

# IPC MOUNTED GAMES TACK SHEET 2026

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



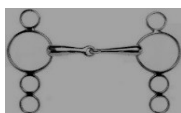
It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure the correct Tack is used in conjunction with 2026 Rule Book. All tack should be properly maintained, correctly fitted and clean when presented for Tack Inspection.

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 and rider. Competitor, only, may school and ride their horse at competitions.

### SADDLERY

#### Bits:

No leather or wooden mouth-pieces allowed. Additional covering on any part not allowed. Bits must be **plain snaffle** with a straight bar, single or double joint in the middle. The mouthpiece must be smooth all round. Bits of nylon or other synthetic material are permitted, but must only be used in their manufactured condition without any addition to/or on any part. **3-ring snaffle (used in accordance with PonyClub rules – ie reins on middle ring or reins on a D loop connecting top & bottom rings) or 2-ring snaffle is allowed for the under 10 Competitions only.**

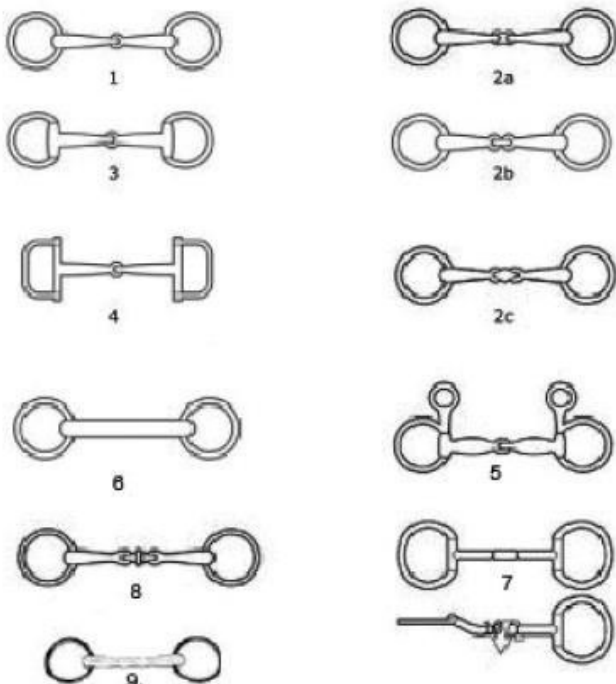


**Wilkie Bit is allowed for under 10 Competitions only.**



Plastic bits with a cylindrical joint are **not** permitted, **nor** are Bitless Bridles including Hackamores. **Full cheek bits (eg. Fulmer snaffles), DrBristol bits and Pelham bits are NOT allowed.** (See below for permitted bits).

#### Permitted BITS for Mounted Games in IPC



Irish Pony Club

1. Loose Ring Snaffle
- 2.a Snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece (French Link)
- 2.b Snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece
- 2.c Snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece with Lozenge
3. Egg-butt Snaffle
4. Racing Snaffle D-ring
5. Hanging cheek snaffle
6. Straight bar snaffle. Permitted also with Mullen mouth and egg butt rings
7. Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece or (8.) middle piece
9. Un-jointed wavy snaffle (plastic or rubber only)

**Bridles:** Plain leather recommended. Synthetic bridles black/brown allowed. Micklem Bridle allowed with leather bit attachments. Clips must be taped.

**Bitless bridles/Hackamores:** Not allowed

**Bitguards:** Permitted, but must be smooth, black or brown.

**Bandages / Boots:** Should only be worn where necessary and not for decoration. They must be uniform in colour and correctly fitted.

**Blinkers and Sheepskin Cheek Pieces:** Not allowed.

**Browband:** Plain leather only recommended, coloured Browbands are permitted.

**Breastplates:** Allowed.

**Ear Plugs, Ear Bonnets, Face Masks:** Not allowed.

**Martingales:** The only martingales allowed are Irish, Standing, Bib or Running, only one of which may be worn at any time. Standing martingales may be attached only to a Cavesson noseband or the Cavesson portion of a 'flash' noseband fitted above the bit. Rubber/leather stops must be fitted.

**Nosebands:** Only one permitted – Cavesson, Drop, Grackle or Flash unless using a standing martingale with a drop or grackle when the addition of a cavesson noseband is allowed. Sheepskin nosebands not allowed.

**Numnahs, Saddle Cloths/Pads:** White or dark colour only. Any piping round the edge should be of the same colour. **IPC Branch logo and/or Branch name only allowed.** Please refer to Rule Book.

**Reins:** For safety reasons, one continuous rein not allowed. All reins should be attached to the bit by leather with buckle or billet. Clips are NOT allowed. Neck, vaulting straps not permitted.

Grass reins correctly fitted are permitted for U10's, see 2026 Rule Book for correct fitting.

**Balanced Support Reins are permitted for U10's only**

**Saddles:** Black or brown of plain English type, two (or more) buckled girth. Any saddle without a tree or those employing a half tree on front arch only, is prohibited. Synthetic saddles allowed. No coloured saddles, no felt saddles. No racing saddle less than 16" (40.6cm) in length, min (5lbs) 2.8kg.

**Stirrups:** Stirrups must fit correctly. 1cm space on each side of the foot. Stirrup bar must be down. Safety stirrups allowed. (peacock leathers and correct rubber bands for u10 only). **NO** drop-down stirrup of any kind is allowed. Stirrups with a permanent opening in the sides are **NOT** permitted. Stirrups which include metal/metal type treads, including but not limited to those with protruding spikes and/or perforated grip features are **NOT** permitted.

**Studs:** The use of studs is not recommended unless absolutely necessary. If worn, road studs may be used. Greatcare should be taken when using studs.

**Spurs:** NO spurs of any kind are allowed.

**Whips:** NO whips of any kind are allowed.

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**DRESS**

**Jodhpurs:**

Cream or beige only.

**Shirts:**

Collared, white with long sleeves (which are **not** to be rolled up), with Pony Club tie. Collarless shirt with PC tie forbidden.

**Footwear:**

Standard riding boots or Jodhpur boots with smooth, fairly thin sole, and a well-defined square heel should be worn. No other footwear allowed.

**Badges:**

No metal badges allowed.

**Jewellery/Watches/Body Piercing:**

Jewellery of any kind is not permitted.

**Hair:**

Long hair should be secured appropriately **and in a hairnet.**

**Gaiters:** Black leather polished (not suede), may be worn with black jodhpur boots. Chaps (including half chaps) not allowed.

**Sweatshirts:**

Half-zips allowed. Branch colour(s) allowed **IPC Branch logo and/or Branch name only allowed.** No riding in hoodies.

**Hat Covers:**

Hat Covers should be black. Please refer to the rule book for more details

**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 a hat in the event of a fall.

**Hats:**

**Only skull caps are permitted and must be to one of the following standards –**

PAS 015 2011 onwards with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark.  
 VG1 01.040 2014-12 with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark  
 ASTM F1163: 2004a and subsequent updates  
 Snell E2016 (Snell combines a standard with subsequent quality testing, therefore no additional quality testing mark is required) AS/NZS 3838 (2006 and any subsequent updates)

**All hats (other than Snell E2016 as indicated above) must bear the CE Mark and a quality symbol, either BSI Kitemark or the SEI Global symbol.**

**Hats should be tagged with the appropriate IPC hat tag.**

Hats must be worn with the chinstrap correctly fastened at all times when mounted including Prizegiving. The No. 5 rider, when taking part unmounted must also wear a hat (fastened).

**At a Branch rally or during camp, at introductory level on an occasional basis, if necessary members may wear a hat which complies with the permitted standard rather than a skull cap. However, it should be stressed that a properly fitted skull cap offers best protection and must be worn at all competitive levels in Mounted Games.**

**IPC TACK SHEET SUMMARY MOUNTED GAMES 2026 FOR RIDER**

HAT	SKULL CAP PAS 015 2011 onwards or VG1 01.040 2014-12 (both with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark) or Snell E2016 or ASTM F1163: 2004a and subsequent updates or AS/NZS 3838 (2006 and any subsequent updates)	BODY PROTECTOR	GLOVES	STOCK	IPC TIE	WHIP S	SPURS	COLOURS	MEDICAL AMRBAND WITH PHOTO/MEMBERSHIP CARD
X	C			X	C	X	X	C	

**HORSE**

BRIDLE (leather recommended) If using synthetic fibre, recommended leather insert at rein buckle			NOSEBAND	MARTINGALE	GIRTHS Min. of two buckles	BOOTS or BANDAGES
Snaffle	Pelham	Double	Cavesson Drop/Flash Grackle			
√	X	X	√	√	C	√

Key to Symbols: √=Permitted, X=Forbidden, C=Compulsory, R=Recommended