such designs include spurs with necks set to inside of heel, spurs with roughened/cutting edges and serrated spurs with or without necks. Spurs with smooth rowels not exceeding 1cm are allowed. Spurs may only be worn in the traditional manner, with the curve, if any, of the neck of the spur directed downwards. Spurs are not compulsory for Medium Dressage

At the discretion of the judge, competitors may be permitted to ride without jackets in excessively hot weather, but a suitable shirt that fastens at the neck (not bright or multi-coloured with a tie). American collar or correctly fastened stock must be worn. Shirts must have long sleeves. Plain, dark coloured waterproof coats may be worn in wet weather

- ❖ Spurs **MUST** be worn with the curve of the neck directed downwards
- ❖ Seniors may wear smooth rowels not exceeding 1cm in diameter
- ❖ Spurs that have a smooth rotating rubber or plastic ball on the shank are permitted
- ❖ Spurs are compulsory for medium dressage tests
- ❖ Spurs are **NOT** permitted for riding tests
- ❖ Cruppers and balancing straps are permitted
- ❖ You may not warm up in equipment not permitted in the actual test

COMMANDERS:

- ❖ Dressage and riding tests at Area competitions may be commanded, but **NOT** at the Championships. Rural riders (Team of 6) **MUST** be commanded at all times.