

## Appendix 5: TACK RULES – DRESSAGE & RIDING TEST (to be read in conjunction with Rule G20)

### TACK:

The following **ARE** permitted:

- English type saddles
- Preliminary, novice, rural riders and riding tests – ordinary snaffle bridles only
- **Micklem Bridles with permitted bits 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
- **Nose nets that are discreet and cover the nose only, leaving the mouth and bit visible**
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps **at Prelim level and Novice Riding Test (may be used for riding in at any level)**
- Anti fly impregnated brow-bands or fly repellent discs
- **Discreet fly fringes, gauzes or ear covers (outdoors only)**
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- **Side saddles (Dressage only)**

The following **ARE NOT** permitted:

- Martingales
- Bit guards, tongue guards and tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue
- Grackle
- Boots and bandages (substitutes for conventional shoes are permitted)
- Saddle covers
- Elasticated reins
- 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
- **Ear plugs**
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Cheekpieces of Sheepskin, or any other material

### EQUIPMENT:

- Whips must not exceed 110cm in length and are only allowed at Area competitions. Side saddle riders are allowed a whip at Area and

#### Championships

- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are NOT permitted
- 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
- ***Whips and Spurs are 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

## **TACK RULES - HORSE TRIALS DRESSAGE**

**(to be read in conjunction with Rule G20)**

### **TACK:**

The following **ARE** permitted:

- English type saddles
- Nosebands are obligatory (drop, flash or cavesson with a snaffle and a cavesson with a double bridle or grackle)
- Discreet padding of the bridle at the poll or noseband is permitted
- Breastplates
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- **Neckstraps**

The following **ARE NOT** permitted:

- Side saddles
- Martingales
- Bit guards, tongue guards and tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue
- Boots and bandages
- Saddle covers
- Elasticated reins
- 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

### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Whips are NOT permitted
- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are NOT permitted
- 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
- For horse trials dressage spurs must not exceed 3.5cms
- Cruppers and balancing straps are permitted
- You may not warm up in equipment not permitted in the actual test

### **COMMANDERS:**

- Commanders are not allowed

## TACK & DRESS RULES - SHOW JUMPING

(to be read in conjunction with Rule G20)

### TACK:

The following **ARE** permitted:

- English type saddles
- More than one noseband may be worn at a time
- Market Harborough's (juniors and seniors) but not in combination with any other martingale
- Only one martingale (standing, Irish or running) standing **MUST** be attached to the cavesson part of the noseband fitted above the bit, running **MUST** have rein stops
- Tongue guards that are properly made and detached from the reins and bits
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles – senior competitions only
- **Micklem bridles**
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times
- Side Saddles

The following **ARE NOT** permitted:

- Saddle covers and seat savers
- Side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles - junior competitions only
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Sheepskin cheekpieces
- Tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue

### EQUIPMENT:

- Whips are permitted but **MUST** be between 45cm and 75cm
- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are **NOT** permitted
- 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 must **NOT** exceed 3cm

## **TACK RULES - HORSE TRIALS SHOW JUMPING**

(to be read in conjunction with Rule G20)

### **TACK:**

The following **ARE** permitted:

- English type saddles
- More than one noseband may be worn at a time
- Only one martingale (Irish or running) running **MUST** have rein stops
- Tongue guards that are properly made and detached from the reins and bits
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles - senior competitions only
- ***Micklem Bridles***
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times

The following **ARE NOT** permitted:

- Side saddles
- Saddle covers and seat savers
- Market Harborough's
- Side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles - junior competitions
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Cheekpieces of Sheepskin, or any other material
- Tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue

### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Whips are permitted but **MUST** be between 45cm and 75cm
- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are **NOT** permitted
- 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 must **NOT** exceed 3.5cm

## **TACK RULES - STYLE JUMPING**

**(to be read in conjunction with Rule G20)**

### **TACK:**

The following **ARE** permitted:

- English type saddles
- Only ordinary snaffle bridles are permitted
- Only one noseband may be worn at a time, drop, flash, grackle or cavesson
- Only a running martingale with rein stops (but will incur a 5 point penalty)
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles – senior competitions only
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times

The following **ARE NOT** permitted:

- Side saddles
- Saddle covers and seat savers
- Market Harborough's
- Tongue guards
- Side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles in junior competitions
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Cheekpieces of Sheepskin, or any other material
- Tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue

### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Whips are permitted but **MUST** be between 45cm and 75cm
- Spurs **are** permitted

**TACK RULES - CROSS-COUNTRY**  
**(INCLUDING HUNTER TRIALS & FOTH CHALLENGE)**  
(to be read in conjunction with Rule G20)

**TACK:**

The following **ARE** permitted:

- English type saddles
- More than one noseband may be worn at a time
- Only one martingale (Irish or running) running **MUST** have rein stops
- Tongue guards that are properly made and detached from the reins and bits
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles – senior competitions only
- ***Micklem bridles***
- Bitguards provided that they are made of rubber and are smooth on both sides
- Boots and bandages
- Breastplates
- Neckstraps
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times

The following **ARE NOT** permitted:

- Side saddles
- Saddle covers and seat savers
- Market Harborough's
- Side, draw, check or running reins
- Hackamores and other bitless bridles in junior competitions
- Blinkers or hoods which impede the horses vision
- Fine wire, twine or cord around the horses mouth
- Full faced fly shields
- Cheekpieces of Sheepskin, or any other material
- Tongue straps

**EQUIPMENT:**

- Watches are **NOT** to be worn in one day events or hunter trials
- **NO** electronic devices may be worn
- Medical armbands **MUST** be worn
- Whips are permitted but **MUST** be between 45cm and 75cm
- Spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, roughened or cutting edges serrated spurs with or without necks are **NOT** permitted
- 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 must **NOT** exceed 3.5cm

## **TACK RULES – SHOWING**

**(to be read in conjunction with Rule G20)**

### **TACK:**

The following **ARE** permitted:

- English type saddles, including side saddles
- Snaffle or double bridles
- Nosebands must be worn - drop, flash, grackle or plain cavesson for working pony/horse and working cob, plain cavesson only for all ridden classes
- Discreet padding of the bridle at the poll or noseband is permitted
- Breastplates
- Running martingales may be worn in working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes only
- Boots of a plain colour may be worn in jumping phase of working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes only
- Anti fly impregnated browbands or fly repellent discs
- Numnahs and saddle cloths (logos must be no more than 14cm x 14cm)
- A stallion disc **MUST** be displayed on each side of a stallions bridle at all times

The following **ARE NOT** permitted:

- Martingales other than in working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes
- Bit guards, tongue guards and tongue straps or tying down the horses tongue
- Neckstraps
- Boots (except in jumping phase of working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes) and bandages
- 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
- Cheekpieces of Sheepskin, or any other material

### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Whips are only allowed in the jumping phase of working hunter pony/horse and working cob classes only
- Show canes are allowed
- Spurs, if worn, must be of smooth metal, there must be a shank, which must be no more than 3.5 cm long without rowels. Spurs may only be worn in the traditional manner, with the curve, if any, of the neck of the spur directed downwards.
- Cruppers and balancing straps are permitted
- You may not warm up in equipment not permitted in the actual show