

Equestrian Australia Equipment Annex

In conjunction with Section 2 of the Equestrian Australia Dressage Rules updated in July 2017 (found [here](#)), the Australian Dressage Committee seeks to provide the following information for clarification of 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 ADC is guided by rulings from the FEI Equipment Committee.

Please see link below to the FEI Dressage Equipment page:

<http://www.fei.org/fei/disc/dressage/useful-docs>








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 along with the questions received from FEI Officials, SDAs etc





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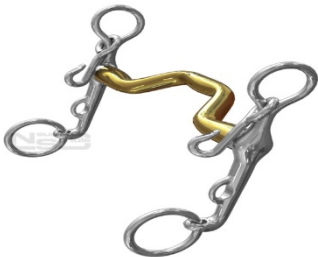

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BITS APPROVED	STATUS
<p>Double Jointed Hanging Cheek – All approved Singled Jointed Bits to be allowed with approved double jointed lozenges</p> <div data-bbox="153 539 758 707">  <p>Permitted</p> </div> <div data-bbox="153 752 1062 931"> <p>Permitted – approved</p>  <p>03/08/2017</p> </div>	Permitted
<p>Bombers Equestrian – Bomber Blue</p> 	Permitted
<p>Bombers Equestrian – Loose Ring Dressage Plate</p> 	Permitted
<p>Bombers Equestrian – Elliptical Cable</p> 	Permitted
<p>Bombers Equestrian – Elliptical Dressage Control</p> 	Permitted
<p>Bombers Equestrian – Happy Tongue</p> 	Permitted

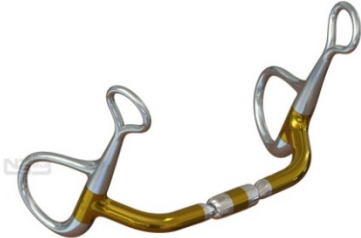





<p>Bombers Equestrian – Ported Barrel</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Bombers Equestrian – Snaffle Cable</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Bombers Equestrian – Flexible Mullen</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Bombers Equestrian – Loose Ring Ultra Comfy</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Equine Industry – TRUST Sweet Iron Medium Port</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Equine Industry – TRUST Inno Sense Port Mouth</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>


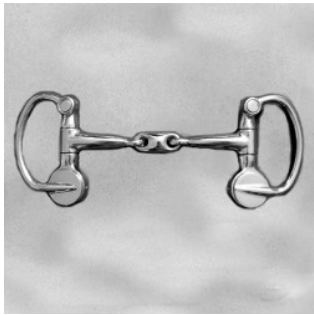


<p>Neue Schule – Turtle Tactio Snaffle</p> 	Permitted
<p>Neue Schule – Turtle Top Snaffle</p> 	Permitted
<p>Neue Schule – Turtle Top Curb</p> 	Permitted
<p>Sprenger Flex Control Single Jointed Bit</p> 	Permitted





<p>Myler Weymouth (Curb) Bits Smallest & Largest Port Illustrated</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Myler Bits</p> <p>Myler 02 as Snaffle and Bridoon (below image)</p>  <p>Myler 32 as Snaffle or Bridoon (below image)</p>  <p>Myler 04 as Snaffle and Bridoon (below image)</p>  <p>Myler 06 as Snaffle and Bridoon (below image)</p>  <p>Myler 36 as Snaffle and Bridoon (below image)</p>  <p>Myler 33WL as Snaffle (below image)</p>  <p>Myler 33 as Snaffle (below image)</p> 	<p>Permitted 19/09/2016</p>

<p>PZ Eggbutt Snaffle – Centre piece must move, and must not have hanging cheeks</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Neue Schule Verbindend – Centre piece must move, and must not have hanging cheeks</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Snaffle Bit with Port – Must have straight line between rings</p> 	<p>Permitted 10/02/2015</p>
<p>Robart Pinchless Snaffle</p> 	<p>Permitted 21/04/2015</p>
<p>Weymouth Bit with Tilted Mouthpiece</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Happy Mouth Bit HB-6000-SP</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>

<p>Happy Mouth Bit HB-6801-SP</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
BITS NOT APPROVED	STATUS
<p>Bits with Wings at Corners of Mouth (i.e. Stubben Golden Wings Snaffle / Herm Sprenger KK Type 2 Bit)</p> <div>   </div> <p>Sprenger Golden Wings Snaffle Herm Sprenger KK Type 2 Bit</p>	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Bits with Tongue Plates (i.e. Winning Tongue Plate Bits) The central plate or lozenge cannot be of a greater diameter than the widest part of the bit. The central plate seeks to apply pressure to the tongue, Tongue plates are not permitted.</p> <div>     </div>	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Ring Type is Not Permitted</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>

Forward Tilted Bits with Hanging Cheeks		NOT Permitted
		
Snaffle Bits with a Port, where there is not a straight line between the rings, and no central moveable joint		NOT Permitted
		
Myler MB03		NOT Permitted
		
Snaffle bits with twists in the centre piece (i.e. Waterford snaffles) Dual link mouth pieces strictly forbidden		NOT Permitted
 		
Rotary Curb Bit		NOT Permitted
		

<p>Bits with a gag action</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Bits with interferences on the side;</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Nathe Loose Ring Mullen Mouth Snaffle and Sprenger Duo Snaffle</p> <p>NATHE Loose Ring Mullen Mouth Snaffle Bit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Made in Germany · Flexible steel core · Safety guarantee · Allergy free for sensitive mouths · Rings and sides made of stainless steel · Promotes chewing <p>For more than 20 years Nathe has developed and manufactured synthetic bits for top-class sport as well as for leisure riding.</p> <p>All bits are manufactured in Germany and come with a tear-proof and a safety guarantee (on the steel core) by the manufacturer.</p> <p>The bits encourage the horse's chewing and activate salivation; the mouthpieces prevent allergic reactions.</p> <p>The bits are outstanding gentle to the horse's mouth and tongue, and are especially advisable for the riding of sensitive horses as well as for a very sensitive way of riding.</p>  <p>flexible steel core</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>

<p>Wired Straight Snaffle</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Beris Mullen Eggbutt Snaffle Bit. Soft, Medium & Hard</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Coloured bits</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>How to measure bit dimensions</p> 	

BRIDLES & NOSEBANDS APPROVED	STATUS
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ALL BRIDLES MUST HAVE A THROAT LASH

Australian Dressage Committee Statement

The Australian Dressage Committee (ADC) 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.

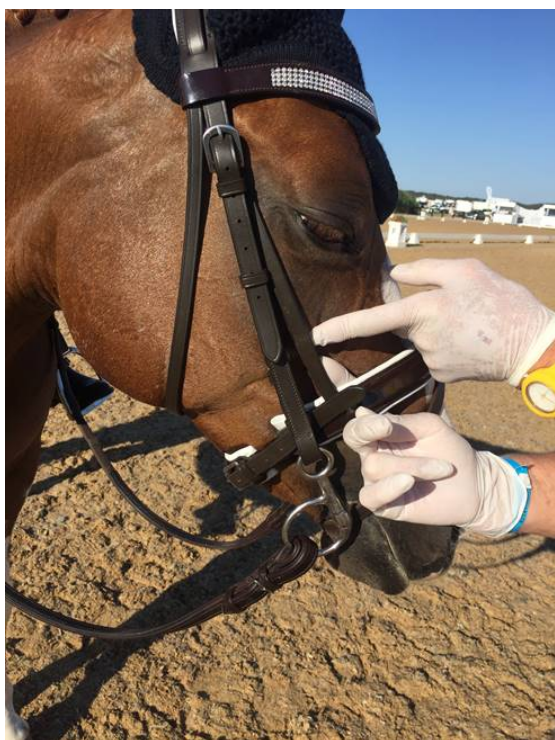
Nosebands that are too tightly fitted regardless of type are never acceptable. Nosebands must never be used in such a way that they interfere with a horse's breathing. Riders failing to loosen a noseband on request from a steward or judge will be **eliminated**.

- 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 have to 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.

Caveson measurement guide




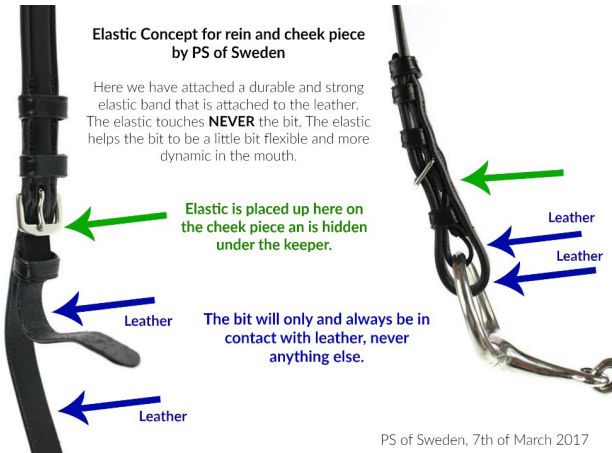
Flash or drop noseband measurement guide







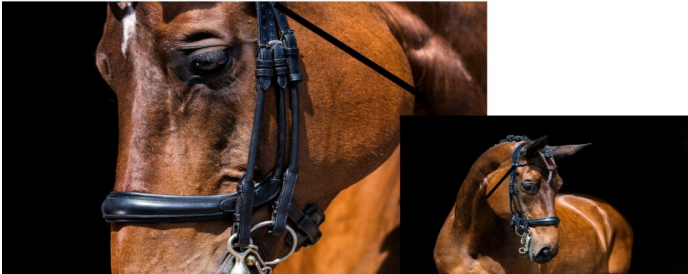
PS Of Sweden – Pioneer Bridle
(Note: Only permitted with a Throat Lash)

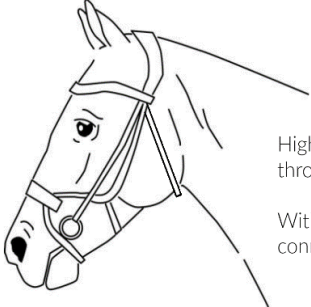
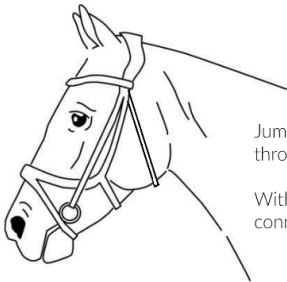







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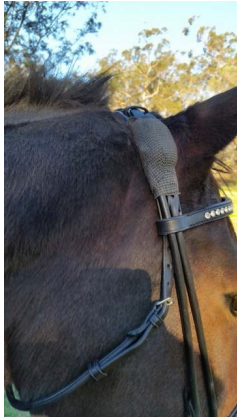



<p>PS Of Sweden – Nirak Bridle (Note: Only permitted with a Throat Lash)</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>PS Of Sweden – Elastic Concept</p>  <p>Elastic Concept for rein and cheek piece by PS of Sweden</p> <p>Here we have attached a durable and strong elastic band that is attached to the leather. The elastic 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 and is hidden under the keeper.</p> <p>The bit will only and always be in contact with leather, never anything else.</p> <p>Leather</p> <p>Leather</p> <p>Leather</p> <p>Leather</p> <p>Leather</p> <p>PS of Sweden, 7th of March 2017</p>	<p>Permitted</p>

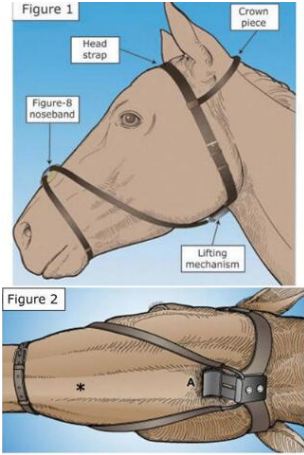






<p>Bridles with D Rings at Poll</p> <div data-bbox="165 465 625 1070">  </div> <div data-bbox="649 486 1082 1090">  </div>



<p>Stubben Snaffle Bridle 2500 Freedom</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Passier Fortuna Double Bridle Elastic Insert in Neckband, under Browband</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>PS Of Sweden Noseband, Only used with Throat Lash</p> <p>PS of Sweden Noseband, only used WITH throat latch</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>

<p>PS Of Sweden High Jump Bridle</p>  <p>High Jump bridle with throat latch.</p> <p>Without elastic connections to the bit</p>	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>PS Of Sweden Jump Off Bridle</p>  <p>Jump Off bridle with throat latch.</p> <p>Without elastic connections to the bit</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>Permitted</p>





<p>Micklem Bridle</p> 	<p>Permitted Only with Snaffles</p>
<p>St Zaum Bridle May be used with a double bridle if the lower strap of the nose band is removed.</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
BRIDLES & NOSEBANDS <u>NOT</u> APPROVED	
<p>Micklem bridle with clips</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>




<p>Added Padding on Bridle</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Blinkers of any type, including wool padding on cheek piece</p>  	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Double Cavesson Noseband</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>







<p>Cornell Collar</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Three way noseband</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
COMPETITION WEAR	STATUS
<p>Competition Riding Jackets</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">  Black </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">  Navy Blue </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">  Brown </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">  Light Blue </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">  Red </div> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> ✓ ✓ </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> ✓ ✗ ✗ </div> </div> </div>	<p>Permitted</p>




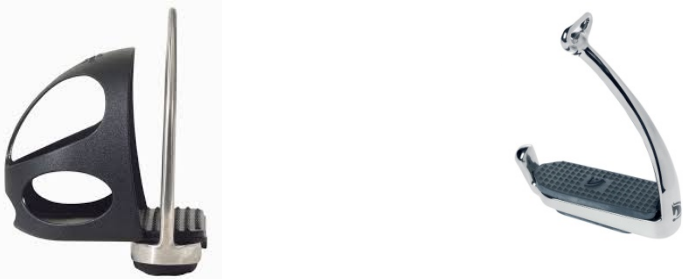
<p>Competition Helmets</p>  <p>Black & Navy – Permitted</p> <p>Silver & Gold – NOT Permitted</p>		Permitted
EAR HOODS		STATUS
<p>Ear Hoods/Bonnets – permitted for all events. Ear hoods may also provide noise reduction as per manufactured state. No added noise reduction materials may be added.</p>  <p>A steward may request the removal of the ear hood for checking. This must be done after the horse has completed their test. The execution of the removal must be undertaken by the rider or the groom.</p>		Permitted
HORSE BOOTS		STATUS
<p>Boots or Bandages that Cover Part of Hoof</p> 		NOT Permitted
 <p>Glu Shu's</p>		NOT Permitted

<p>Hoof boots (can be worn in warmup)</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted In Competition</p>
<p>Plastic/synthetic shoes may be nailed or glued on. Plastic/synthetic shoes cannot cover any more of the hoof wall than does a nailed shoe. The bulbs of the heel and full circumference of coronary band must be clearly visible</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
RIDING BOOTS	STATUS
<p>Coloured Boots</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>

<p>Full Length Laced Boots</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Full Length Zipped Boots with Coloured Piping</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Embossing/decoration at the top of the Top Boot only is allowed but must be in the same colour scheme as the boot. The same applies to the cantle of the saddle.</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>A neat and discrete zip on the outside area of the boot/chap is acceptable.</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>


Coloured piping on Top Boots is allowed if it matches the piping on the Riding Jacket		Permitted
		
SPURS APPROVED		STATUS
<p>Spurs with a Rowel in the Vertical Plane</p> <p>Note: Rowelled Spurs are NOT Permitted in FEI Sanctioned Events for Ponies</p> 		Permitted
<p>Swan Neck Spurs if the shank is straight</p> 		Permitted

<p>Smart Clix Spurs with Rowel in Correct Plane</p>  	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Soft Touch Spurs Note: The rolling BALL below is in the horizontal plane but is permitted since it a “roll” and not a “rowel.”</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
<p>Hard Plastic Spurs</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>
SPURS <u>NOT</u> APPROVED	STATUS
<p>Spurs with rowels in the horizontal</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Spurs with side rowels</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>

<p>Bent Shank on Spurs</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Spursuader Spurs</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Small Sharp Segmented Rowel Spurs</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
STIRRUPS APPROVED	
<p>Safety Stirrups</p> 	<p>Permitted</p>

STIRRUPS <u>NOT</u> APPROVED	STATUS
<p>On Tye Magnetic Stirrups</p>  <p>How the System Works:</p> <p><i>Pull up and the magnet is strong. Pull back and the magnet is strong.</i></p> <p><i>As soon as an angle is introduced, the connection is easily broken.</i></p>	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>K'vall" stirrups</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
<p>Step up Stirrups</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>

<p>Metallic Stirrup Irons and/or Treads (Note: Coloured Inserts are permitted as long as they are not visible when the riders boot is in the stirrup)</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>
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Martingales	STATUS
<p>This type of Martingale is not permitted</p> 	<p>NOT Permitted</p>