

# IPC DRESSAGE TACK SHEET 2022

To be read by D.C.'s, Trainers, Parents and Competitors



This Tack Sheet covers Dressage within **Eventing**, Combined Training and Pure Dressage.

It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure the correct tack is used in conjunction with 2020 Rules. All tack should be properly maintained, correctly fitted & clean when presented for Tack Inspection.

If a Tack Steward finds any gadget/bit or piece of saddlery that in his/her opinion is cruel, the Chief Steward, who has absolute discretion to forbid its use and to ban the respective animal from competition, will be called.

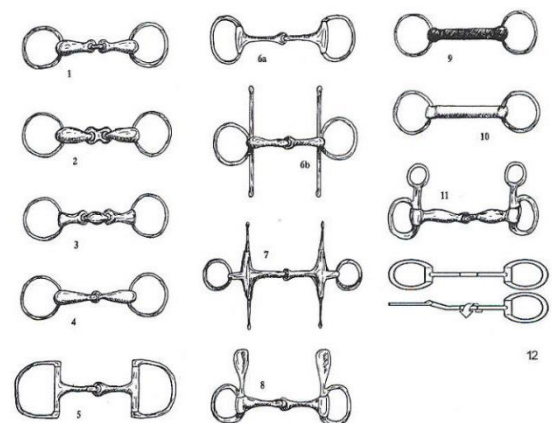
Saddlery which is not allowed for competition may not, upon penalty of elimination, be worn on the day of competition. Actions deemed cruel will eliminate the combination of horse & rider.

Competitor only, may school & ride their horse at competitions.

- **Bridles:**  
Plain leather preferred. Synthetic bridles must be brown/black Micklem bridle allowed. Bit must be attached with leather strap.
- **Brow Bands:**  
Plain leather only
- **Reins:**  
Plastic or nylon must have leather insert at bickle. Lunging inside reins is permitted but no other gadgets are allowed. Running/draw/cheek are forbidden. No clips attaching reins to bit Nose
- **Nose Nets:**  
Allowed. Fly hoods allowed, not additions. Black or brown.
- **Bitguards**  
Not allowed
- **Bitless Bridles/ Hackmores:**  
Not allowed
- **Blinkers &/or Sheepskin cheek pieces:**  
Not allowed
- **Browbands:**  
Plain leather only.
- **Breastplates:**  
Allowed. Neck strap allowed for under 12's only.
- **Saddles:**  
Black or brown of plain English type, with full tree and two (or more) buckled girth strap. Synthetic saddles allowed. No coloured saddles, no felt saddles.
- **Stirrups**  
Solid stirrups including Flexie stirrups allowed. Stirrups must fit correctly. 1 cm space on either side of the foot. Point of stirrup bar must be down. Safety stirrups allowed. Must be fitted with peacock leathers and correct rubber bands. Free jump allowed. Magnetic not allowed.

- **Numnahs Cloths/Pads:**  
Ideally white, brown or black which can have the same color piping as the pad. They may contain the Branch logo. Branch name allowed. Branded pads can only be used if displaying the current competition sponsor. Square pads allowed however those following the line of the saddle look smarter in Show Jumping and Cross Country.
- **Whips:**  
Not allowed for Pure Dressage.
- **CT/Dr. Ev Dr.**  
Whips (75cm) must have flap on end. Schooling whips to 1.10m.
- **Studs:**  
Care should be taken when using studs.
- **Spurs:**  
Blunt only, made of metal without rowels or sharp edges. If curved, the curve must be downward and the shank straight back. Metal spurs with rubber rowels and easy spurs allowed. Members/Inter: 3.5cm. Junior 2cm. Impulse/soft touch allowed.  
**Under 12's competition – spurs not allowed**
- **Dressage Bits:**  
No leather or wooden mouth pieces allowed. Additional covering on any part not allowed All smooth snaffle bits with or without cheeks allowed. If there are two joints, the middle link must be smooth and rounded. No Gag Snaffles, 3 Ring Snaffles, Roller Snaffles or Dr. Bristol snaffles allowed. Mixed metals allowed. This applies to under 12's also.

## Permitted Bits in IPC Dressage



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## GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION FOR RIDERS TURN OUT & SAFETY

- **HATS**  
Only Hat/Skull Caps to PAS 015 with BSI Kitemark or ASTM F1163 with SEI or **Snell E2001 with official Snell label** or **VG1 with BSI Kitemark** or **AS/NZ 3838 (1998), (2003) or (2006)** are allowed.  
**All hats must bear the CE mark and either BSI Kitemark or the SEI Global symbol.** Black or navy covers only for Dressage. Please note the PAS 015: 1998 or 2011 and the Snell E2001 meet higher impact criteria and therefore give more protection.
- **Chin Straps**  
Must be fastened at all times when mounted (on penalty of elimination).
- **Hair Nets**  
Long hair must be tied-up in hair net.
- **Body Protectors**  
If using Back Protectors or Air Vests refer to Show Jumping Tack Sheet.  
Official competition numbers only, allowed.
- **Body-rings/studs**  
Not allowed
- **Jewellery/Buttonholes**  
Are forbidden.
- **Jackets**  
Tweed, black, navy or grey must be worn. Under 12's may ride dressage test in branch sweatshirt.
- **Shirt/Pony Club Tie/Stock**  
Must wear Pony Club tie or stock, to be used with a collared shirt only.
- **PC Badges, Test Discs**  
Must be worn.
- **Jodhpurs/Breeches**  
Only cream/white/beige.
- **Gaiters if worn:**  
If worn must be black or brown leather polished (not suede), with matching boots. Suede allowed for U.12's.
- **Devices:**  
Electronic devices are not allowed in competition.  
No recording device is permitted e.g. hat cameras as they may have a negative effect on the performance of the hat in the event of a fall.

## IPC TACK SHEET SUMMARY DRESSAGE 2021

RIDER										
  	<b>HAT</b> PAS 015 with BSI or Snell 2001 or ASTM F1163 with SEI or VG 1 with BSI or AS/NZ 3838	<b>SKULL CAP</b> PAS 015 with BSI or Snell 2001 or ASTM F1163 with SEI or VG 1 with BSI or AS/NZ 3838		<b>GLOVES</b>	<b>STOCK Or IPC TIE</b>	<b>SHIRT</b> Only Collared shirt	<b>WHIPS</b>	<b>SPURS</b> Jnr 2cm Snr/Int 3.5 cm Metal with curve pointed <u>downward</u> Easy spurs allowed	<b>COLOURS</b>	<b>MEDICAL ARM-BAND WITH PHOTO</b>
Pure Dr.	✓	✓		C	C	C	X	✓	X	
Comb. Trg. Dr.	✓	✓		C	C	C	✓	✓	X	
Eventing Dr.	✓	✓		C	C	C	✓	✓	X	
HORSE										
	<b>BRIDLE</b> (leather recommended) If using synthetic fibre, leather insert in rein buckle end.			<b>NOSEBAND</b>		<b>MART-IN-GALE</b>	<b>GIRTH</b> Min. of two buckles	<b>BOOTS OR BAND-AGES</b>	<b>SUR-CINGLE</b>	
	<b>Snaffle</b>	<b>Pelham</b>	<b>Double</b>	Cavesson Drop/ Flash Grackle		Kineton				
Pure Dr.	✓	X	X	✓		X	X	C	X	
Comb. Trg. Dr.	✓	X	X	✓		X	X	C	X	
Eventing Dr.	✓	X	X	✓		X	X	C	X	

Key to symbols: ✓=permitted, X=forbidden, C=compulsory, R=recommended