

Approved tack and equipment for British Dressage competitions

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This revised pictorial guide has been devised to be used alongside the British Dressage Members' Handbook for clarification on permitted tack and equipment. British Dressage endeavours to mirror FEI Rules for permitted tack and equipment.

Tack reviews are ongoing but, any additional permitted tack and equipment updates will only be issued twice yearly to coincide with the beginning of the summer and winter seasons (1 December and 30 June).

At all BD Championships, there will be an appointed BD Steward(s) in attendance in all warm up arenas responsible for tack and equipment checking every competitor each time they compete. This will be a physical (not just visual) tack check, including nosebands. It's the organisers' responsibility to appoint stewards for this function and they must be BD or FEI qualified to the appropriate level, for further guidelines on the official tack check, please see rule 108 in the 2020 Members Handbook.

For the complete guidelines on permitted tack and riding the test and penalties, please see section Section 1 of the Members' Handbook.







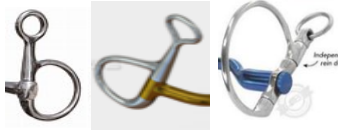




If the equipment that you are looking at are similar to those pictured, it's permitted for use in BD competitions. If you have a query on any tack or equipment that you're unsure about, please email a picture of the item to the Member Experience Manager for clarification.

NB:

Please note that bridles without a throatlash will be permitted for use for national competitions, for international competitions please check FEI rules.

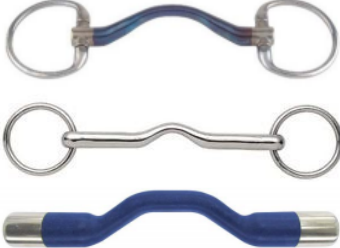
























Rings/cheeks

Egg butt (also permitted for bridoons)		✓
Loose ring (also permitted for bridoons)		✓
Sleeved cheeks	 	✓
Shaped sleeved cheeks		✗
Full cheek / Fulmer		✓
Hanging cheek/Baucher		✓
D-ring		✓
Various gag cheeks		✗
Myler (or similar) cheeks for use with hooks		✗
Bevel bit/cheeks		✗

















Any combination of permitted cheeks and permitted mouthpieces can be used under BD rules.

Bits/mouthpieces



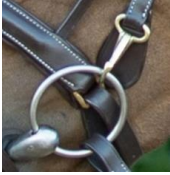


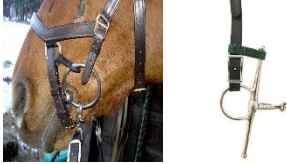



<p>Ported unjointed bit</p>		
<p>Mullen mouth (including Flexible mouthpieces)</p>		
<p>Double jointed snaffle</p>		
<p>Single jointed snaffle (including Lock up) NB Lock-up snaffle may not be used as a bridoon</p>		
<p>Loose ring dressage plate</p>		
<p>Cable double jointed</p>		
<p>Ported barrel</p>		

Cable single jointed		✓
B-ring snaffle		✗
Dr Bristol		✗
Mouthpiece with rotating middle piece		✓
Jointed barrel mouthpiece		✓
Low ported barrel		✓
Double jointed plastic bit		✓
Happy Mouth straight bar		✗
Hippus C1100		✗





Bits/mouthpieces

<p>Kimblewick</p>		
<p>Magennis</p>		
<p>Weymouth (largest and smallest ports illustrated)</p>		
<p>Plastic covered Weymouth</p>		
<p>Neue Schule Turtle Tilt</p>		
<p>Weymouth with sliding mouthpiece or rotating arms</p>		
<p>Winning Tongue Plate NP Bit (any type)</p>		
<p>Various mouthpieces (including leather mouthpieces)</p>		






Bits/mouthpieces

<p>Bit guards</p>		
<p>Clip cheek piece attachment <u>only</u></p>		  <p>Not permitted on reins</p>
<p>Bit clips on ergonomic bridles or full cheeked snaffles</p>		
<p>Curb chain cover</p>		

Bridles and nosebands

<p>Bridle with anatomical/padded headpiece</p>		
<p>Combination/ergonomic bridles (clips on Micklem are not permitted)</p>		

Cornell Collar		✗
Dyon X-Fit Anatomic		✓
Dyon Difference (double and snaffle bridle)		✗
Stubben Snaffle 2500 Freedom		✓
Shadow Horse – bridle with D-rings at ooll		✓
PS of Sweden noseband		✓

Bridles and Nosebands		
Drop noseband		✓
Figure of eight or Grackle noseband (sheepskin pad under crossover sections is permitted)		✓
Flash noseband		✓
Tota Comfort System noseband		✓
Looped/modified Reins (including knotted reins)		✗ Unless dispensation has been granted








Bridles are to be used in the conventionally accepted manner and must consist of a brow band, cheek pieces and noseband unless a combination bridle is used. Bridles are to be black, brown, grey or navy, coloured piping is permitted.

Saddles and stirrups

Western saddle		
Treeless/Close Contact saddles		 All saddles must have a cantle and a pommel
Side saddle		 Organiser and judge must be notified prior to competition
Arabian saddle	 <small>2008 © Horsesaddleshop.com</small>	
Iberian saddle		
Magnetic stirrups		
Any colour stirrups		
Velcro straps to stirrups		

Saddles are to be black, brown, grey or navy – small panels of colour are permitted.

Whips and spurs












Comb spurs		✗
Rollerball spurs		✓
Rowelled spurs Now permitted for all classes		✓ Rowels must have rounded ends – rowelled spurs with pointed ends will be removed
Spursuaders		✗
Swan neck spurs		✓ Fitted as illustrated left
Vertical rowels/rollerball spurs		✓
Plastic spurs (all spurs <u>must</u> be made of metal)		✗

NB – Spurs – the shank of the spur must be horizontal to the ground or pointing down – failure to adhere to this rule will result in elimination

Please see individual Championship rules for specific rulings on whips and spurs.

Riders may carry one whip unless they hold a valid dispensation certificate. Whips may be used at Premier Leagues unless the selectors specify otherwise, but may not be used at Area Festivals, Associated Championship, Combined Training Championships, Regionals or National/Winter Championships will result in elimination from the class.

Competitor dress

<p>Navy jackets with red collar and points with silver piping (tail coat or short coat)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Only permitted if riders have been selected to compete on a Senior Championship Team, GBR rider or a P, COH, J, YR British Championship team or as an individual rider see rule 4, in 2020 Rule Book</p>
<p>Jackets</p>		<p>Jackets may be in any conservative. Jackets must be worn in all Championship, Regional, Premier League and High Profile classes</p>
<p>Waistcoats</p>		<p>If you are permitted to ride without a jacket a fitted waistcoat in a conservative colour may be worn</p>
<p>Show Shirt</p>		<p>If no jacket is worn, a sleeved traditional style shirt with a tie, American collar or fastened stock is permitted.</p>
<p>Mirrored hats</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"></p>
<p>Top hats</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Only permitted for Advanced to Grand Prix level although organisers may request riders under 25 wear a protective hat</p>
<p>Electronic Devices/Headset</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Permitted in warm up <u>only</u> unless dispensation has been granted.</p>

Jackets may be in any conservative colour in muted tones. Contrast piping is permitted. Jackets must be worn in all Championship, Regional, Premier League and High Profile classes, however you are permitted to ride without a jacket in all other classes. A fitted waistcoat in a conservative colour may be worn. If no jacket is worn, a sleeved traditional style shirt with a tie, American collar or fastened stock is permitted.

Additional equipment/accessories

<p>Fly veil/hood</p>		
<p>Infrared fly veil/poll guard/saddlecloth</p>		 <p>The use of infrared technology is prohibited in competition and warm up</p>
<p>Nose net (use with strap on the chin not permitted)</p>		 <p>Not permitted under FEI rules</p>
<p>Face masks</p>		 <p>Not permitted under FEI rules</p>
<p>Hoof boots</p>		 <p>Any covering of the heel is not permitted</p>
<p>Neck straps</p>		

Kinesiology tape		 Although permitted for warm up <u>only</u>
Exercise sheets		 Although permitted for warm up <u>only</u>

Table of penalties for contravening rules

Competitor Dress

Rule	Rule no	Penalty
Hat – not worn	76	Elimination
Hat – incorrect colour	76	Two mark deduction
Hat - incorrect standard	76	Elimination
Jacket – not worn in Championship, Premier League or High Profile without judge’s permission	73	Two mark deduction
Jacket – incorrect colour	73	Two mark deduction
Breeches – incorrect colour, patterned	77	Two mark deduction
Waistcoat – incorrect colour	73	Two mark deduction
Gloves – not worn	78	Two mark deduction
Boots – not suitable for riding	79	Elimination
Shirt – sleeveless/patterned	73	Two mark deduction
Gaiters – not matching boots	79	Two mark deduction
Spurs – Not worn at Advanced level upwards, worn incorrectly, not made of metal/incorrect type/excessive use	80	Elimination
Whip – carrying at a Championship as per rule 81 (without dispensation)	81	Elimination
Carrying more than one whip without dispensation/ excessive/inappropriate use	81	Elimination

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Rule	Rule no	Penalty
Saddle - incorrect colour	84	Two mark deduction
Saddle – western/other unspecified type	84	Elimination
Stirrups – none used/attached to girth by Velcro strap (without dispensation)	84	Elimination
Bridle – padding of cheek pieces/no noseband/no bit/bitguards/use of a double bridle at Intro, Prelim and Novice/use of tongue strap	87	Elimination
Bridle – incorrect colour/decorated with tassels/indiscreetly padded	87	Two mark deduction
Use of other additions/equipment/gadgets – martingales, side/running/draw reins, hoof boots, rugs, kinesiology tape (in competition)	88	Elimination
Prohibited bits	94	Elimination
Boots/bandages worn during test	88	Elimination
Unusual decoration	89	Two mark deduction
Bridle Numbers – none or one / incorrect number bridle number on display	104	Two mark deduction

Riding the test

Rule	Rule no	Penalty
Exceeding maximum number of tests per day	110	Elimination
Commanders reading anything other than printed text/emphasising any part of the command	83	Elimination
Outside assistance by voice, signs etc in order to improve competitor's performance	107	Elimination
Intentionally entering the arena before the signal to start	109	Two mark deduction
Failing to enter within 45 seconds of signal to start	109	Two mark deduction
Failure to start within 90 seconds of signal to start	109	Elimination
Incorrect/no salute	112	Two mark deduction
Repeating a movement (penalize as error of course and mark first attempt only)	119	Appropriate to error

Riding the test (continued)

Rule	Rule no	Penalty
Horse placing all four feet out of the arena where arena boards are continuous and less than nine inches high	113	Zero for that movement
Horse placing all four feet outside the arena where marked by a line or intermittent boards	113	At Judges discretion
Horse leaving arena when continuous arena board or surround is nine inches or higher	113	Elimination
Leaving the arena not in control	113	Elimination
Rider dismounting without reason acceptable to judge	114	Zero for that movement
Fall of horse/rider	114	Compulsory retirement
Horse refusing to continue for a period of 20 consecutive seconds	115	Elimination
Use of voice	116	Two mark deduction per movement
When competitor makes error of the test (trots rising instead of sitting, doesn't take reins in one hand at salute etc)	119	Two mark deduction per movement
Rising trot in Advanced Medium and above tests	121	Two mark deduction per movement
Lameness	Welfare of horse	Elimination
Dressage to music test exceeding the time allowed or shorter than time given	117	Two mark deduction
Movements of a higher standard than level for Dressage to Music test being performed	117	Two mark deduction
Blood	Welfare of horse	Elimination
Hyperflexion	Welfare of horse	Elimination
Stallion disc/yellow cross band not shown when riding a stallion	91	Two mark deduction