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PREAMBLE

All tack and equipment (saddlery) and artificial aid rules and principles have been removed from the Sport Rules and are now outlined in this FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements as per the below. Please also refer to:

- a) the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database,
- b) the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database Technical Articles,
- c) the FEI Tack App,
- d) JRs Art. 207: Protective headgear, dress, use of electronic devices, and advertising on Athletes/Horses.

These Requirements are set out for the FEI international Jumping Events. They must be read in conjunction with the FEI Jumping Rules ("**JRs**"), FEI Statutes, the FEI General Regulations ("**GRs**"), the FEI Veterinary Regulations ("**VRs**"), all other FEI Rules and Regulations, including the FEI code of conduct for the welfare of the Horse (please refer to the JRs).

At FEI Events, FEI Officials are authorised to inspect tack, equipment and/or dress and, where necessary, 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, the FEI Veterinary Regulations and/or all other FEI Rules and Regulations, and/or that may compromise Horse welfare and/or the safety of the Horse and/or Athlete.

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.

CHAPTER I SENIORS, VETERANS, YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS

ARTICLE 1 GENERAL

- 1.1** Tack must not be damaged, must be kept in good condition, and must be fitted correctly at all times to ensure the comfort, safety, and welfare of the horse. Incorrect fit is likely to compromise horse welfare as well as safety.

ARTICLE 2 SADDLE AND GIRTH

- 2.1** The use of a saddle is obligatory.
- 2.2** A well-fitting, well-maintained saddle and girth, suitable to the horse and athlete shall be used.

ARTICLE 3 STIRRUPS

- 3.1** The use of stirrups is obligatory with the exception during flatwork in warm-up and training arenas.
- 3.2** In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather must hang freely from the stirrup bar and must hang on the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly attach any part of their body to the saddlery (exception: magnetic stirrups). The foot must not be fully or partially enclosed in the stirrups.

ARTICLE 4 BRIDLES

- 4.1** The use of a bridle is obligatory.
- 4.2 Material**
- 4.2.1** The headpiece and noseband must be made entirely of leather or other material with similar leather-like characteristics. The material must be smooth, pliable, non-elastic and non-abrasive.
- 4.2.2** The following exceptions are permitted:
- Buckles, clips and rings (but not permitted on the headpiece);
 - Padding in the headpiece and noseband;
 - Nylon or other non-metal material may be used to reinforce the headpiece and the noseband but must not be in direct contact with the Horse;
 - Elastic inserts are permitted in the headpiece and cheek pieces only and must not be in direct contact with the Horse or the bit;
 - Browband (see browband section).
- 4.2.3** The surface that is in contact with the horse must be even, smooth and non-abrasive and there must not be any focal pressure points.
- 4.2.4** Knots are not permitted on any part of the bridle.
- 4.3 Double Bridles**
- 4.3.1** A double bridle is complete with a noseband, a bridoon, a curb bit and a curb chain or curb strap.
- 4.4 Bitless Bridles**
- 4.4.1** Bitless bridles are permitted.

4.5 Nosebands

- 4.5.1 Nosebands must lay over the nasal bone and must not be fitted in a way that would restrict the air passage.
- 4.5.2 The surface of the noseband that is in contact with the Horse must lay flat with the exception of any round sections. Only one noseband is permitted (the nosepiece of the hackamore or of a combination bit is not considered as a noseband). For the avoidance of doubt, the below noseband is permitted.



- 4.5.3 The noseband must be min. 1 cm wide and max. 5 cm wide. Round sections of the noseband must be min. 1 cm in diameter.
- 4.5.4 Sheepskin on the noseband is permitted.
- 4.5.5 The Veterinary Regulations applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband.

4.6 Browband

- 4.6.1 Except for the parts that attach to the headpiece, it is not required that the browband is made of leather or other material with similar leather-like characteristic. The part of the browband that is in contact with the Horse must be smooth and non-abrasive.

4.7 Headpiece

- 4.7.1 The headpiece may be shaped around the ears but must not hinder the free movement of the ears.

4.8 Cheek Pieces

- 4.8.1 In the Competition arena, leather, sheepskin, or similar material may be used as blinkers on each cheek piece of the bridle provided that the material does not exceed three centimetres in width measured from the horse's cheek.



4.9 Throat Lash / Jowl Strap

- 4.9.1 A throat lash and/or jowl strap is required and must be fitted correctly. No additions to the throat lash and/or jowl strap are allowed. For the avoidance of doubt, the below throat lash/jowl strap combination is permitted.



4.10 Reins

- 4.10.1 A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap from the bridle or bit to the hand. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) except when using bitless bridles, hackamore and running gag bits. Exception: connecting pieces may be used so that a bit designed for use with two pairs of reins may be controlled with a single rein.
- 4.10.2 Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. A maximum of two pairs of reins may be used. If two pairs of reins are used, one pair must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle.
- 4.10.3 Reins must be free of any loops or hand attachments. Rein stoppers on the reins are permitted provided their max. protrusion is 1 cm.



4.11 Draw Reins

- 4.11.1 Draw reins (running reins) are prohibited in the Competition Arena, except during prize-giving ceremonies and march-past parades.
- 4.11.2 Draw reins must not be used on their own and may only be used together with reins that are attached to the bit(s). Draw reins may not be used on a bitless bridle.
- 4.11.3 If using draw reins when jumping in warm-up or training arenas, the height of the obstacles must not exceed 130 cm.

4.12 Other Auxiliary Reins

4.12.1 Gogue and Chambon

- 4.12.1.1 Permitted for flat work in the warm-up or training arenas only.

4.12.2 Side Reins

- 4.12.2.1 Permitted for flat work in warm-up or training arenas only.



4.12.3 Abdullah Reins

- 4.12.3.1 Permitted for flat work in warm-up or training arenas only.

4.13 Other

- 4.13.1 Cup blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are permitted in warm-up or training arenas only.



- 4.13.2 Nose nets are permitted.

4.14 Throat Support

- 4.14.1 Throat support devices such as Cornell collars are permitted for use during Events however a written statement from a veterinarian must be provided to certify that the Horse requires such a device for welfare reasons. The statement must be received by the FEI Veterinary Department at least 4 weeks before first use at an Event. A copy of the statement must be retained at all times for inspection during an Event.

4.15 Prohibited Items

- 4.15.1 Glasses, sunglasses or visors for horses are prohibited at any time when mounted or when exercising the horse, including when lunging. They may be used in the stables area and grazing areas.
- 4.15.2 Unless specifically permitted in these FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements and/or in the FEI Tack, Equipment & Dress Database, no other additions to the bridles are permitted.

ARTICLE 5 MARTINGALE AND BREASTPLATE

- 5.1** Martingales and breastplates are permitted.
- 5.2** In the Competition Arena only unrestricted running martingales are allowed. If a martingale is used, no more than one martingale stopper per rein may be used. Reins may not be configured in such a way as to cause a running martingale to function as a standing martingale.
- 5.3** Standing martingales are permitted in warm-up and training arenas only.

ARTICLE 6 BITS

6.1 General

- 6.1.1** The surface of the bits must be smooth with rounded contours.
- 6.1.2** The surface of the bits (the mouthpiece as well as the other parts) must not be damaged or compromised. Slight and shallow chewing marks are tolerated.
- 6.1.3** Bits must be used in their original condition. Adaptations for the well-being of the horse (e.g. latex or similar smooth wrapping) are permitted.
- 6.1.4** No other item other than the bit(s) is permitted in the horse's mouth. Tongue guards (integrated in the bit or add-ons) are permitted provided they are correctly used.
- 6.1.5** If a tongue guard is attached to the cheekpieces, it must be independent from, placed behind and not intertwined with the bit. The tongue guard must face backwards.
- 6.1.6** Tongue ties and mouthguards are prohibited at all times during the Event.

6.2 Shape

- 6.2.1** Twisted wire bits and chains are not permitted.

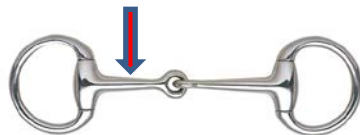


6.3 Material

- 6.3.1** Bits may be made of metal, durable synthetic material (e.g., rigid plastic, flexible rubber etc.) or leather. Uncovered wire or cable, rope or rope-like material is not permitted¹.

6.4 Dimensions

- 6.4.1** Minimum thickness of mouthpieces: 10 mm. The thickness is to be measured in the middle of the cannon.



¹ Material made of intertwined fibres can break, making the surface irregular and abrasive.

6.5 Mouthpiece

- 6.5.1 Two mouthpieces on separate bit rings are not permitted. Exception: combination of a curb bit and a snaffle bit when using a double bridle.
- 6.5.2 The centrepiece in double-jointed bits must be in the middle, have smooth surfaces and rounded edges and transitions in all areas. Max. length of the centrepiece in a double-jointed mouthpiece is 40 mm². It may be inclined forward at an angle of up to 45°.
- 6.5.3 The joint in single-jointed bits must be in the middle, have smooth surfaces and rounded edges and transitions in all areas.
- 6.5.4 The mouthpiece may have an elevation port. Ports may never point downwards. The maximal height is 3 cm from the lowest part of the tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must be at least 3 cm wide. Inclination of the centre section by up to approximately 45° is permitted. It may be angled forwards but not backwards.

6.6 Bit Rings

- 6.6.1 The bit rings must be of a diameter that ensures the stability of the bit in the horse's mouth and prevents any contact with, or pressure of, the rings on sensitive structures of the horse's head.

Jointed snaffles may be used with upper, lower, full or Fulmer cheeks. Snaffles with double bit rings are permitted.



Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

6.7 Bit Guards

- 6.7.1 Bit guards must be of a smooth and flexible material. Bit guards integrated in the mouthpiece are permitted.
- 6.7.2 Minimum diameter of bit guards is 45 mm³.

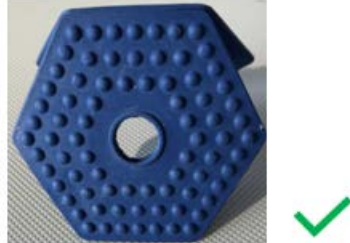
² If the centrepiece is too long, the links are likely to act on the bars.

³ Minimum diameter is provided to ensure stability of the bit guards and to prevent them from sliding into the mouth.

6.8 Bit Burrs

6.8.1 Only the following bit burrs are permitted:

- with rounded non-metal points;
- with bristles provided that the bristles are soft, non-abrasive and deformable if pushed against.



6.9 Snaffles

6.9.1 Jointed, double-jointed or unjointed snaffles are permitted.

6.10 Curb Bit

6.10.1 Curb bits are permitted when used in combination with a bridoon (snaffle bit).



6.10.2 The mouthpiece of the curb bit must be:

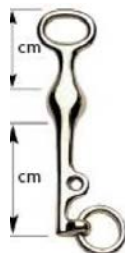
- Unjointed
- Thickness – minimum 10 mm

6.10.3 Lip straps are permitted.

6.10.4 The curb chain or curb strap must be fitted so that it only tightens and touches the horse's chin groove when the lever arm of the curb bit is at approximately 45° angle⁴ to the horse's lips.

6.10.5 The length of the lower lever arm below the mouthpiece of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm). The upper lever arm must not be longer than the lower lever arm and must not exceed five centimetres (5 cm).

6.10.6 The length of the lower lever arm is measured from the underside of the mouthpiece to the lowest point of the lever arm. The length of the upper lever arm is measured from the upper side of the mouthpiece to the highest point of the lever arm.

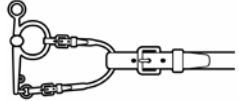


⁴ There has to be a margin for small variations in rein tension without immediately engaging the chain/curb.

6.11 Curb Chain or Strap

- 6.11.1 Curb chains must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The curb chain must not be twisted. The surface must be smooth and with rounded contours.
- 6.11.2 Curb straps may be made of smooth leather or synthetic material, which must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The curb strap must not be twisted.
- 6.11.3 The surface of the curb chain or strap fasteners must be smooth and with rounded contours and such that it cannot cause injury to the horse. Buckles, if any, must not be in direct contact with the horse.
- 6.11.4 Curb chain covers made of leather, sheepskin or other pressure-reducing synthetic material are permitted. No other additions to the curb chain or strap are permitted.

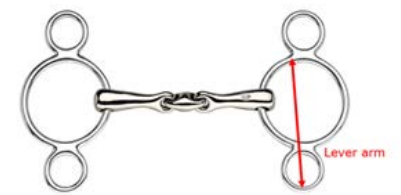
6.12 Pelham

- 6.12.1 Pelhams may be used with two pairs of reins or a single pair of reins using a connecting piece which must be attached from the large to the small lower ring.
- 6.12.2 Example of a connecting piece for single rein – pelham.A technical line drawing of a connecting piece for a single rein on a pelham bit. It shows a metal ring at the top, connected by a chain or strap to a lower lever arm. The lever arm has a small ring at its end, which would attach to a rein. The drawing shows the internal structure of the rings and the connection points.
- 6.12.3 The cheek piece must be attached into the upper small ring.
- 6.12.4 If used with a curb chain or strap, the length of the lower lever arm, below the mouthpiece of the curb bit, is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm). The upper lever arm must not be longer than the lower lever arm and must not exceed five centimetres (5 cm).
- 6.12.5 The length of the lower lever arm is measured from the underside of the mouthpiece to the lowest point of the lever arm. The length of the upper lever arm is measured from the upper side of the mouthpiece to the highest point of the lever arm.

6.13 Continental and Elevator Gag

6.13.1 Continental Gag (Pessoa)

- 6.13.1.1 The length of the lever arm must not exceed ten centimetres (10 cm) if used in combination with a curb chain or strap⁵.
- 6.13.1.2 The length of the lever arm must be measured from the highest possible point of rotation to the bottom of the ring where the reins are attached.



6.13.2 Elevator / American Gag

- 6.13.2.1 Elevator / American Gag is permitted.

⁵ If used with a curb strap or chain, the mechanism of action will be the same as a with a curb bit or pelham. Therefore, the maximum permitted arm leverage must be the same.

6.14 Running Gag

- 6.14.1 The gag ropes must be attached to the cheek pieces of the bridle with the exception of a curb gag.
- 6.14.2 The gag ropes must run through the opposite upper and lower holes on the gag bit rings. If the gag ropes run freely through the bit ring, a second pair of reins attached to the bit must be used.
- 6.14.3 Curb chains or straps are not permitted with a running gag⁶.
- 6.14.4 Travel of the gag may be limited.

6.15 Curb Gag

- 6.15.1 Curb gags must be used with two pair of reins, with one pair being attached to the bit ring and the other one to the rope rein. Exception: use of connecting piece.
- 6.15.2 Curb gags with only one rein on the rope ring is not permitted.

6.16 Pelham Gag

- 6.16.1 Pelham gag is permitted.

6.17 Combination Bits

- 6.17.1 The nose piece of the combination bit must be made of, or covered with, leather or other smooth and non-abrasive material, e.g. neoprene or rubber. The nose piece must be min. 1.5 cm wide⁷. If round, the nose piece must be min. 1.5 cm diameter. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted.
- 6.17.2 Only one lever (lever arm or gag) is permitted.

6.18 Hackamore

- 6.18.1 The nose piece of the hackamore must be made of, or covered with, leather or other smooth and non-abrasive material, e.g. neoprene or rubber. The nose piece must be min. 1.5 cm wide. If rounded, the nose piece must be min. 1.5 cm diameter. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted.
- 6.18.2 Hackamores may be used with a chin strap or chin chain which must be fitted in such a way that it cannot injure the horse.
- 6.18.3 Chin chains must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The chin chain must not be twisted. The surface must be smooth and with rounded contours. Chain covers made of leather, soft rubber, flexible gel or sheepskin are permitted.
- 6.18.4 Chin straps may be made of smooth leather or synthetic material, must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The chin strap must not be twisted. Any buckles must not be in direct contact with the horse.
- 6.18.5 The surface of the chin chain or strap fastener must be smooth and with rounded contours and such that it cannot cause injury to the horse.
- 6.18.6 If used in combination with a bit, only a snaffle (no lever) bit is permitted.
- 6.18.7 An additional strap on the nose piece is permitted purely for safety reasons and must not have an effect on the horse.

⁶ The action of this bit could cause the chain to be dragged caudally over the chin groove.

⁷ Pressure on the nose will depend on the material, surface of contact, rein tension and leverage action. By establishing a minimum area of contact, we decrease the potential for exerting excessive pressure on sensitive, non-deformable structures.

6.19 Prohibited Items

- 6.19.1 Unless specifically permitted in these FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements and/or in the FEI Tack, Equipment & Dress Database, no other additions to the bridles are permitted.

ARTICLE 7 BOOTS

7.1 Surface

- 7.1.1 The inside of the boot must be non-abrasive and smooth, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points, i.e. there may be no pads or blocks under the lining on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot is permitted. Sheepskin and other soft linings are allowed.
- 7.1.2 It is prohibited to spray the inside of the boot with grip spray or to apply any other product that would result in similar effects.
- 7.1.3 The inside surface of the fastener that is in direct or indirect contact with the horse's skin must be non-abrasive, smooth and with no embossing.
- 7.1.4 Tendon boots with pullback, ratchet (click) or buckle fasteners are not permitted.

7.2 Additional Elements

- 7.2.1 No additional elements may be added to, inserted into or sprayed on the internal surface of the boot itself. The use of cohesive or similar lightweight bandaging material or socks under boots is permitted; when possible, it should be applied in the presence of the Steward. A member of the Stewarding team has the right to require the bandaging material to be removed and re-applied in their presence at any time.

7.3 Total Weight

- 7.3.1 The total maximum weight of equipment permitted to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, knee protectors, etc), may not exceed 500 grams (shoe or substitute for a shoe excluded) under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet.

7.4 Fetlock Rings and Pastern Bands

- 7.4.1 Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes provided that they are properly adjusted and loose, and that the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet. Pastern bands may be used around the pastern provided that they are not overtightened.

7.5 Hind Boots

- 7.5.1 At all international Jumping Events and at all FEI World Jumping Challenge Events, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:
- 7.5.2 Boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only, and boots with a rounded protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted provided that they meet the following criteria:
- 7.5.3 All boots must be designed in such a way that both sides can be bent to fit around the Horse's leg without effort. For double-shell boots specifically, the boots must be pre-moulded to the shape of a horse's fetlock, i.e. the boot must be pre-moulded in a "U" shape, in such a way that the boot naturally wraps around the fetlock.

7.5.4 Dimensions

- 7.5.5 The boot must not exceed a maximum length of 20 cm at its longest point, measured from the top to the bottom of the protective element (shell).
- 7.5.6 Double shell boots with two fasteners must have a minimum length of 9 cm at the shortest point where it covers the back of the leg.



7.5.7 Additional Protection

- 7.5.8 Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot or on both sides of the boot are permitted provided that the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot (refer to the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp for instructions on how to measure the length of the boot correctly).

7.5.9 Fitting

- 7.5.10 The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock. For boots with a protective element on one side only, the protective element must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

7.5.11 Left and Right Hind Boot

- 7.5.12 Placement of a left hind boot on the right hind leg and/or placement of a right hind boot on the left hind leg, is strictly prohibited.

7.5.13 Fasteners

7.5.14 The boot may have no more than two fasteners. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

Velcro-type fasteners: - Each strap must: - o Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or - o Have a minimum width of 4 cm if there is only one strap - For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic - For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic	
Stud-type fasteners: - Each strap must: - o Be made of elastic - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm - o Have holes that fit over a stud on the boot	
Hook-type fasteners: - Each strap must: - o Be made of elastic - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm - o Have a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet" on the boot	

7.5.15 All fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the strap must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the fastening component on the other side of the boot but must not wrap around the entire boot. Velcro-type fasteners may be secured with another Velcro-type strap extending vertically or horizontally over the fastener where it is attached to the fastening component (for examples, refer to FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp). No mechanism that allows the fastener to double back on itself or that allows leverage of any kind to be applied to the fastener is permitted.

7.5.16 The crossing (X) of fasteners is strictly prohibited.

7.6 Young Horses Hind Boots

For all international Jumping Competitions for Young Horses (five, six, seven, and eight year old Horses), the following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn:

7.6.1 Shape

- 7.6.2 Hind boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only are the only type of hind boot allowed. The boot must not exceed a maximum length of 16 cm at its longest point, measured from the top to the bottom of the protective element (shell); the width of the fastener must be at least four centimetres. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot are permitted provided that the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot (refer to FEI TackApp or FEI Tack and Equipment Database for photographs).



7.6.3 Type

- 7.6.4 Boots must be designed in such a way that both sides can be bent to fit around the Horse's leg without effort. The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

7.6.5 Fasteners

Only non-elastic velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used.

The fastener must be one-directional and must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the fastening component on the other side of the boot but must not wrap around the entire boot. The fastener may be secured with another Velcro-type strap extending vertically or horizontally over the fastener where it is attached to the fastening component (for examples, refer to the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp).



7.7 Knee Protection

- 7.7.1 Knee protectors are permitted provided they are correctly fitted and used appropriately.
- 7.7.2 The inside of the knee protectors must be non-abrasive and smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the knee protectors; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the knee protector, is permitted.
- 7.7.3 The inside surface of the knee protector fastener that is in direct or indirect contact with the horse's skin must be non-abrasive.
- 7.7.4 No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the knee protector itself.

ARTICLE 8 SPURS

8.1 General

- 8.1.1 Anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete when mounted may wear only one spur on each boot.

8.2 Surface

- 8.2.1 The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded.
- 8.2.2 The spur must be attached in such a way that the shank always points backwards and is aligned horizontally or inclined downwards.

8.3 Length

- 8.3.1 The shank must not be more than 4 cm long, measured from the boot to the tip (incl. rotating disk, if applicable).

8.4 Type

- 8.4.1 Spurs with notched or serrated surface (for example rowel spurs with notched or serrated disk or comb spurs) are not permitted.

8.5 Additions to the Spurs

- 8.5.1 Covering any part of the spurs (including the shank, if applicable) with any additional material is not permitted. Exception: Cover of the arms made of smooth and non-abrasive material is allowed.

ARTICLE 9 WHIP

9.1 General

- 9.1.1 A whip shall comprise of a handle, shaft, and a flexible tip.
- 9.1.2 Anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete or anyone else riding the Horse may carry only one whip.

9.2 Length

- 9.2.1 Athletes are permitted to use a dressage whip with a maximum length of 120cm when working on the flat.
- 9.2.2 Athletes are strictly prohibited to use a whip which is more than 75 cm in length in the Competition Arena, Warm-Up Arena, and Training Arenas when riding over poles or any obstacle.

9.3 Weight

- 9.3.1 Athletes are strictly prohibited to use or carry a whip which is weighed down at the end at any time.

9.4 Condition of the Whip

9.4.1 The whip shall be used only in the condition in which it was originally manufactured. The end of the whip shall not be modified, altered, damaged or worn in any way that may compromise horse welfare or the intended function of the whip.

9.4.2 No additions to the whip are permitted. Exception: addition/modification of the handle for the Athlete's comfort is permitted.

9.5 Substitute

9.5.1 No substitute for a whip may be carried.

ARTICLE 10 LUNGING

10.1 General

10.1.1 Lunging is permitted with one (1) lunge line only.

10.2 Auxiliary Equipment

10.2.1 Single direct side reins, sliding side reins or chambon, lungie bungee, lunging rope are permitted when lunging.

ARTICLE 11 LONG REINING

11.1.1 Long reining is permitted.

CHAPTER II PONY RIDERS

ARTICLE 12 GENERAL

- 12.1** Tack must not be damaged, must be kept in good condition, and must be fitted correctly at all times to ensure the comfort, safety, and welfare of the horse. Incorrect fit is likely to compromise horse welfare as well as safety.
- 12.2** Stewards must be appointed to check the tack and equipment of each Pony before it enters the Competition Arena.
- 12.3** The following applies throughout the Competition grounds at all times from the time of arrival until the conclusion of the entire Event or Championship.

ARTICLE 13 SADDLE AND GIRTH

- 13.1** The use of a saddle is obligatory.
- 13.2** A well-fitting, well-maintained saddle and girth, suitable to the horse and athlete shall be used.

ARTICLE 14 STIRRUPS

- 14.1** The use of stirrups is obligatory with the exception during flatwork in warm-up and training arenas.
- 14.2** In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather must hang freely from the stirrup bar and must hang on the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly attach any part of their body to the saddlery (exception: magnetic stirrups). The foot must not be fully or partially enclosed in the stirrups.

ARTICLE 15 BRIDLES

- 15.1** The use of a bridle is obligatory.
- 15.2 Material**
- 15.2.1** The headpiece and noseband must be made entirely of leather or other material with similar leather-like characteristics. The material must be smooth, pliable, non-elastic and non-abrasive.
- 15.2.2** The following exceptions are permitted:
- Buckles, clips and rings (but not permitted on the headpiece);
 - Padding in the headpiece and noseband;
 - Nylon or other non-metal material may be used to reinforce the headpiece but must not be in direct contact with the Horse;
 - Elastic inserts are permitted in the headpiece and cheek pieces only and must not be in direct contact with the Horse or the bit;
 - Browband (see browband section).
- 15.2.3** The surface that is in contact with the horse must be even, smooth and non-abrasive and there must not be any focal high-pressure points.
- 15.2.4** Knots are not permitted on any part of the bridle.
- 15.3 Double Bridles**
- 15.3.1** Double bridles are not permitted.

15.4 Bitless Bridles

- 15.4.1 Bitless bridles are permitted.

15.5 Nosebands

- 15.5.1 Nosebands must lay over the nasal bone and must not be fitted in a way that would restrict the air passage.
- 15.5.2 The surface of the noseband that is in contact with the horse must lay flat. Only one noseband is permitted (the nosepiece of the hackamore is not considered as a noseband). For the avoidance of doubt, the below noseband is not permitted.



- 15.5.3 The noseband must be min. 1 cm wide and max. 5 cm wide. Sheepskin on the noseband is permitted.
- 15.5.4 The Veterinary Regulations applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband.
- 15.5.5 The following are the only nosebands permitted for Pony Jumping Events:

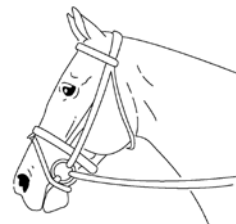
Dropped noseband



Cavesson noseband



Flash noseband



Crossed noseband



- 15.5.6 Variations of the above nosebands, such as the noseband pictured below, may be permitted provided that they comply with these requirements, are properly fitted and do not interfere with the Pony's breathing (refer to the *Tack, Equipment and Dress Database* or the *FEI TackApp* for details).



15.6 Browband

- 15.6.1 Except for the parts that attach to the headpiece, it is not required that the browband is made of leather or other material with similar leather-like characteristic. The part of the browband that is in contact with the Horse must be smooth and non-abrasive.

15.7 Headpiece

- 15.7.1 The headpiece may be shaped around the ears but must not hinder the free movement of the ears.

15.8 Cheek Pieces

- 15.8.1 In the Competition arena, leather, sheepskin, or similar material may be used as blinkers on each cheek piece of the bridle provided that the material does not exceed three centimetres in width measured from the horse's cheek.



15.9 Throat Lash/Jowl Strap

- 15.9.1 A throat lash and/or jowl strap is required and must be fitted correctly. No additions to the throat lash and/or jowl strap are allowed. For the avoidance of doubt, the below throat lash/jowl strap combination is permitted.



15.10 Reins

- 15.10.1 A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap from the bridle or bit to the hand. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) except when using bitless bridles, hackamore and running gag bits. Exception: connecting pieces may be used so that a bit designed for use with two pairs of reins may be controlled with a single rein.
- 15.10.2 Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. A maximum of two pairs of reins may be used. If two pairs of reins are used, one pair must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle.
- 15.10.3 Reins must be free of any loops or hand attachments. Rein stoppers on the reins are permitted provided their max. protrusion is 1 cm.



15.11 Draw Reins

- 15.11.1 Draw reins (running reins) are prohibited in the Competition Arena except during prize-giving ceremonies and march-past parades.
- 15.11.2 Draw reins cannot be used on their own and must be used together with reins that are attached to the bit(s). Draw reins cannot be used on a bitless bridle.
- 15.11.3 If using draw reins when jumping in the warm-up and training arena, the height of the obstacles must not exceed 100 cm.

15.12 Other Auxiliary Reins

15.12.1 Gogue and Chambon

- 15.12.1.1 Gogues and Chambons are not permitted.

15.12.2 Side Reins

- 15.12.2.1 Side reins are not permitted.



15.12.3 Abdullah Reins

- 15.12.3.1 Abdullah reins are not permitted.

15.13 Other

- 15.13.1 Cup blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are permitted for flat work in the warm-up and training arenas only.



- 15.13.2 Nose nets are permitted.

15.14 Throat Support

- 15.14.1 Throat support devices such as Cornell collars are permitted for use during Events however a written statement from a veterinarian must be provided to certify that the Horse requires such a device for welfare reasons. The statement must be received by the FEI Veterinary Department at least 4 weeks before first use at an Event. A copy of the statement must be retained at all times for inspection during an Event.

15.15 Prohibited Items

- 15.15.1 Glasses, sunglasses or visors for horses are prohibited at any time when mounted or when exercising the horse, including when lunging. They may be used in the stables area and grazing areas.
- 15.15.2 Unless specifically permitted in these FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements and/or in the FEI Tack, Equipment & Dress Database, no other additions to the bridles are permitted.

ARTICLE 16 MARTINGALE AND BREASTPLATE

- 16.1 Martingales and breastplates are permitted.
- 16.2 In the Competition Arena only unrestricted running martingales are allowed. If a martingale is used, no more than one martingale stopper per rein may be used. Reins may not be configured in such a way as to cause a running martingale to function as a standing martingale.
- 16.3 Standing martingales are never permitted.

ARTICLE 17 BITS

17.1 General

- 17.1.1 The surface of the bits must be smooth with rounded contours.
- 17.1.2 The surface of the bits (the mouthpiece as well as the other parts) must not be damaged or compromised. Slight and shallow chewing marks are tolerated.
- 17.1.3 Bits must be used in their original condition. Adaptations for the well-being of the horse (e.g. latex or similar smooth wrapping) are permitted.
- 17.1.4 No other item other than the bit(s) is permitted in the horse's mouth. Tongue guards (integrated in the bit or add-ons) are permitted provided they are correctly used.

17.1.5 If a tongue guard is attached to the cheekpieces, it must be independent from, placed behind and not intertwined with the bit. The tongue guard must face backwards.

17.1.6 Tongue ties and mouthguards are prohibited at all times during the Event.

17.2 Shape

17.2.1 Twisted bits or twisted wire bits and chains are not permitted.



17.3 Material

17.3.1 Bits may be made of metal, durable synthetic material (e.g., rigid plastic, flexible rubber etc.) or leather. Uncovered wire or cable, rope or rope like material is not permitted⁸.

17.4 Dimensions

17.4.1 Minimum thickness of mouthpieces: 10 mm. The thickness is to be measured in the middle of the cannon.



17.5 Mouthpiece

17.5.1 Two mouthpieces (either on the same or separate bit rings) are not permitted.



17.5.2 The centrepiece in double-jointed bits must be in the middle, have smooth surfaces and rounded edges and transitions in all areas. Max. length of the centrepiece in a double-jointed mouthpiece is 40 mm⁹. It may be inclined forward at an angle of up to 45°.

17.5.3 The joint in single jointed bits must be in the middle, have smooth surface and rounded edges and transitions in all areas.

17.5.4 The mouthpiece may have an elevation port. Ports may never point downwards. The maximal height is 3 cm from the lowest part of the tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must be at least 3 cm wide. Inclination of the centre section by up to approximately 45° is permitted. It may be angled forwards but not backwards.

17.5.5 Waterford-type mouthpieces are not permitted

⁸ Material made of intertwined fibres can break, making the surface irregular and abrasive.

⁹ If the centrepiece is too long, the links are likely to act on the bars.

17.6 Bit Rings

- 17.6.1 The bit rings must be of a diameter that ensures the stability of the bit in the horse's mouth and prevents any contact with, or pressure of, the rings on sensitive structures of the horse's head.

Jointed snaffles may be used with upper, lower, full or Fulmer cheeks. Snaffles with double bit rings are permitted.



Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

17.7 Bit Guards

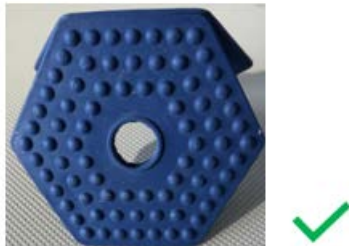
- 17.7.1 Bit guards must be of a smooth and flexible material. Bit guards integrated in the mouthpiece are permitted.

- 17.7.2 Minimum diameter of bit guards is 45 mm¹⁰.

17.8 Bit Burrs

- 17.8.1 Only the following bit burrs are permitted:

- with rounded non-metal points;
- with bristles provided that the bristles are soft, non-abrasive and deformable if pushed against.



17.9 Snaffles

- 17.9.1 Jointed, double-jointed or unjointed snaffles are permitted.

17.10 Curb Bit

- 17.10.1 Curb bits are not permitted.



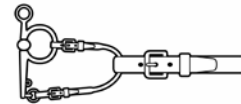
¹⁰ Minimum diameter is provided to ensure stability of the bit guards and to prevent them from sliding into the mouth.

17.11 Curb Chain or Strap

- 17.11.1 Curb chains must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The curb chain must not be twisted. The surface must be smooth and with rounded contours.
- 17.11.2 Curb straps may be made of smooth leather or synthetic material, which must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The curb strap must not be twisted.
- 17.11.3 The surface of the curb chain or strap fasteners must be smooth and with rounded contours and such that it cannot cause injury to the horse. Buckles, if any, must not be in direct contact with the horse.
- 17.11.4 Curb chain covers made of leather, sheepskin or other pressure-reducing synthetic material are permitted. No other additions to the curb chain or strap are permitted.

17.12 Pelham

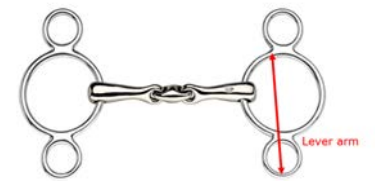
- 17.12.1 All pelhams must be used with one single rein. The rein must either be used with a connecting piece, which must be attached from large to small lower ring, or attached to the larger of the two rings of the bit.
- 17.12.2 Example of a connecting piece for single rein - pelham
- 17.12.3 The cheek piece must be attached into the upper, small ring.
- 17.12.4 If used with curb chain or strap, the length of the lower lever arm, below the mouthpiece of the curb bit, is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm). The upper lever arm must not be longer than the lower lever arm and must not exceed five centimetres (5 cm).
- 17.12.5 The length of the lower lever arm is measured from underside of the mouthpiece to the lowest point of the lever arm. The length of the upper lever arm is measured from upper side of the mouthpiece to the highest point of the lever arm.



17.13 Continental and Elevator Gag

17.13.1 Continental Gag (Pessoa)

- 17.13.1.1 The length of the lever arm must not exceed ten centimetres (10 cm) if used in combination with a curb chain or strap¹¹.
- 17.13.1.2 The length of the lever arm must be measured from the highest possible point of rotation to the bottom of the ring where the reins are attached.



17.13.2 Elevator / American Gag

- 17.13.2.1 Elevator / American Gag is permitted.

¹¹ If used with a curb strap or chain, the mechanism of action will be the same as a with a curb bit or pelham. Therefore, the maximum permitted arm leverage must be the same.

17.14 Running Gag

- 17.14.1 The gag ropes must be attached to the cheek pieces of the bridle with the exception of a curb gag.
- 17.14.2 The gag ropes must run through the opposite upper and lower holes on the gag bit rings. If the gag ropes run freely through the bit ring, a second pair of reins attached to the bit must be used.
- 17.14.3 Curb chains or straps are not permitted with a running gag¹².
- 17.14.4 Travel of the gag may be limited.

17.15 Curb Gag

- 17.15.1 Curb gags must be used with two pair of reins, with one pair being attached to the bit ring and the other one to the rope rein. Exception: use of connecting piece.
- 17.15.2 Curb gags with only one rein on the rope ring is not permitted.

17.16 Pelham Gag

- 17.16.1 Pelham Gag is permitted only when used with a connecting piece.

17.17 Combination Bits

- 17.17.1 Combination bits are not permitted.

17.18 Hackamore

- 17.18.1 The nose piece of the hackamore must be made of, or covered with, leather or other smooth and non-abrasive material, e.g. neoprene or rubber; no metal pieces of any kind may be inserted in the nose piece. The nose piece must be min. 1.5 cm wide. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted.
- 17.18.2 Hackamores may be used with a chin strap or chin chain which must be fitted in such a way that it cannot injure the horse.
- 17.18.3 Chin chains must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The chin chain must not be twisted. The surface must be smooth and with rounded contours. Chain covers made of leather, soft rubber, flexible gel or sheepskin are permitted.
- 17.18.4 Chin straps may be made of smooth leather or synthetic material, must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The chin strap must not be twisted. Any buckles must not be in direct contact with the horse.
- 17.18.5 The surface of the chin chain or strap fastener must be smooth and with rounded contours and such that it cannot cause injury to the horse.
- 17.18.6 An additional strap on the nose piece is permitted purely for safety reasons and must not have an effect on the horse. Lever arm may not exceed 17 cm.
 - (i) Measurement of the lever arm should be carried out in a straight line from the middle of the upper ring to the middle of the lower ring.
 - (ii) For models with a chin chain or strap, measurement should be taken from the middle of the bottom ring to the point of junction where the lever arm connects to the nose piece.
- 17.18.7 No hackamore may be used in combination with a bit.

¹² The action of this bit could cause the chain to be dragged caudally over the chin groove.

17.19 Prohibited Items

- 17.19.1 Unless specifically permitted in these FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements and/or in the FEI Tack, Equipment & Dress Database, no other additions to the bridles are permitted.

ARTICLE 18 BOOTS

18.1 Surface

- 18.1.1 The inside of the boot must be non-abrasive and smooth, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points, i.e. there may be no pads or blocks under the lining on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot is permitted. Sheepskin and other soft linings are allowed.
- 18.1.2 It is prohibited to spray the inside of the boot with grip spray or to apply any other product that would result in similar effects.
- 18.1.3 The inside surface of the fastener that is in direct or indirect contact with the horse's skin must be non-abrasive, smooth and with no embossing.
- 18.1.4 Tendon boots with pullback, ratchet (click) or buckle fasteners are not permitted.

18.2 Additional Elements

- 18.2.1 No additional elements may be added to, inserted into or sprayed on the internal surface of the boot itself. The use of cohesive or similar lightweight bandaging material or socks under boots is permitted; when possible, it should be applied in the presence of the Steward. A member of the Stewarding team has the right to require the bandaging material to be removed and re-applied in their presence at any time.

18.3 Total weight

- 18.3.1 The total maximum weight of equipment permitted to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, knee protectors, etc), may not exceed 500 grams (shoe or substitute for a shoe excluded) under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet.

18.4 Fetlock Rings and Pastern Bands

- 18.4.1 Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes provided that they are properly adjusted and loose, and provided that the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet. Pastern bands may be used around the pastern provided that they are not overtightened.

18.5 Hind Boots

- 18.5.1 At all international Jumping Events and at all FEI World Jumping Challenge Events, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:
- 18.5.2 Boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only, and boots with a rounded protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted provided that they meet the following criteria:
- 18.5.3 All boots must be designed in such a way that both sides can be bent to fit around the Horse's leg without effort. For double-shell boots specifically, the boots must be pre-moulded to the shape of a horse's fetlock, i.e. the boot must be pre-moulded in a "U" shape, in such a way that the boot naturally wraps around the fetlock.

18.6 Dimensions

- 18.6.1 The boot must not exceed a maximum length of 20 cm at its longest point, measured from the top to the bottom of the protective element (shell).
- 18.6.2 Double shell boots with two fasteners must have a minimum length of 9 cm at the shortest point where it covers the back of the leg.



18.7 Additional Protection

- 18.7.1 Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot or on both sides of the boot are permitted provided that the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot (refer to the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp for instructions on how to measure the length of the boot correctly).

18.8 Fitting

- 18.8.1 The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock. For boots with a protective element on one side only, the protective element must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

18.9 Left and Right Hind Boot

- 18.9.1 Placement of a left hind boot on the right hind leg and/or placement of a right hind boot on the left hind leg, is strictly prohibited.

18.10 Fasteners

18.10.1 The boot may have no more than two fasteners. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

Velcro-type fasteners: - Each strap must: - o Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or - o Have a minimum width of 4 cm if there is only one strap - For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic - For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic	
Stud-type fasteners: - Each strap must: - o Be made of elastic - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm - o Have holes that fit over a stud on the boot	
Hook-type fasteners: - Each strap must: - o Be made of elastic - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm - o Have a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet" on the boot	

18.10.2 All fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the strap must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the fastening component on the other side of the boot but must not wrap around the entire boot. Velcro-type fasteners may be secured with another Velcro-type strap extending vertically over the fastener where it is attached to the fastening component (for examples, refer to FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp). No mechanism that allows the fastener to double back on itself or that allows leverage of any kind to be applied to the fastener is permitted

18.10.3 Tendon boots with pullback, ratchet (click) or buckle fasteners are not permitted.

18.10.4 The crossing (X) of fasteners is strictly prohibited.

18.11 Young Horses Hind Boots

For all international Jumping Competitions for Young Horses (five, six, seven, and eight year old Horses), the following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn:

18.11.1 Shape

- 18.11.2 Hind boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only are the only type of hind boot allowed. The boot must not exceed a maximum length of 16 cm at its longest point, measured from the top to the bottom of the protective element (shell); the width of the fastener must be at least four centimetres. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot are permitted provided that the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot (refer to FEI TackApp or FEI Tack and Equipment Database for photographs).



18.11.3 Type

- 18.11.4 Boots must be designed in such a way that both sides can be bent to fit around the Horse's leg without effort. The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

18.11.5 Fasteners

Only non-elastic velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used.

The fastener must be one-directional and must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the fastening component on the other side of the boot but must not wrap around the entire boot. The fastener may be secured with another Velcro-type strap extending vertically or horizontally over the fastener where it is attached to the fastening component (for examples, refer to the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp).



18.12 Knee Protection

- 18.12.1 Knee protectors are permitted provided they are correctly fitted and used appropriately.
- 18.12.2 The inside of the knee protectors must be non-abrasive and smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the knee protectors; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the knee protector, is permitted.
- 18.12.3 The inside surface of the knee protector fastener that is in direct or indirect contact with the horse's skin must be non-abrasive.
- 18.12.4 No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the knee protector itself.

ARTICLE 19 SPURS

19.1 General

- 19.1.1 Anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete when mounted may wear only one spur on each boot.

19.2 Surface

- 19.2.1 The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded.
- 19.2.2 The spur must be attached in such a way that the shank always points backwards and is aligned horizontally or inclined downwards.

19.3 Length

- 19.3.1 The shank must not be more than 4 cm long, measured from the boot to the tip (incl. rotating disk, if applicable).

19.4 Type

- 19.4.1 Spurs with notched or serrated surface (for example rowel spurs with notched or serrated disk or comb spurs) are not permitted.
- 19.4.2 The thickness of the rotating disk must be minimum 3mm.

19.5 Additions to the Spurs

- 19.5.1 Covering any part of the spurs (including the shank, if applicable) with any additional material is not permitted. Exception: Cover of the arms made of smooth and non-abrasive material is allowed.

ARTICLE 20 WHIP

20.1 General

- 20.1.1 A whip shall comprise of a handle, shaft, and a flexible tip.
- 20.1.2 Anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete or anyone else riding the Horse may carry only one whip.

20.2 Length

- 20.2.1 Athletes are strictly prohibited to use a whip which is more than 75 cm in length in the Competition Arena, Warm-Up Arena, and Training Arenas.

20.3 Weight

- 20.3.1 Athletes are strictly prohibited to use or carry a whip which is weighed down at the end at any time.

20.4 Condition of the Whip

20.4.1 The whip shall be used only in the condition in which it was originally manufactured. The end of the whip shall not be modified, altered, damaged or worn in any way that may compromise horse welfare or the intended function of the whip.

20.4.2 No additions to the whip are permitted. Exception: addition/modification of the handle for the Athlete's comfort is permitted.

20.5 Substitute

20.5.1 No substitute for a whip may be carried.

ARTICLE 21 LUNGING

21.1 General

21.1.1 Lunging is permitted with one (1) lunge line only.

21.2 Auxiliary Equipment

21.2.1 Single direct side reins, sliding side reins or chambon, lungie bungee, lunging rope are permitted when lunging.

ARTICLE 22 LONG REINING

22.1.1 Long reining is permitted.

CHAPTER III CHILDREN

ARTICLE 23 GENERAL

- 23.1** Tack must not be damaged, must be kept in good condition, and must be fitted correctly at all times to ensure the comfort, safety, and welfare of the horse. Incorrect fit is likely to compromise horse welfare as well as safety.

ARTICLE 24 SADDLE AND GIRTH

- 24.1** The use of a saddle is obligatory.
- 24.2** A well-fitting, well-maintained saddle and girth, suitable to the horse and athlete shall be used.

ARTICLE 25 STIRRUPS

- 25.1** The use of stirrups is obligatory with the exception during flatwork in warm-up and training arenas.
- 25.2** In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather must hang freely from the stirrup bar and must hang on the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly attach any part of their body to the saddlery (exception: magnetic stirrups). The foot must not be fully or partially enclosed in the stirrups.

ARTICLE 26 BRIDLES

- 26.1** The use of a bridle is obligatory.
- 26.2 Material**
- 26.2.1 The headpiece and noseband must be made entirely of leather or other material with similar leather-like characteristics. The material must be smooth, pliable, non-elastic and non-abrasive.
- 26.2.2 The following exceptions are permitted:
- Buckles, clips and rings (but not permitted on the headpiece);
 - Padding in the headpiece and noseband;
 - Nylon or other non-metal material may be used to reinforce the headpiece and the noseband but must not be in direct contact with the Horse;
 - Elastic inserts are permitted in the headpiece and cheek pieces only and must not be in direct contact with the Horse or the bit;
 - Browband (see browband section).
- 26.2.3 The surface that is in contact with the horse must be even, smooth and non-abrasive and there must not be any focal pressure points.
- 26.2.4 Knots are not permitted on any part of the bridle.
- 26.3 Double Bridles**
- 26.3.1 A double bridle is complete with a noseband, a bridoon, a curb bit and a curb chain or curb strap.
- 26.4 Bitless Bridles**
- 26.4.1 Bitless bridles are permitted.

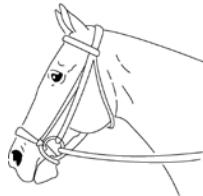
26.5 Nosebands

- 26.5.1 Nosebands must lay over the nasal bone and must not be fitted in a way that would restrict the air passage.
- 26.5.2 The surface of the noseband that is in contact with the Horse must lay flat. Only one noseband is permitted (the nosepiece of the hackamore or of a combination bit is not considered as a noseband). For the avoidance of doubt, the below noseband is not permitted.



- 26.5.3 The noseband must be min. 1 cm wide and max. 5 cm wide. Sheepskin on the noseband is permitted.
- 26.5.4 The Veterinary Regulations applies in relation to the permitted tightness of the noseband.
- 26.5.5 The following are the only nosebands permitted for Children's Events:

Dropped noseband



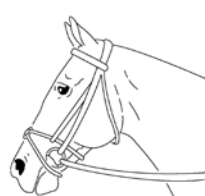
Cavesson noseband



Flash noseband



Crossed noseband



- 26.5.6 Variations of the above nosebands, such as the noseband pictured below, may be permitted provided that they comply with the provisions in these requirements, are properly fitted and do not interfere with the Pony's breathing (refer to the *Tack, Equipment and Dress Database* or the *FEI TackApp* for details).



26.6 Browband

- 26.6.1 Except for the parts that attach to the headpiece, it is not required that the browband is made of leather or other material with similar leather-like characteristic. The part of the browband that is in contact with the Horse must be smooth and non-abrasive.

26.7 Headpiece

- 26.7.1 The headpiece may be shaped around the ears but must not hinder the free movement of the ears.

26.8 Cheek Pieces

- 26.8.1 In the Competition arena, leather, sheepskin, or similar material may be used as blinkers on each cheek piece of the bridle provided that the material does not exceed three centimetres in width measured from the horse's cheek.



26.9 Throat Lash/Jowl Strap

- 26.9.1 A throat lash and/or jowl strap is required and must be fitted correctly. No additions to the throat lash and/or jowl strap are allowed. For the avoidance of doubt, the below throat lash/jowl strap combination is permitted.



26.10 Reins

- 26.10.1 A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap from the bridle or bit to the hand. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) except when using bitless bridles, hackamore and running gag bits. Exception: connecting pieces may be used so that a bit designed for use with two pairs of reins may be controlled with a single rein.
- 26.10.2 Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. A maximum of two pairs of reins may be used. If two pairs of reins are used, one pair must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle.
- 26.10.3 Reins must be free of any loops or hand attachments. Rein stoppers on the reins are permitted provided their max. protrusion is 1 cm.



26.11 Draw Reins

- 26.11.1 Draw reins (running reins) are prohibited in the Competition Arena, except during prize-giving ceremonies and march-past parades.
- 26.11.2 Draw reins must not be used on their own and may only be used together with reins that are attached to the bit(s). Draw reins may not be used on a bitless bridle.
- 26.11.3 If using draw reins when jumping in the warm up and training arenas, the height of the obstacles must not exceed 130 cm.

26.12 Other Auxiliary Reins

26.12.1 Gogue and Chambon

- 26.12.1.1 Permitted for flat work in the warm-up and training arenas only.

26.12.2 Side Reins

- 26.12.2.1 Permitted for flat work in the warm-up and training arenas only.



26.12.3 Abdullah Reins

- 26.12.3.1 Permitted for flat work in the warm-up and training arenas only.

26.13 Other

- 26.13.1 Cup blinkers and fly masks that cover the Horse's eyes are permitted for flat work in the warm-up and training arenas only.



- 26.13.2 Nose nets are permitted.

26.14 Throat Support

- 26.14.1 Throat support devices such as Cornell collars are permitted for use during Events however a written statement from a veterinarian must be provided to certify that the Horse requires such a device for welfare reasons. The statement must be received by the FEI Veterinary Department at least 4 weeks before first use at an Event. A copy of the statement must be retained at all times for inspection during an Event.

26.15 Prohibited Items

- 26.15.1 Glasses, sunglasses or visors for horses are prohibited at any time when mounted or when exercising the horse, including when lunging. They may be used in the stables area and grazing areas.
- 26.15.2 Unless specifically permitted in these FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements and/or in the FEI Tack, Equipment & Dress Database, no other additions to the bridles are permitted.

ARTICLE 27 MARTINGALE AND BREASTPLATE

- 27.1 Martingales and breastplates are permitted.
- 27.2 In the Competition Arena standing martingales and unrestricted running martingales are permitted.

ARTICLE 28 BITS

28.1 General

- 28.1.1 The surface of the bits must be smooth with rounded contours.
- 28.1.2 The surface of the bits (the mouthpiece as well as the other parts) must not be damaged or compromised. Slight and shallow chewing marks are tolerated.
- 28.1.3 Bits must be used in their original condition. Adaptations for the well-being of the horse (e.g. latex or similar smooth wrapping) are permitted.
- 28.1.4 No other item other than the bit(s) is permitted in the horse's mouth. Tongue guards (integrated in the bit or add-ons) are permitted provided they are correctly used.
- 28.1.5 If a tongue guard is attached to the cheekpieces, it must be independent from, placed behind and not intertwined with the bit. The tongue guard must face backwards.
- 28.1.6 Tongue ties and mouthguards are prohibited at all times during the Event.

28.2 Shape

28.2.1 Twisted wire bits and chains are not permitted.



28.3 Material

28.3.1 Bits may be made of metal, durable synthetic material (e.g., rigid plastic, flexible rubber etc.) or leather. Uncovered wire or cable, rope or rope like material is not permitted¹³.

28.4 Dimensions

28.4.1 Minimum thickness of mouthpieces: 10 mm. The thickness is to be measured in the middle of the cannon.



28.5 Mouthpiece

28.5.1 Two mouthpieces on separate bit rings are not permitted. Exception: combination of a curb bit and a snaffle bit when using a double bridle.

28.5.2 The centrepiece in double-jointed bits must be in the middle, have smooth surface and rounded edges and transitions in all areas. Max. length of the centrepiece in a double-jointed mouthpiece is 40 mm¹⁴. It may be inclined forward at an angle of up to 45°.

28.5.3 The joint in single-jointed bits must be in the middle, have smooth surface and rounded edges and transitions in all areas.

28.5.4 The mouthpiece may have an elevation port. Ports may never point downwards. The maximal height is 3 cm from the lowest part of the tongue side to the highest part of the deviation. The widest part of the deviation must be where the mouthpiece contacts the tongue and must be at least 3 cm wide. Inclination of the centre section by up to approximately 45° is permitted. It may be angled forwards but not backwards.

¹³ Material made of intertwined fibres can break, making the surface irregular and abrasive.

¹⁴ If the centrepiece is too long, the links are likely to act on the bars.

28.6 Bit Rings

- 28.6.1 The bit rings must be of a diameter that ensures the stability of the bit in the horse's mouth and prevents any contact with, or pressure of, the rings on sensitive structures of the horse's head.

Jointed snaffles may be used with upper, lower, full or Fulmer cheeks. Snaffles with double bit rings are permitted.



Loose rings may have a sleeve fitted around part of the ring.

28.7 Bit Guards

- 28.7.1 Bit guards must be of a smooth and flexible material. Bit guards integrated in the mouthpiece are permitted.

- 28.7.2 Minimum diameter of bit guards is 45 mm¹⁵.

28.8 Bit Burrs

- 28.8.1 Only the following bit burrs are permitted:

- with rounded non-metal points;
- with bristles provided that the bristles are soft, non-abrasive and deformable if pushed against.



28.9 Snaffles

- 28.9.1 Jointed, double-jointed or unjointed snaffles are permitted.

28.10 Curb Bit

- 28.10.1 Curb bits are permitted when used in combination with a bridoon (snaffle bit).



¹⁵ Minimum diameter is provided to ensure stability of the bit guards and to prevent them from sliding into the mouth.

28.10.2 The mouthpiece of the curb bit must be:

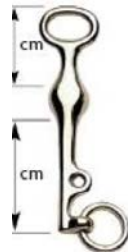
- Unjointed
- Thickness – minimum 10 mm

28.10.3 Lip straps are permitted.

28.10.4 The curb chain or curb strap must be fitted so that it only tightens and touches the horse's chin groove when the lever arm of the curb bit is at approximately 45° angle¹⁶ to the horse's lips.

28.10.5 The length of the lower lever arm below the mouthpiece of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm). The upper lever arm must not be longer than the lower lever arm and must not exceed five centimetres (5 cm).

28.10.6 The length of the lower lever arm is measured from the underside of the mouthpiece to the lowest point of the lever arm. The length of the upper lever arm is measured from the upper side of the mouthpiece to the highest point of the lever arm.



28.11 Curb Chain or Strap

28.11.1 Curb chains must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The curb chain must not be twisted. The surface must be smooth and with rounded contours.

28.11.2 Curb straps may be made of smooth leather or synthetic material, which must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The curb strap must not be twisted.

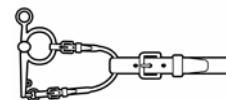
28.11.3 The surface of the curb chain or strap fasteners must be smooth and with rounded contours and such that it cannot cause injury to the horse. Buckles, if any, must not be in direct contact with the horse.

28.11.4 Curb chain covers made of leather, sheepskin or other pressure-reducing synthetic material are permitted. No other additions to the curb chain or strap are permitted.

28.12 Pelham

28.12.1 Pelhams may be used with two pairs of reins or a single pair of reins using a connecting piece which must be attached from the large to the small lower ring.

28.12.2 Example of a connecting piece for single rein – pelham.



28.12.3 The cheek piece must be attached into the upper small ring.

28.12.4 If used with a curb chain or strap, the length of the lower lever arm, below the mouthpiece of the curb bit, is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm). The upper lever arm must not be longer than the lower lever arm and must not exceed five centimetres (5 cm).

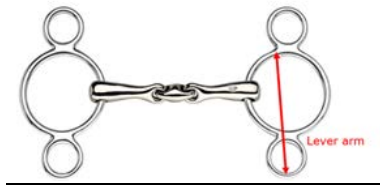
¹⁶ There has to be a margin for small variations in rein tension without immediately engaging the chain/curb.

- 28.12.5 The length of the lower lever arm is measured from the underside of the mouthpiece to the lowest point of the lever arm. The length of the upper lever arm is measured from the upper side of the mouthpiece to the highest point of the lever arm.

28.13 Continental and Elevator Gag

28.13.1 Continental Gag (Pessoa)

- 28.13.1.1 The length of the lever arm must not exceed ten centimetres (10 cm) if used in combination with a curb chain or strap¹⁷.
- 28.13.1.2 The length of the lever arm must be measured from the highest possible point of rotation to the bottom of the ring where the reins are attached.



28.13.2 Elevator / American Gag

- 28.13.2.1 Elevator / American Gag is permitted.

28.14 Running Gag

- 28.14.1 The gag ropes must be attached to the cheek pieces of the bridle with the exception of a curb gag.
- 28.14.2 The gag ropes must run through the opposite upper and lower holes on the gag bit rings. If the gag ropes run freely through the bit ring, a second pair of reins attached to the bit must be used.
- 28.14.3 Curb chains or straps are not permitted with a running gag¹⁸.
- 28.14.4 Travel of the gag may be limited.

28.15 Curb Gag

- 28.15.1 Curb gags must be used with two pair of reins, with one pair being attached to the bit ring and the other one to the rope rein. Exception: use of connecting piece.
- 28.15.2 Curb gags with only one rein on the rope ring is not permitted.

28.16 Pelham Gag

- 28.16.1 Pelham Gag is permitted

28.17 Combination Bits

- 28.17.1 The nose piece of the combination bit must be made of, or covered with, leather or other smooth and non-abrasive material, e.g. neoprene or rubber. The surface of the nosepiece that is in direct contact with the horse must be flat. The nose piece must be of min. 1.5 cm wide¹⁹. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted.

¹⁷ If used with a curb strap or chain, the mechanism of action will be the same as a with a curb bit or pelham. Therefore, the maximum permitted arm leverage must be the same.

¹⁸ The action of this bit could cause the chain to be dragged caudally over the chin groove.

¹⁹ Pressure on the nose will depend on the material, surface of contact, rein tension and leverage action. By establishing a minimum area of contact, we decrease the potential for exerting excessive pressure on sensitive, non-deformable structures.

28.17.2 Only one lever (lever arm or gag) is permitted.

28.18 Hackamore

28.18.1 The nose piece of the hackamore must be made of, or covered with, leather or other smooth and non-abrasive material, e.g. neoprene or rubber; no metal pieces of any kind may be inserted in the nose piece. The nose piece must be min. 1.5 cm wide. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted.

28.18.2 Hackamores may be used with a chin strap or chin chain which must be fitted in such a way that it cannot injure the horse.

28.18.3 Chin chains must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The curb chain must not be twisted. The surface must be smooth and with rounded contours. Chain covers made of leather, soft rubber, flexible gel or sheepskin are permitted.

28.18.4 Chin straps may be made of smooth leather or synthetic material, must not be damaged or compromised and must lay flat on the horse's chin groove. The chin strap must not be twisted. Any buckles must not be in direct contact with the horse.

28.18.5 The surface of the chin chain or strap fastener must be smooth and with rounded contours and such that it cannot cause injury to the horse.

28.18.6 If used in combination with a bit, only a snaffle (no lever) bit is permitted.

28.18.7 An additional strap on the nose piece is permitted purely for safety reasons and must not have an effect on the horse.

28.19 Prohibited Items

28.19.1 Unless specifically permitted in these FEI Jumping Tack and Equipment Requirements and/or in the FEI Tack, Equipment & Dress Database, no other additions to the bridles are permitted.

ARTICLE 29 BOOTS

29.1 Surface

29.1.1 The inside of the boot must be non-abrasive and smooth, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points, i.e. there may be no pads or blocks under the lining on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot is permitted. Sheepskin and other soft linings are allowed.

29.1.2 It is prohibited to spray the inside of the boot with grip spray or to apply any other product that would result in similar effects.

29.1.3 The inside surface of the fastener that is in direct or indirect contact with the horse's skin must be non-abrasive, smooth and with no embossing.

29.1.4 Tendon boots with pullback, ratchet (click) or buckle fasteners are not permitted.

29.2 Additional Elements

29.2.1 No additional elements may be added to, inserted into or sprayed on the internal surface of the boot itself. The use of cohesive or similar lightweight bandaging material or socks under boots is permitted; when possible, it should be applied in the presence of the Steward. A member of the Stewarding team has the right to require the bandaging material to be removed and re-applied in their presence at any time.

29.3 Total Weight

29.3.1 The total maximum weight of equipment permitted to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), may not exceed 500 grams (shoe or substitute for a shoe excluded) under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet.

29.4 Fetlock Rings and Pastern Bands

- 29.4.1 Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes provided that they are properly adjusted and loose, and provided that the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams under any circumstances, including when the equipment is wet. Pastern bands may be used around the pastern provided that they are not overtightened.

29.5 Hind Boots

- 29.5.1 At all international Jumping Events and at all FEI World Jumping Challenge Events, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:
- 29.5.2 Boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only, and boots with a rounded protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted provided that they meet the following criteria:
- 29.5.3 All boots must be designed in such a way that both sides can be bent to fit around the Horse's leg without effort. For double-shell boots specifically, the boots must be pre-moulded to the shape of a horse's fetlock, i.e. the boot must be pre-moulded in a "U" shape, in such a way that the boot naturally wraps around the fetlock.
- 29.5.4 **Dimensions**
- 29.5.5 The boot must not exceed a maximum length of 20 cm at its longest point, measured from the top to the bottom of the protective element (shell).
- 29.5.6 Double shell boots with two fasteners must have a minimum length of 9 cm at the shortest point where it covers the back of the leg.



29.5.7 Additional protection

- 29.5.8 Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot or on both sides of the boot are permitted provided that the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot (refer to the FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp for instructions on how to measure the length of the boot correctly).

29.5.9 Fitting

- 29.5.10 The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock. For boots with a protective element on one side only, the protective element must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

29.5.11 **Left and Right Hind Boot**

29.5.12 Placement of a left hind boot on the right hind leg and/or placement of a right hind boot on the left hind leg, is strictly prohibited.

29.5.13 **Fasteners**

29.5.14 The boot may have no more than two fasteners. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

Velcro-type fasteners: - Each strap must: - o Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or - o Have a minimum width of 4 cm if there is only one strap - For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic - For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic	
Stud-type fasteners: - Each strap must: - o Be made of elastic - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm - o Have holes that fit over a stud on the boot	
Hook-type fasteners: - Each strap must: - o Be made of elastic - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm - o Have a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet" on the boot	

29.5.15 All fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the strap must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the fastening component on the other side of the boot but must not wrap around the entire boot. Velcro-type fasteners may be secured with another Velcro-type strap extending vertically or horizontally over the fastener where it is attached to the fastening component (for examples, refer to FEI Tack, Equipment and Dress Database or the FEI TackApp). No mechanism that allows the fastener to double back on itself or that allows leverage of any kind to be applied to the fastener is permitted.

29.5.16 The crossing (X) of fasteners is strictly prohibited.

29.6 **Knee Protection**

29.6.1 Knee protectors are permitted provided they are correctly fitted and used appropriately.

29.6.2 The inside of the knee protectors must be non-abrasive and smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the knee protectors; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the knee protector, is permitted.

29.6.3 The inside surface of the knee protector fastener that is in direct or indirect contact with the horse's skin must be non-abrasive.

29.6.4 No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the knee protector itself.

ARTICLE 30 **SPURS**

30.1 **General**

30.1.1 Anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete when mounted may wear only one spur on each boot.

30.2 **Surface**

- 30.2.1 The contact surface with the horse and all edges must be smooth and rounded.
- 30.2.2 The spur must be attached in such a way that the shank always points backwards and is aligned horizontally or inclined downwards.

30.3 Length

- 30.3.1 The shank must not be more than 4 cm long, measured from the boot to the tip (incl. rotating disk, if applicable).

30.4 Type

- 30.4.1 Spurs with notched or serrated surface (for example rowel spurs with notched or serrated disk or comb spurs) are not permitted.
- 30.4.2 The thickness of the rotating disk must be minimum 3mm.

30.5 Additions to the Spurs

- 30.5.1 Covering any part of the spurs (including the shank, if applicable) with any additional material is not permitted. Exception: Cover of the arms made of smooth and non-abrasive material is allowed.

ARTICLE 31 WHIP

31.1 General

- 31.1.1 A whip shall comprise of a handle, shaft, and a flexible tip.
- 31.1.2 Anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete or anyone else riding the Horse may carry only one whip.

31.2 Length

- 31.2.1 Athletes are strictly prohibited to use a whip which is more than 75 cm in length in the Competition Arena, Warm-Up Arena, and Training Arenas.

31.3 Weight

- 31.3.1 Athletes are strictly prohibited to use or carry a whip which is weighed down at the end at any time.

31.4 Condition of the Whip

- 31.4.1 The whip shall be used only in the condition in which it was originally manufactured. The end of the whip shall not be modified, altered, damaged or worn in any way that may compromise horse welfare or the intended function of the whip.
- 31.4.2 No additions to the whip are permitted. Exception: addition/modification of the handle for the Athlete's comfort is permitted.

31.5 Substitute

- 31.5.1 No substitute for a whip may be carried.

ARTICLE 32 LUNGING

32.1 General

- 32.1.1 Lunging is permitted with one (1) lunge line only.

32.2 Auxiliary Equipment

- 32.2.1 Single direct side reins, sliding side reins or chambon, lungie bungie, lunging rope are permitted when lunging.

ARTICLE 33 LONG REINING

33.1.1 Long reining is permitted.