

# **FEI Jumping**

## **Guidelines for Use of Saddlery, Equipment and Dress**



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This document is to be read in conjunction with the Jumping Rules.

In case of any discrepancies, **the Jumping Rules will prevail.**

**N.B.: All items that are allowed are only allowed under the condition that they are used correctly and do not have a negative impact on horse welfare.**

## Bridle / Nosebands

All items of saddlery used must align with the Jumping Rules  
Art. 257.1.4,  
Annex XI – Art. 21.1.1.2,  
Annex XII – Art. 18.2.4.

With the exception of CSI(O)P and CSI(O)Ch, there are no restrictions on bridles and nosebands. However, the Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a noseband that may cause injury to the Horse.

*For Hackamores, please refer to "Bits" section.*



### **CSI (O)P and CSI (O)Ch**

Nosebands must be flat. Nosebands constructed from materials other than leather are not permitted, with the exception of the front part of the noseband which may optionally be made of flat, non-abrasive leather-like material. Sheepskin on the noseband is permitted. A small disc of sheepskin may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband.

**Nosebands**

**Dropped noseband**



**Cavesson noseband**



**Flash noseband**



**Crossed/Mexican/Grackle noseband**



**Double or dual nosebands**



**CSI (O)P and CSI (O)Ch**



**All other categories**





## How to check tightness of nosebands



Correct placement of fingers



Incorrect placement of fingers



If horse throws its head up, fingers could get stuck.



Incorrect placement of fingers



If horse throws its head up, fingers could get stuck.



Incorrect placement of fingers



**Bridles**

**Double bridle**



CSI (O)P



All other categories



**Micklem bridle**



**Jump-Off bridle**



High-Jump bridle



## Bits

All items of saddlery used must align with the Jumping Rules

Art. 257.1.4, 257.2.6,  
Annex XI – Art. 21.1.1.1,  
Annex XII – Art. 18.2.2.

With the exception of CSI(O)P, there are no restrictions on bits. However, the Ground Jury has in any case the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit that may cause injury to the Horse.












### CSI (O)P






The minimum diameter of the bit shall be 10 mm.



No wire, double wire, or chain bits may be used.

<p><b>Snaffle</b></p> 	
<p><b>Gag</b></p> 	 <p><b>All CSI(O)s</b> Please refer to the <a href="#">table</a> below for correct use of reins on this bit.</p> 
<p><b>Curb gag</b></p> 	 <p><b>All CSI(O)s</b> Please refer to the <a href="#">table</a> below for correct use of reins on this bit. <del>Only one rein allowed – to be used with a connecting piece or with the rein attached to the larger ring of the bit.</del></p> 
<p><b>Pelham</b></p> 	 <p><b>CSI(O)P</b> Cheeks maximum length 15 cm</p> <p><b>All CSI(O)s</b> Please refer to the <a href="#">table</a> below for correct use of reins on this bit. <del>Only one rein allowed – to be used with a connecting piece or with the rein attached to the larger ring of the bit.</del></p> 

<p><b>Pessoa</b></p>  <p>16 cm</p>	<p>✔</p> <p><b>CSI (O)P</b>          Cheeks maximum length 16 cm*          Only smooth (untwisted) snaffle Pessoaas are allowed.          Maximum 4 rings (including the top ring for the cheek piece).</p> <p><u>All CSI (O)s</u>  <a href="#">Please refer to the table below for correct use of reins on this bit.</a></p>
<p><b>Clarification on Pessoaas</b></p> 	<p>✘ <b>CSI (O) P</b>          Only smooth (untwisted) snaffle Pessoaas are allowed.</p>
<p><b>Kimblewick</b></p> 	<p>✔</p>

## Hackamore



This hackamore is for measurement illustration purposes only as the noseband is made of metal and may not be used in CSI(O)P and CSI(O)Ch events.



### CSI (O)P

Cheeks maximum length 17 cm\*

The nose piece of the hackamore must be flat and constructed of pliable non-abrasive material; Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted; no metal pieces of any kind may be inserted in the nose piece, padding or sheepskin. (Measurement should be carried out in a straight line from the middle of the upper ring to the middle of the lower ring. For models with a "curb chain" or strap, measurement should be taken from the middle of the bottom ring to the point of junction where the shank connects to the nose piece.)

N.B.: No hackamore may be used in combination with a bit.



### CSI (O)Ch

The nose piece of the hackamore must be flat and constructed of pliable non-abrasive material. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted; no metal pieces of any kind may be inserted in the nose piece, padding or sheepskin. The nose piece of a hackamore combined with a bit must be flat and covered with leather or other non-abrasive leather-like material, e.g. neoprene or rubber. Sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted.

## Combination bit



### CSI (O)P



### All other categories



### CSI (O)Ch

The nose piece of the hackamore must be flat and constructed of pliable non-abrasive material.

Hackamore with metal pieces inserted in the nose piece



CSI (O)P and CSI (O)Ch



All other categories



**Clarification on number of reins allowed**

Table of common bits and number of reins at all CSI(O) events (updated 24.11.22)												
# of reins	Curb gag			Gag			Pelham			Pessoa		
	P	Ch	Other	P	Ch	Other	P	Ch	Other	P	Ch	Other
1	Only on larger ring			Yes, any ring			Larger ring only			Yes		
2	Yes			Yes			No			Yes		
Connecting piece	Yes			Yes			Yes			Yes		



**Connecting piece**



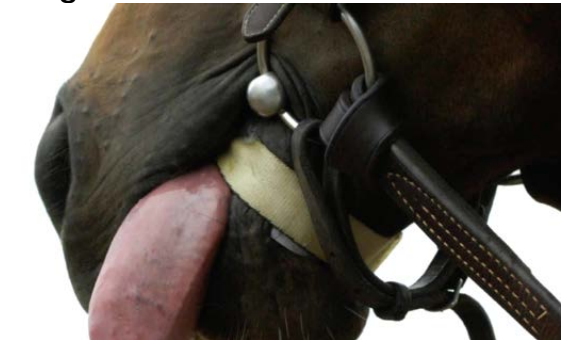
**Split reins**



**Bit guards**



**Tongue ties**



VRs Art. 1046.3: Tongue ties are prohibited for use at any time during the Period of the Event.

## Tongue guard



Bit with tongue guard



For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1046.5.

















The tongue guard has to be placed in the horse's mouth before the bit.















Incorrect tongue guard placement.

## **Auxiliary reins**

All items of saddlery used must align with the Jumping Rules  
Art. 257.1.3, 257.1.5,  
Annex XI – Art. 21.2.3,  
Annex XII – Art. 18.1.3, 18.1.5.

<p><b>Draw reins</b></p> 	<p>All categories in warm-up arena and competition arena during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades</p> 
<p><b>Side reins</b></p> 	<p>CSI (O)P</p>  <p>All other categories <u>in warm-up arena only</u></p> 
<p><b>Gogue</b></p> 	<p>CSI (O)P</p>  <p>All other categories <u>in warm-up arena only</u></p> 
<p><b>Chambon</b></p> 	<p>CSI (O)P</p>  <p>All other categories <u>in warm-up arena only</u></p> 
<p><b>Thiedemann reins</b></p> 	<p>CSI (O)P</p>  <p>All other categories <u>in warm-up arena only</u></p> 

<p><b>Abdullah reins</b></p> 	<p>CSI (O)P</p> <p></p> <p>All other categories <u>in warm-up arena only</u></p> <p></p>
<p><b>Running martingales</b></p> 	<p></p>
<p><b>Standing martingale</b></p> 	<p>CSI (O)P</p> <p></p> <p>CSI (O)Ch</p> <p></p> <p>All other categories <u>in warm-up arena only</u></p> <p></p>
<p><b>Martingale stopper</b></p> 	<p> No more than one martingale stopper per rein may be used in the competition arena</p> <p> At CSI(O)P events, two martingale stoppers may never be configured in such a way as to cause a running martingale to function as a standing martingale – as shown on the picture on the right.</p>

## **Leg equipment**

All items of saddlery used must align with the Jumping Rules  
Art. 257.2.4,  
Art. 257.2.5.

### **Single shell hind boots**

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.

**"Young Horse" boots**



**Allowed at all events and competitions**



Hind boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only.  
Maximum height at longest point: 16 cm.  
Fastener: must be non-elastic Velcro with a minimum height of 5 cm.

**Single shell boots with Velcro-type fasteners**



**Young Horse events/competitions**



**All other events**



Hind boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only.  
Maximum height at longest point: 20 cm.  
Velcro-type fastener may be elastic or non-elastic.  
If 1 fastener: 5 cm.  
If 2 fasteners: 2.5 cm each.

**Young Horse events/competitions**



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

**Single shell boots with stud/hook fasteners**



**Young Horse events/competitions**



**All other events**



Hind boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside only.  
Maximum height at longest point: 20 cm.  
Fasteners must be elastic  
1 or 2 fastener(s): 2.5 cm (each).

**Young Horse events/competitions**



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

### Double shell hind boots

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. Double shell boots that require the fastener(s) to be attached to permit the boot to wrap around the fetlock are not permitted.



The same type of boot might or might not be allowed, depending on the condition in which it is presented. If it has been softened and kept fastened, it will maintain an acceptable U-shape. If it has not, it might not.



**Double shell boots with Velcro-type fasteners**



**Young Horse events/competitions**



**All other events**



Hind boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside and outside.  
Maximum height at longest point: 20 cm.  
Fastener(s): must be elastic.

Velcro type fastener(s):  
Minimum height:  
1 fastener 5 cm.  
2 fasteners 2.5 cm each.

**Double shell boots with stud/hook fasteners**



**Young Horse events/competitions**



**All other events**



Hind boots that have a rounded protective element on the inside and outside.  
Maximum height at longest point: 20 cm.  
Fastener(s): must be elastic.

Stud/hook type fastener(s):  
Minimum height:  
1 or 2 fastener(s): 2.5 cm each.



This boot is ~~not~~ never allowed with or without added weight.



No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself.  
Without the weight, there might be a significant horse welfare risk.

**Safety fastening straps**

**Horizontal safety fastening strap**



Allowed on all hind boots with Velcro type fasteners



**Vertical safety fastening strap**



Allowed on all hind boots with Velcro type fasteners



**Clarification of fastening systems**

**Stud type**



Young Horse events/competitions



All other events



Straps must be elastic.

**Hook type**



**Young Horse events/competitions**



**All other events**



Straps must be elastic.

**Straps that split into two**



**Young Horse events/competitions**



**All other events**



Straps must be elastic.  
Any part of the fastener in direct contact with the horse's leg must have a minimum height of 2.5 cm.



Straps must lie flat on all legs.



**Pullback fastener**



**Buckles**



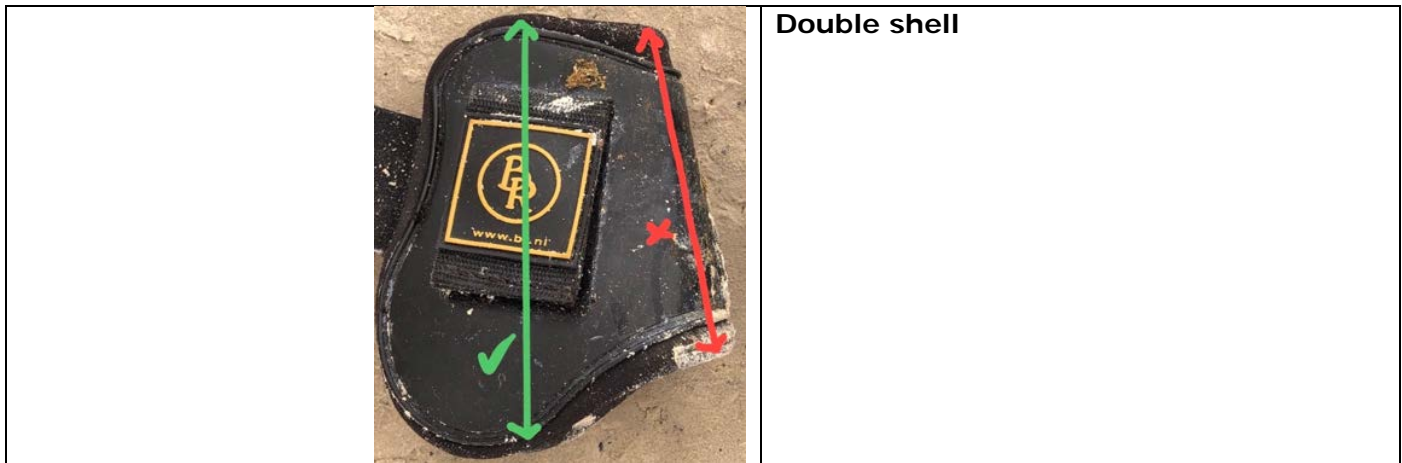
**Click (ratchet) fastener**



**Where to measure heights on hind boots**



**Single shell**



**Double shell**



Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boots are allowed providing 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.



**Fasteners**

**Clarification on inside surface of hind boots**

The inside of the boot must be non-abrasive and smooth, that is, 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 linings



This type of inner surface is allowed providing it is soft and spongy.



This type of inner surface is rough and is not allowed.



Nothing may be inserted into the inner surface or lining of all boots that could have a negative impact on horse welfare.

**Clarification on inside surface of fasteners**



Nothing may be added to the inner surface of all fasteners that could have a negative impact on horse welfare.



## Other leg equipment

### Bandages



### Fetlock rings



Must be correctly positioned and not over tightened.

### Pastern bands



Must be correctly positioned and not over tightened.

### Heel protector with incorporated pastern band



**Lightweight bandages**



**Lightweight socks**



**Overreach boots (bells)**



**Knee protection**



### Substitute for shoe



N:B: . Not included in 500 gr max weight of equipment per leg.




### Pressure socks



Only allowed in stable or for hand-held grazing.  
Never allowed for any form of exercise.

## Dress

All items of dress used must align with the Jumping Rules  
Art. 256.1.5,  
Annex XI – Art. 19,  
Annex XII – Art. 17.

<p><b>Riding boots</b></p> 	<p>Black or brown.</p> <p>Boots may have one contrasting colour only, around the top, heel and/or toe.</p> <p>Boots must have a heel.</p>
<p><b>Heel</b></p> 	<p><b>!</b> <i>N.B.: The current FEI Jumping Rules do not impose a minimum heel height. Therefore, the only factors to be taken into account to establish whether a boot does or does not have a heel are the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>The sole may not be flat from the toes to the heel.</i></li> <li>- <i>There has to be a "drop" between the toe and heel part of the boot.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Jackets</b></p> 	<p>Competition jackets may be any colours and must have outward facing buttons.</p> <p>If the jacket has a collar it must be a lapel collar which may be the same colour as the jacket or a different colour.</p> <p>Piping of any colour is allowed.</p> <p>Jackets without a collar are allowed providing the shirt collar and tie are visible when the jacket is closed.</p>
<p><b>Earphones</b></p> 	<p><b>!</b> Earphones and/or other electronic communication devices may never be worn during FEI Jumping Competitions. For the avoidance of any doubt, Athletes, grooms or any other person may wear one earphone at any other time while mounted.</p>
<p><b>Airbag jacket</b></p> 	<p><b>!</b> Attaching the airbag jacket to the saddle is not considered tying the Athlete to the saddlery. (Art. 257.2.1)</p>

## Spurs

All spurs used must align with the Jumping Rules

Art. 256.1.11,  
Annex XI - Art. 19.4,  
Annex XII - Art. 17.3.
















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











Rowel spurs, that is spurs with a notched or serrated rotating disc, are not authorised anywhere within the grounds of international Jumping Events.









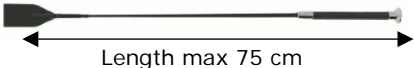

### **CSI (O)P and CSI (O)Ch**

Spurs are optional but if used must be made of smooth metal. If there is a shank it must not be more than 4 cm long, measured from the boot to the tip of the spur, and must point only towards the rear; the end of the shank must be blunt. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards.

<p>Spurs</p> 	
<p>Spursuader</p> 	
<p>Hammer spurs</p> 	
<p>Swan neck spurs</p> 	  <p>CSI(O)P allowed if shank turned downwards</p>
<p>Impulse spurs</p> 	
<p>Dummy spurs</p> 	
<p>"FairRider" spurs</p> 	

<p><b>Comb spurs</b></p> 	<p><b>CSI (O)P and CSI (O)Ch</b></p>  <p><b>All other categories</b></p> 
<p><b>Rowel spurs with tines, notches or serration</b></p> 	
	 <p>Covering notched or serrated rowels with tape or any other material is not allowed.</p>
	 <p>Spurs with a rotating disc that is not notched or serrated are allowed.</p>  <p><b>CSI (O)P and CSI (O)Ch</b> The thickness of the disc must be a minimum of 3 mm.</p>

	
	 Check that edges are smooth.

Whips	
All whips used must align with the Jumping Rules Art. 256.1.12, Annex XI - Art. 19.5, Annex XII - Art. 17.4.	
Anywhere within the grounds of the Event, the Athlete when mounted may carry only one whip. No substitute for a whip may be carried.	
<b>Dressage whips</b> 	<b>CSI (O)P and CSI (O)Ch</b>  <b>All other categories <u>when working on the flat.</u></b> 
<b>Other whips</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">Length max 75 cm</p>	

Stirrups	
All stirrup irons and stirrup leather must align with the Jumping Rules Art. 257.2.1.	
In the interests of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of their body to the saddlery.	



Safety stirrups



Magnetic stirrups



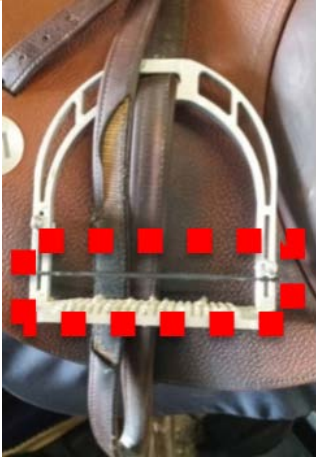
Balance stirrups



The stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap.



The Athlete must not directly or indirectly tie any part of their body to the saddlery.



## Other items of tack and equipment

All items of saddlery used must align with the Jumping Rules  
Art. 256.1.10,  
Art. 257.1.1,  
Art. 257.1.2,  
Art. 257.2.6,  
Annex XI,  
Annex XII.

Nose net



Fly hood



Compression mask



Fly mask



In competition arena



In warm-up arena



**Blinkers**



**In competition arena**



**In warm-up arena**



**Other type of blinkers**



Check or measure them if necessary.

Leather, sheepskin or similar material may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the material does not exceed three centimetres in diameter measured from the horse's cheek.



**In competition arena**



Too thick

**In warm-up arena**



### Body bandages



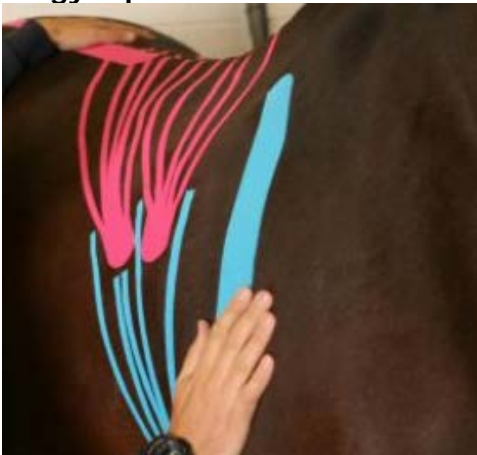
It is strongly recommended that Stewards check underneath the body bandage after the Horse has competed.

### Glasses/sunglasses



Plastic shields that cover the Horse's eyes are forbidden at any time when mounted or when exercising the Horse, including when lunging. They may be used in the stable area and grazing areas.

### Kinesiology tape



The tape below may not be used in any arena, during competition or at any time during which a Horse is being ridden or exercised. Use within the stables is allowed.