

FAQs – FEI JUMPING TACK AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Do these tack requirements apply to National Events?

No. The FEI is the international governing body for equestrian sport in Jumping, Dressage, Para-Dressage, Eventing, Endurance, Driving and Vaulting. The FEI Rules and Regulations are applicable solely to international Events. National Federations (NFs) have their own rules and regulations applicable to national Events.

In addition, national government legislation regarding animal welfare applies at the FEI Events in each respective host country.

Are these tack requirements the same across all FEI disciplines?

No. While the core principle of Horse welfare remains paramount across all FEI disciplines, specific tack allowances may vary depending on the discipline. This document applies exclusively to Jumping. Athletes competing in other disciplines should consult the respective rulebooks and the FEI TackApp for their specific discipline.

Where are these tack requirements enforceable?

At all FEI International Jumping Events, across the entire Event venue and for the full duration of the Event.

Who was involved in creating these tack requirements?

FEI Headquarters created the requirements in close consultation with a dedicated working group of high-level FEI Officials and Athletes. The requirements have also been approved by the FEI Jumping Committee and the FEI Board.

Why does the FEI regulate tack and equipment?

As the FEI's core value, Horse welfare remains paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences. Regulating tack mitigates the risk of tack and equipment causing discomfort or injury to the Horse, whilst also guaranteeing a level playing field and fair play for all competitors.

Can an FEI Official prohibit the use of a tack or equipment even if it is not explicitly banned in the rules?

Yes. At FEI Events, FEI Officials are authorised to inspect tack, equipment and/or dress. Where necessary, they have the authority to prohibit the use of any items that do not comply with the FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements, the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database/FEI Tack App, the FEI Veterinary Regulations and/or any other FEI Rules and Regulations. In addition, the FEI Officials have the authority to immediately prohibit any tack and equipment item that may compromise Horse welfare and/or the safety of the Horse and/or Athlete.

What if an item is not explicitly listed in the requirements, the FEI Tack App, the FEI Veterinary Regulations, or any other FEI Rules and Regulations?

If in doubt whether an item is permitted or not, Athletes and Support Personnel should approach the Chief Steward on site at an Event for clarification or send the query to jumping@fei.org.

Can these requirements be changed or updated?

Yes. The FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements are adaptive so that the FEI can react efficiently to innovations in tack design and industry developments. The requirements can be updated by the FEI Headquarters as required to uphold fair play and Horse welfare.

How often will these tack requirements be updated?

The FEI aims to maintain consistency and stability within these requirements. Therefore, the document is only updated when necessary to provide essential clarifications, accommodate industry innovations, or address emerging considerations regarding Horse and Athlete welfare and safety.

Any amendment to, or update of, the FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements shall be published no less than thirty (30) days prior to its entry into force.

Furthermore, in order to protect adequate preparation for Major Events, no such amendment or update shall enter into force within the three (3) months immediately preceding any of the following Major Events:

- the Olympic Games;
- the FEI World Championships;
- the Continental Championships.

How often is the Tack App updated?

The FEI Tack App and Database are updated on the first Monday of each month, as required.

What happens when new items of tack and equipment are manufactured?

Newly manufactured tack and equipment must, at a minimum, strictly comply with the requirements laid out in the current FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements. Manufacturers are encouraged to submit new, unconventional designs to the FEI for assessment prior to commercial distribution to ensure they meet our welfare and sporting standards.