

IPC DRESSAGE TACK SHEET 2025

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 2023 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 preferred

Reins:

Plastic or nylon must have leather insert at buckle. Lunging inside reins is permitted but no other gadgets are allowed. Running/draw/check are forbidden. No clips attaching reins to bit.

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

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 colour 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/Dressage, Eventing Dressage

Whips (75cm) must have flap on end. Schooling whips to 1.10m.

Studs:

Care should be taken when using studs.

Spurs:

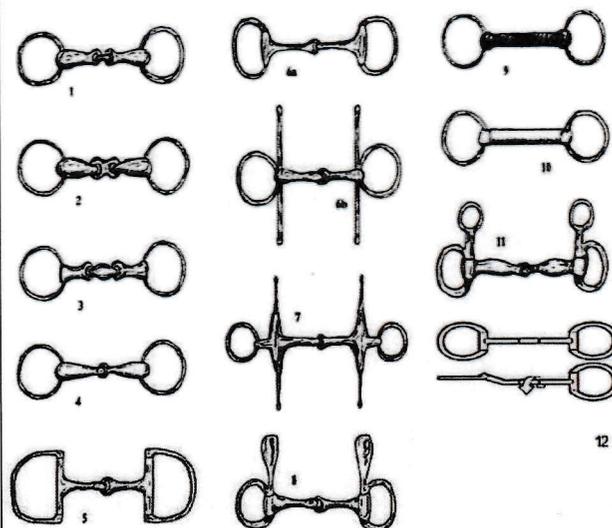
Blunt only, made of metal without rowels or sharp edges. If curved, the curve must be downward and the shank straight back. Metal spurs with rubber rowels and easy spurs allowed. Members/Inter: 3.5cm. Junior 2cm. Impulse/soft touch allowed.

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 AND SAFETY

<p>HATS From the 1st January 2023, only PAS 015 (2011) onwards and Snell E2016 onwards along with the ASTM F1163 2004a onwards with SEI mark, AS/NZS 3838: 2003, VG1 01.040 2014-12 with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark will be permitted to be used. All hats must bear the CE mark and either BSI kitemark or the SEI global symbol. Black or navy covers only for Dressage.</p> <p>Chin Straps Must be fastened at all times when mounted (on penalty of elimination).</p> <p>Hair Nets Long hair must be tied-up in hair net.</p> <p>Body Protectors If using Back Protectors or Air Vests refer to Show Jumping Tack Sheet. Official competition numbers only, allowed.</p> <p>Body-rings/studs Not allowed</p>	<p>Jewellery/Buttonholes Are forbidden.</p> <p>Jackets Tweed, black, navy or grey must be worn. Under 12's may ride dressage test in branch sweatshirt.</p> <p>Shirt/Pony Club Tie/Stock Must wear Pony Club tie or stock, to be used with a collared shirt only.</p> <p>PC Badges, Test Discs Must be worn.</p> <p>Jodhpurs/Breeches Only cream/white/beige.</p> <p>Gaiters if worn: If worn must be black or brown leather polished (not suede), with matching boots. Suede allowed for U.12's.</p> <p>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.</p>
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IPC TACK SHEET SUMMARY DRESSAGE 2024

RIDER

	HAT	SKULL CAP	GLOVES	STOCK OR IPC TIE	SHIRT	WHIPS	SPURS	COLOURS	MEDICAL ARM-BAND WITH PHOTO
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Pure Dr	✓	✓	C	C	C	X	✓	X	
CT Dr	✓	✓	C	C	C	✓	✓	X	
Eventing Dr	✓	✓	C	C	C	✓	✓	X	

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HORSE

	BRIDLE (leather recommended) If using synthetic fibre, leather insert in rein buckle end.			NOSEBAND		MARTING ALE	GIRTH Min. of two buckles	BOOTS OR BANDAGES	SURCING LE
	Snaffle	Pelham	Double	Cavesson Drop/Flash Grackle	Kinton				
Pure Dressage	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	C	X	
Combined Training Dressage	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	C	X	
Eventing Dressage	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	C	X	

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