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PCASA SADDLERY AND ACCESSORIES

Equipment that is not explicitly permitted under this section must not be used unless an exemption has been issued under the provisions later in this section.

6.1 SADDLES

The saddle **must** be correctly fitted for all Pony Club competitions, official functions and all rallies. A two finger (approx. 3 cm) width clearance to the wither should be obtained. With the exception of close contact saddles a 1 finger clearance is required when the rider is standing in their stirrups.

Saddles that don't comply with above rules must have a current PCASA saddle fitting card

Treeless Saddles are permitted

Stock Saddles, Half Breed Saddles & Swinging Fender Saddles including those with latigo attachments are allowed (Saddles with horns not permitted), stirrup leathers must be on a bar designed for the leathers to come off OR if the saddle has solid bars it must have breakaway stirrups or toe stopper type attachments.

All saddles must be designed in such a way as to allow the stirrup leather to slide off easily in the case of a rider being dragged. Hinged stirrup bars must be left straight. If the saddle/pony pad does not have a stirrup bar which allows the stirrup to slide off, correctly fitted clogs in place of stirrup irons or toe stoppers must be used.

Note: With the exceptions listed above in regards to girth attachment on Stock/Half Breed & Swinging Fender Saddles all other saddles must conform with current rules, 2 separate girth points, surcingle in place where required

Western type saddles (horned) are not allowed for Pony Club use.

6.1.1 SADDLE BLANKET

The registered Pony Club saddle blanket is to be worn on top of any others. The saddle blanket must be bigger than the saddle so there are no pressure points, and must be pulled up into the gullet of the saddle before the girth is tightened.

6.1.2 SADDLE PADS

Foam risers are permitted. Gel pads are permitted. Correctly folded towels or blankets may be used as a temporary measure to improve the fit of a saddle enough to allow the rider to ride that day

6.1.3 GIRTHS / SURCINGLES / CRUPPERS / STUD GUARDS

All saddles **must** have a girth point with two or three separate girth points, or a single girth point and a surcingle. Single buckle girths are not allowed without a surcingle, surcingle must be fitted in such a way to allow stirrup leathers to slide off the stirrup bar. The girth must be firmly fitted. Adjustable single buckle girths are **not** permitted. Check stitching on the girth. Check girth for rotting and wear. Surcingles, cruppers and Stud Guards are permitted.

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6.1.4 STIRRUP LEATHERS

All stirrup leathers **must** be on the outside of the saddle flaps. Stirrups or stirrup leathers **must** not be tied down to the girth or saddle flaps. Check stitching on the stirrup for rotting and wear. Excess length can be placed through the keepers on the saddle flap.

6.1.5 STIRRUP IRONS / CLOGS

There must be at least 5 mm clearance between the boot (widest part) and irons on both sides. A 10mm block **MUST** be used at all times when checking this. Safety stirrups which require rubber bands **must** be used with their correct rubber bands. Collapsible (hinged) stirrup irons are permitted but are not recommended. STS stirrups (not including jockey stirrup) approved for use for a 12mth trial, clearance rule not applicable to STS stirrups

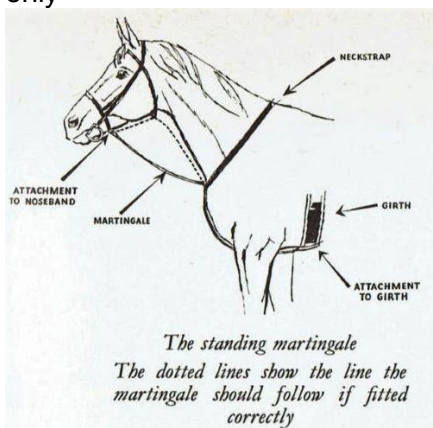
Clogs are permitted. It is essential that there be at least 5 mm clearance between the boot and clog on both sides and at least 2 cm at the top. Toe stoppers are classed as clogs.

Bent irons (Safety Irons) are not allowed. Oxbow stirrups allowed but **must** be used with correctly fitted toe stoppers_or must be breakaway stirrups (oxbows)

MDC Stirrups are be permitted

6.2 MARTINGALES

Correctly fitted standing or fixed martingales are ~~not~~ permitted for mounted games & novelties only



A standing martingale consists of a strap that attaches to the girth and runs between the horse's front legs up to the back of the noseband. This runs through a neck strap which fastens around the neck and keeps the martingale close to the horse. This type of martingale should only be fitted to a cavesson noseband or similar and if correctly fitted, the main strap should be able to touch the throat lash when raised. A stopper must be used above the chest piece.

A running martingale ("rings") may be used. When a running martingale is fitted, stoppers must be used on all reins and above the chest piece (unless the rings are attached to a stockman's breastplate). A running martingale must not be used in dressage. (no longer permitted in grade 5 eventing dressage)

When the horse's head is carried in the correct position for that horse's level of education and the reins are held with contact, the rings should not be pulling down on the reins. When the bit becomes level with the horse's wither the martingale comes into effect.

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Too loose & no stopper (slack dropped between legs so martingale does not come into effect)



Correct fit



Too tight – always pulling on the reins

Irish martingales are permitted provided there are stoppers on the reins.

6.3 BREASTPLATES

Breastplates are permitted. Can be made of leather, PVC or elastic.

6.4 BRIDLES

Bridles can be made of leather or PVC. The brow band and throatlash **must not** be too tight or too loose. Comfitec bridles allowed.

Winkers (focus blinkers) as per picture next page permitted must be made of same material as bridle

Dr Cook or Side Pull bitless bridles may be used (at rallies only) with permissions of the club Chief Instructor who must submit completed application form to PCASA.

At Hack Shows riders may use double bridles (bit & bradoon) or pelham with 2 reins when competing in the Open Ring(s)

6.4.0 HACKAMORES & BOSALS

Permitted for Campdrafting only

6.4.1 EAR BONNETTS/HOODS

Ear bonnets are permitted for all dressage, show jumping and cross country, with nothing to be placed in the ears. Acavallo hood / Phiten calming hood allowed.

6.4.2 FLY VEILS / SHIELDS

Not permitted in competition

6.4.3 POLLEN FILTER / NOSE SHIELD

Are permitted see picture next page

6.4.4 REINS

Reins should be of a safe length for the activity (not long enough to be caught in rider's foot). If reins are knotted together then the buckle must be undone. Stitched reins must not be knotted together. Novelty reins are now permitted.

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Winkers (focus blinkers)



Pollen Filter/Nose Shield



Novelty Reins

6.4.5 NOSEBANDS

Nosebands can be made of leather or PVC. Dropped, cross-over, grackle, Hanoverian, crank or cavesson nosebands may be used. Nosebands **must** be correctly fitted with 2 finger clearance and not too low on the nose. A cavesson noseband must be used by itself.

6.4.6 SIDE REINS

Side reins may only be used for unmounted lunging.

6.5 BITS

Snaffle bits should always be used. A snaffle has either a straight mouthpiece, a single joint or double joint. The rein and cheek strap attach to the same ring (with the exception of a Bouche snaffle). The Wilkie bit is now permitted (the rein must be able to move within the ring) The mouthpiece may be of metal, rubber, nylon or other synthetic material and must be smooth (not twisted). Hackamores and bosals are **forbidden** (except for campdrafting) - a bit must be in the horse's mouth at all times while being ridden with reins attached to that bit. Cheek guards are permitted but not for dressage.

Chin straps be permitted at rallies as a training aid and are not to be used in competition.

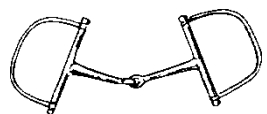
It is permissible for a gear checker to ask the rider to remove the bridle if a closer examination of the bit is required.

6.5.1 BITS ALLOWED FOR DRESSAGE

Ordinary snaffle with jointed mouthpiece



Racing snaffle



Rubber snaffle, jointed or unjointed

Loose ring snaffle with double jointed mouthpiece (including "KK" type)

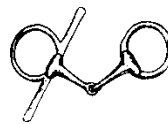


Other type of snaffle with cheeks

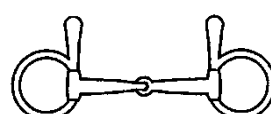


Bouche snaffle

Eggbutt snaffle (both with and without cheeks)

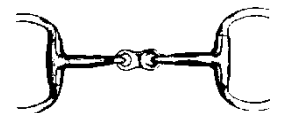


Snaffle with upper cheeks only

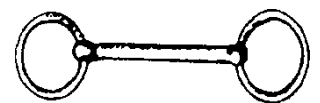


Myler comfort snaffle

French snaffle (not Dr Bristol)



Unjointed snaffle



Bomber loose ring happy tongue

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Myler bits level one mouthpieces MB01R, MB02R, MB03R, MB09R, MB10R
Myler bits cheeks, loose ring, loose ring with sleeve, English D ring, dee without hooks,
English egg-butt, boucher, half cheek, full cheek
No cheek with hooks is allowed for Dressage.

R=regular

All eggbutt snaffles including WTP without extended tongue plate are allowed.

Bomber loose ring happy tongue snaffle & Acavallo Sensitive Equisoft bits allowed

The W tongue lay is allowed. *This is not a bit but may be used in conjunction with a correctly fitted bit to prevent a horse getting it's tongue over the bit.*

6.5.2 BITS ALLOWED FOR JUMPING AND MOUNTED GAMES

All bits allowed for Dressage are also allowed for Jumping and Mounted Games.

Rubber cheekers are permitted for all non-competition riding, and all non-dressage phases of competition.

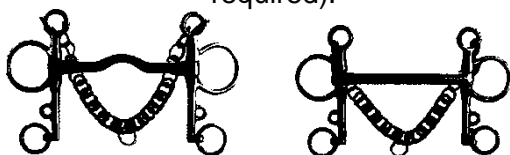
Myler bits level two, low port comfort snaffle MB04R, mullen barrel MB 32R.

Myler bits cheeks, loose ring, loose ring with sleeve, English D ring, small dee without hooks,
English egg-butt, bouche, half cheek, full cheek

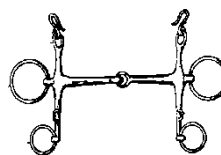
PELHAM

All Pelhams must be used complete with equalisers. (The equaliser on the Balanced Pelham must be at least 20cm in length measured between the buckles.) The split rein form of Balanced Pelham is not permitted. If a chain is used it must be fitted with a chain guard.

Permitted Pelhams (chain guard is also required).

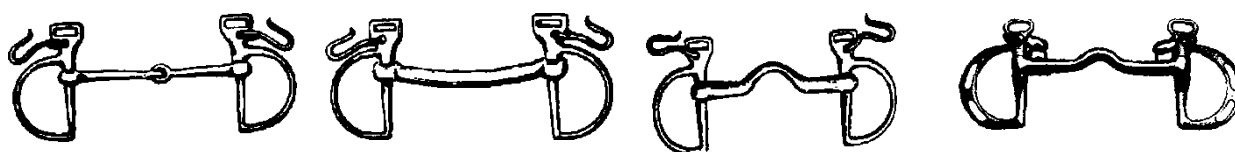


The jointed pelham is permitted



SPANISH SNAFFLE (KIMBLEWICK)

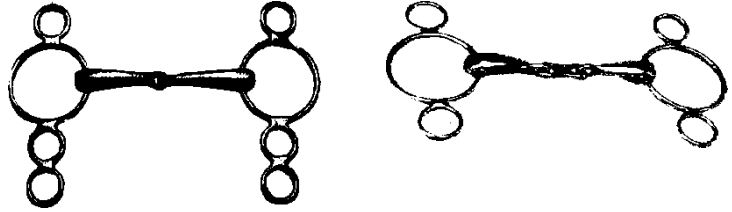
The Spanish snaffle must be worn as a complete unit. The form of Spanish snaffle with slotted rings is permitted. If a chain is used it must be fitted with a chain guard



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PESSOA

The Pessoa ("Dutch Gag") is permitted. This bit may not be modified in any way. Reins must be attached to the same ring on each side of the bit. Equilisers are permitted, curb chains are not permitted.



Bits with chains are to use a cavesson nose band only.

6.5.3 EA BITS (Approved for current year)

Associate and senior riders who hold their C certificate and adult riders with the exception of the PCASA banned list be allowed to use any approved EA bit.

For EA bits approved for current year see EA annex at rear of PCASA rule book.

6.6 NECK STRAPS/MONKEY STRAPS

It is recommended that a neck strap be used for all rallies and events. Monkey straps are allowed.

Neck straps can be made of leather, synthetic or plaited binder twine.

6.7 WHIPS

6.7.1 GENERAL PURPOSE WHIP

Whips of not more than 75 cm overall length, including flap, may be used. Whips must have a leather flap at least 50mm long and 18mm wide. The loop **must** be removed from the handle of any whip.

General purpose whips permitted for

- Rallies
- Show Jumping
- Cross Country
- Dressage Tests under Preliminary level in a dressage competition – not including One Day Events/Horse Trials
- Warm up for any dressage competition including ODE'S

6.7.2 DRESSAGE WHIP

Dressage whips may be used by

1. Riders who hold their "C" certificate and have written permission from their club chief instructor. Where there is no club Chief Instructor the Zone Chief Instructor may provide a letter. The Zone Chief Instructors will then add a sticker to performance/dressage confirming that they hold a C certificate
2. Adult combinations 26yrs and over. Must have sticker on performance/dressage card.
3. EA riders competing in Open Classes (no sticker required)

Dressage whips must not exceed 1.20 m length including lash and must not be modified (i.e., flap removed). The loop **must** be removed from the handle of any whip.

Dressage whips are permitted for:

1. Flatwork at rallies
2. Dressage competition which is not part of a one, two or three day event
3. Warm up for any dressage, competition including ODE's

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6.8 SPURS

Spurs with rowels (either pointed or smooth edged) are NOT permitted. The neck of a dummy spur must only point to the rear and may not exceed 35mm in length and must not be under 7 mm at the point of the neck,. If the spur is curved the curve must point downwards.

Prince of Wales's spurs are permitted.

6.9 BOOTS

Boots must have buckles or Velcro fastenings. Bell boots are permitted. Boots are not permitted for dressage or showing classes.

6.10 BANDAGES

Cloth bandages must be stitched with contrasting coloured thread. Bandages are not permitted for dressage or showing classes. The use of electrical tape for bandages is forbidden

6.11 GRASS REINS/MUZZLES/BALANCE REINS

Grass/Balance reins as per pictures below are permitted at rallies for any rider. Horse must be able to reach down to their knee height.

In competition they will be permitted for riders of any age and up to & including Grade 5 or E grade.

Grass reins must be made from a non-wearing material which is able to be cut with a knife.

NibbleNot anti-grazing muzzle (now known as Munch-N-Done) permitted



Tack Straps are NOT allowed (picture below)



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6.12 BANNED EQUIPMENT – EXEMPTIONS WILL NOT BE GIVEN

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| A) Blinkers | B) Running or Draw Reins | C) <u>Rope Nosebands</u> |
| D) Market Harborough | E) Running gag | F) Waterford snaffle |
| G) Bent iron (stirrups) | H) Chambon | I) Go pro/helmet cameras |

6.13 EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATES AND ACHIEVEMENT PATCHES

Equipment not usually permitted under pony club rules (for example a vaulting roller or stock whip) is permitted for use at rallies under the supervision of an appropriate person, when a rider is working towards certificates or achievement patches.

6.14 EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions process requests will only be considered and recommended for approval by CIP to Exec with:

Written medical/veterinary support or

Written support from the rider's club and zone with

DVD recording of the rider with such equipment and with formerly used equipment.

If permission is granted, the rider will be issued with a laminated card with either a description or photo of approved equipment, which must be sighted by gear checkers. Exemptions are only granted in **extreme** circumstances.

Exemption cards issued by Riding for the Disabled for use at EA events will be accepted by Pony Club.

6.15 GEAR CHECKERS PLEASE NOTE:

Bearing in mind the safety of the rider and the legal liability, the gear checker should not under any circumstances, alter or adjust any gear or equipment. The gear checker should request that the competitor make the necessary adjustment and that they report back when those adjustments have been carried out.

Should there be any dispute regarding gear, refer the matter to the chief judge of the appropriate section.