

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.

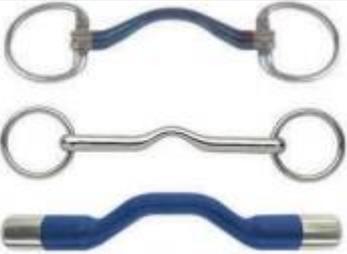
For additional equipment queries, please do not hesitate to fill in the query application form (found [here](#)) or for information please do not hesitate to contact the Equestrian Australia National office. This document will be updated twice a year.

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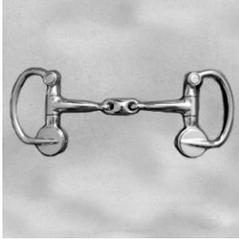
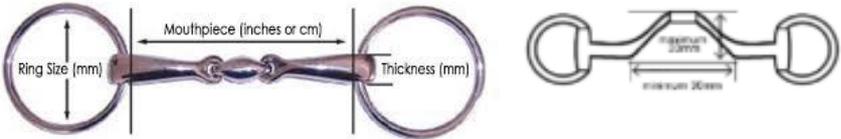
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Section 1	BIT RINGS/CHEEKS	STATUS
Hanging Cheek/Baucher		
Eggbutt		
Loose ring		
Sleeved cheeks		
Shaped sleeved Cheeks		 Elimination
Full cheek / Fulmer		
D-ring		
Various gag cheeks		 Elimination
Mylor (or similar) Cheeks for use With hooks		 Elimination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

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

Section 3

BRIDLES & NOSEBANDS

STATUS

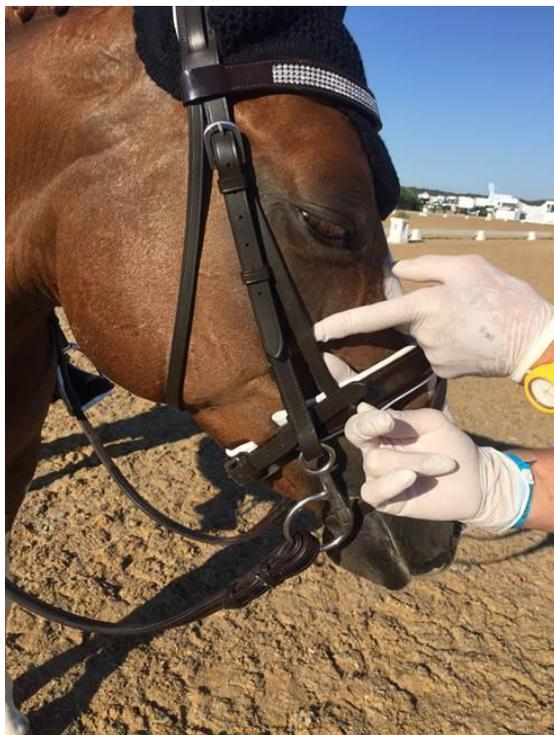
ALL BRIDLES MUST HAVE A THROAT LASH

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**.

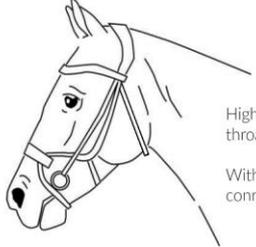
- Noseband checking is done by a steward. It must be possible to place at least **one** finger between the horse's cheek and the noseband. *See illustration below.*
- Nosebands can be checked prior to or after the completion of a test
- Not all nosebands are required to be checked, if a visual assessment 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.

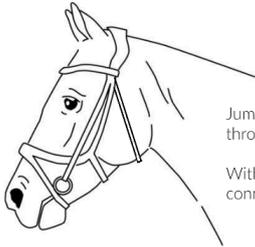
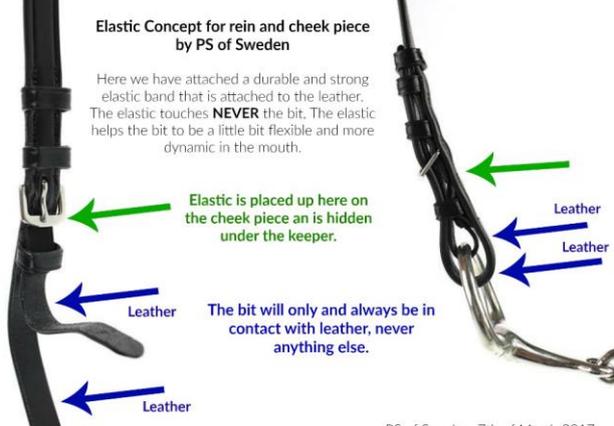


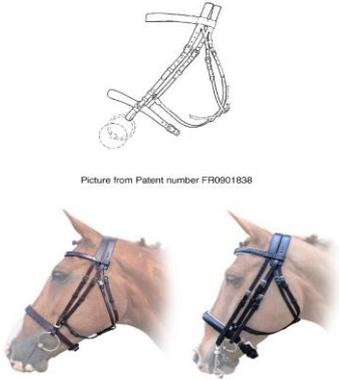
Measuring a cavason noseband

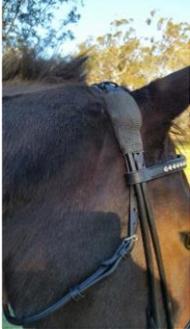


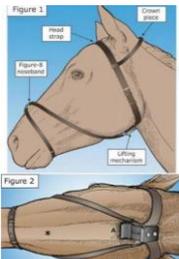
Measuring a flash or drop noseband 1

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

<p>PS of Sweden Jump Off Bridle</p>	 <p>Jump Off bridle with throat latch. Without elastic connections to the bit</p>	
<p>PS of Sweden (Elastic Concept)</p>	<p>Elastic Concept for rein and cheek piece by PS of Sweden</p> <p>Here we have attached a durable and strong elastic band that is attached to the leather. The elastic touches NEVER 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 an is hidden under the keeper.</p> <p>Leather Leather 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>	
<p>Bridles with D Rings at the Poll</p>		
<p>Tota Comfort system noseband</p>		
<p>Stubben Snaffle Bridle 2500 Freedom</p>		

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

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

Cornell Collar		 <p>Elimination</p>
Three way noseband		 <p>Elimination</p>
Elastic Reins		 <p>Elimination</p>
Section 4	COMPETITION WEAR	STATUS
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		 <p>Two mark deduction</p>
Top hats are not permitted at any level		 <p>Elimination</p>
Mirrored Helmets (dark reflective helmets are however permitted)		 <p>Two mark deduction</p>

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

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

Magnetic Stirrups		 Elimination
Coloured & rainbow Stirrups		 Two mark deduction
Velcro straps to Stirrups		 Elimination
Step-up Stirrups		 Elimination
Safety Stirrups are allowed open branch 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		
Section 6 ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES		

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
Section 7	HORSE BOOTS	STATUS
Boots or Bandages that cover the hoof		 Elimination
Glu on Shu's		 Elimination
Hoof boots		 Warm-up only

<p>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)</p>		
<p>Section 8 SPURS</p>		<p>STATUS</p>
<p>Spurs with a Rowel in the Vertical Plane (must be blunt)</p>		
<p>Small Sharp Segmented Rowel Spurs</p>		 <p>Elimination</p>
<p>Spurs with rowels in the horizontal</p>		 <p>Elimination</p>
<p>Swan Neck Spurs (Fitted as illustrated)</p>		
<p>Smart Clix Spurs</p>		
<p>Soft Touch Spurs</p>		
<p>Coloured Spurs</p>		 <p>Two mark deduction</p>

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