

## **Equestrian Australia Equipment Annex**





In conjunction with Section 5 of the Current Equestrian Australia Dressage Rules, the Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee seeks to provide the following information for clarification of permitted and non-permitted equipment for official competition. This document is not intended to imply approval if the target item of equipment is not listed. The Dressage Rules provide clear guidelines as to the equipment permitted. Wherever possible, the EADC is guided by rulings from the EADC and FEI Equipment Committees.










For additional equipment queries, please do not hesitate to fill in the query application form (found [here](#)) or for information please do not hesitate to contact the Equestrian Australia National office. This document will be updated twice a year.

















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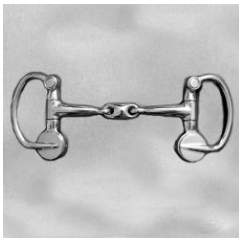





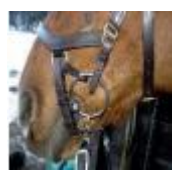

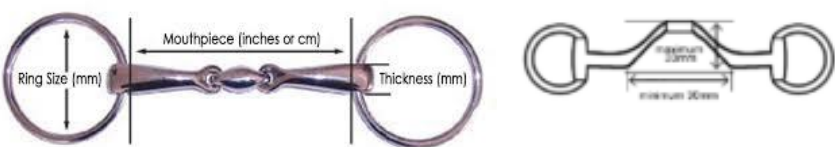
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Section 1	BIT RINGS/CHEEKS	STATUS
Hanging Cheek/Baucher		✓
Eggbutt		✓
Loose ring		✓
Sleeved cheeks		✓
Shaped sleeved Cheeks		✗ Elimination
Full cheek / Fulmer		✓
D-ring		✓
Various gag cheeks		✗ Elimination
Mylor (or similar) Cheeks for use With hooks		✗ Elimination
Bevel Bit/Cheeks		✗ Elimination

Section 2	BITS /MOUTHPIECES	STATUS
Ported Unjointed bit		✓
Mullen Mouth		✓
Flexible Mullen Mouth		✓
Double Jointed Snaffle		✓
Single jointed Snaffle (including lock up)		✓
Loose ring Dressage Plate		✓
Cable double Jointed		✓
Cable Single Jointed		✓
Ported barrel		✓

B-ring snaffle		 Elimination
Dr Bristol		 Elimination
Mouthpiece with rotating middle piece		
Loose Ring Tube		 Elimination
Turtle Top Snaffle		
Myler permitted Snaffles		
Double jointed plastic bit		
Pinchless Snaffle		

Happy Mouth Straight bar		 Elimination
Beris Mullen Straight bar		 Elimination
Flexible Mullen Straight bar with lip guards		 Elimination
Plastic covered Weymouth		
Neue Schule Turtle Tilt		 Elimination Updated 6 Jly 2021, FEI recommendation
Weymouth (largest) and smallest ports illustrated)		
Weymouth with sliding mouthpiece, rotating arms or tilted mouthpiece		

Various mouthpieces		 Elimination
Bits with interference on the rings		 Elimination
Coloured Bits		 Two mark deduction
Bit guards		 Elimination
Bit clips on ergonomic bridles		 Elimination
Measuring Bits		N/A



## Section 3

## BRIDLES & NOSEBANDS

## STATUS

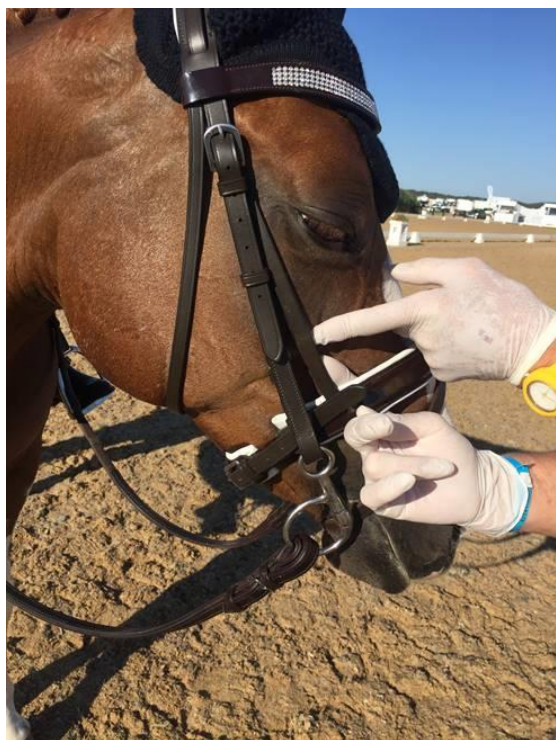
### ALL BRIDLES MUST HAVE A THROAT LASH

#### Equestrian Australian Dressage Committee Statement

The Equestrian Australian Dressage Committee (EADC) wishes to reiterate that **welfare of the horse is paramount** in all that it does, whether developing rules for the sport or in training of its dressage stewards and judges – an active on-going program.

Nosebands that are too tightly fitted regardless of type are never acceptable. Nosebands must never be used in such a way that they interfere with a horse's breathing. Riders failing to loosen a noseband on request from a steward or judge will be **eliminated**.


- Noseband checking is done by a steward. It must be possible to place at least **one** finger between the horse's cheek and the noseband. *See illustration below.*
- Nosebands can be checked prior to or after the completion of a test
- Not all nosebands are required to be checked, if a visual assessment confirms that the noseband is **not** too tight.
- During a test if the Judge believes a noseband is too tight, they must at the end of the test instruct the rider to return to the gear check. The Steward must report back to the judge after checking the noseband.
- When checking bridle/noseband the steward must wear two clean disposable gloves
- The checking of the bridle/noseband must be done with the greatest caution, as some horses are very touchy and sensitive. Stewards must keep in mind that the safety and welfare of the horse and the Athlete are our highest priority and concern!
- The execution of adjustment of equipment must be done by the rider or the groom and **not** the steward.



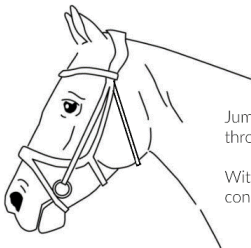






*Measuring a cavason noseband*






















*Measuring a flash or drop noseband 1*

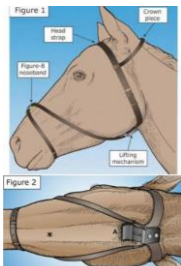











Bridles with anatomical/padded headpiece		✓
PS of Sweden noseband (with throat lash)		✓
PS of Sweden Nirak (with Throat lash)		✓
PS Of Sweden Noseband, (with Throat Lash)	<p>PS of Sweden Noseband, only used WITH throat latch</p> 	✓
PS of Sweden High Jump Bridle	 <p>High Jump bridle with throat latch. Without elastic connections to the bit</p>	✓



PS of Sweden Jump Off Bridle	 <p>Jump Off bridle with throat latch.</p> <p>Without elastic connections to the bit</p>	✓
PS of Sweden (Elastic Concept)	<p><b>Elastic Concept for rein and cheek piece by PS of Sweden</b></p> <p>Here we have attached a durable and strong elastic band that is attached to the leather. The elastic touches <b>NEVER</b> the bit. The elastic helps the bit to be a little bit flexible and more dynamic in the mouth.</p> <p>Elastic is placed up here on the cheek piece and is hidden under the keeper.</p> <p>Leather</p> <p>Leather</p> <p>Leather</p> <p>The bit will only and always be in contact with leather, never anything else.</p>  <p>PS of Sweden, 7th of March 2017</p>	✓
Bridles with D Rings at the Poll	 	✓
Tota Comfort system noseband	 	✓
Stubben Snaffle Bridle 2500 Freedom		✓

Passier Fortuna Double Bridle (Elastic Insert in Neckband, under Browband)			
Osiris Bridle by VT-Horses	 <small>Picture from Patent number FR0901838</small>  <small>Osiris Bridle and double Bridle by vt-horses</small>		
Micklem Bridle			
St Zaum Bridle May be used with a double bridle if the lower strap of the nose band is removed.			











Dyon X-Fit Anatomic		
Dyon Double		 Elimination
Added Padding on Bridle		 Elimination
Blinkers of any type, including wool padding on cheek piece	 	 Elimination
Double Cavesson Noseband		 Elimination




Cornell Collar		 Elimination
Three way noseband		 Elimination
Elastic Reins		 Elimination
<b>Section 4</b>	<b>COMPETITION WEAR</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Bright coloured jackets are not permitted. Jackets must be of a dark colour with a brightness value of less than 32% on the international HSV colour scale		 Two mark deduction
Top hats are not permitted at any level		 Elimination
Mirrored Helmets (dark reflective helmets are however permitted)		 Two mark deduction

















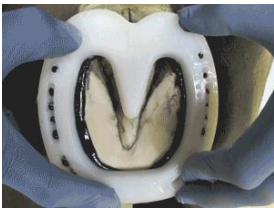







Sleeveless Riding Jackets		✓
Coloured riding boots		✗ Two mark deduction
Full length laced boots		✓
Full Length Zipped Boots with Coloured Piping		✗ Two mark deduction
Embossing /decoration at the top of the Top Boot <b>only</b> is permitted but must be in the same colour scheme as the boot. The same applies to the cantle of the saddle.		✓









A neat and discrete zip on the outside area of the boot/chap is permitted.			
Coloured piping is permitted if it matches the piping on the Riding Jacket & or saddle			
Large buckles at the ankle of the boot are considered a safety issue and are not allowed			 Elimination
<b>Section 5</b>	<b>SADDLES AND STIRRUPS</b>		<b>STATUS</b>
Stock Saddles Western Saddles Jumping Saddles			 Elimination
Stirrups & leathers must be fitted to the outside saddle flap			

Magnetic Stirrups		 Elimination
Coloured & rainbow Stirrups		 Two mark deduction
Velcro straps to Stirrups		 Elimination
Step-up Stirrups		 Elimination
Safety Stirrups are allowed <b>open branch</b> on the Inside of the stirrup is also allowed		 Updated 6 Jly 2021
Safety Stirrup open branch on the outside of the stirrup is allowed		
<b>Section 6</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT &amp; ACCESSORIES</b>	

Ear bonnet/hoods (no additional insulation & no ear plugs allowed)		
Kinesiology Tape (not permitted in competition)		 Elimination
Exercise sheets		 Although permitted in warm-up
Arabian Martingale (not allowed on grounds)		 Elimination
<b>Section 7</b>	<b>HORSE BOOTS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Boots or Bandages that cover the hoof		 Elimination
Glu on Shu's		 Elimination
Hoof boots		 Warm-up only

Nailed or Glued shoes (must not cover more of the hoof wall than that of a nailed shoe. Bulbs of the heel & full circumference of coronary band must be visible)		✓
Section 8	SPURS	STATUS
Spurs with a Rowel in the Vertical Plane (must be blunt)		✓
Small Sharp Segmented Rowel Spurs		✗ Elimination
Spurs with rowels in the horizontal		✗ Elimination
Swan Neck Spurs (Fitted as illustrated)		✓
Smart Clix Spurs		✓
Soft Touch Spurs		✓
Coloured Spurs		✗ Two mark deduction

Hard plastic Spurs		
Spurs without a shank		
Spurs with side rowels		 Elimination
Bent Shank on Spurs		 Elimination
Spursuader Spurs		 Elimination