



Equipment Clarification Document

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For the rules and regulations on Saddlery and Equipment, please see Rule 102 and the British Showjumping Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse (Annex A) in the Members Handbook.

To help clarify the equipment rules, the following table has been compiled detailing the permitted or prohibited status of equipment that has been queried. **Please note:** This is not an exhaustive list of all permitted or prohibited equipment. If you have any questions about equipment, please email sportteam@britishshowjumping.co.uk.

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Bits and Hackamores

Any bit with adjustable mechanisms is not permitted

Equipment	Status
Acavello 'Jumpe' AlPro Bit	Not permitted
Acavello Sensitive Bit	Permitted in competition.

Acavello Wave Pelham Sensitive Bit	Permitted in competition with or without a backstrap. Not to be used with a chain or curb chain.
American Gag	Permitted in Senior and Junior competition, with or without a backstrap.
Beris Mullen Comfort Tandem Bit	Not permitted
Cheltenham Gag with two reins	Permitted in competition. Not permitted with a back/ stabilising strap.
Cheltenham Gag with Roundings	Not permitted
Combination Bits	Permitted in Horse competitions. Nosebands must not be made of rope or rope like materials, there must not be any additions on the shanks which can be altered to change the action of the bit. (if these have been removed the bit can be used)
Double Bridle with Roundings	Not permitted. Double Bridles must only be used with two separate reins.
Double Twisted Wire Mouthpiece	Not permitted.
Elevator Bit	Permitted with or without backstrap in competition. Can be used with roundings. Not permitted with a curb chain.
Fager Sabina Bit	Permitted in competition without curb chain .
Hackamore	Permitted in Senior competitions. Not permitted in Pony competition, except for 148cm Pony Gold League classes. The nose piece of the hackamore must be flat and constructed of pliable non-abrasive material. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted. No metal pieces of any kind may be inserted in the nose piece, padding or sheepskin. Cheeks may not exceed 17 cm (Measurement should be carried out in a straight line from the middle of the upper ring to the middle of the lower ring). The back strap of the hackamore must be made of leather and it must be possible to insert a noseband wedge or two fingers between the back strap and the horse's jaw, and must not change the line of the check pieces
Hackamore used in conjunction with a Bit	Use of hackamore and single ring snaffle bit is permitted but must not be joined together and must operate independently
Icelandic Bit	Permitted in competition without curb chain
Julia Sweet Iron Kimblehook	Permitted in competition. Can be used with a stabilising strap. Only permitted with a curb chain if compliant with Rule 102.7a.
Liverpool Driving Bit	Permitted in competition with or without a backstrap. Not permitted with a curb chain.
Micklem Multibridle	Permitted in competition with a permitted bit.
Mikmar Combination Bit	Not permitted.
Myler Combination Bit	Not permitted
Otto Hackamore Combination Bit	Not permitted
Pee Wee Bit	Permitted in competition.
Pelham Gag Bit	Not permitted
Pessoa Softening Bit	Permitted in Senior competition. Not permitted in Pony competitions.

Sam Marsh Pelham	Not permitted.
Simpson Controller Bit	Not permitted.
Stephens Continental Hackamore	Not permitted.
Trust Kimblewick	Permitted in competition. Can be used with a stabilising strap. Only permitted with a curb chain if compliant with Rule 102.7a.
Universal with sweet iron Myler mouthpiece	Permitted in competition.
Wahlsten Sponge Bit	Not permitted.
Whitaker Universal Bit	Permitted in competition.

Curbs and Backstraps

A Back strap is defined as - *A flat leather back strap/stabilizing strap may be used, but it must be attached to the same bit ring as the cheek piece. It must be possible to insert a noseband wedge or two fingers between the back strap and the horse's jaw, and must not change the line of the cheek pieces to the bit. To be used with a lever bit when the measurement exceeds 6cm from the top of the mouthpiece to the top of the cheek purchase when measured at full extension.*

Equipment	Status
Curb Gag	Not permitted.
Nutcracker Backstrap	Not permitted.

Martingales

Equipment	Status
Bib Martingale	Permitted in competition.
Bib Martingale with added Standing Martingale attachment	Not permitted
Standing Martingale	Permitted in competition. The only martingales permitted are standing and/or running martingales, which can include elastic inserts. Standing martingales must be attached to a flat leather surface cavesson part of the noseband that is at least 2cm wide which does not include rope. Only running or standing martingales may be used on ponies anywhere on the show site.
Standing/Running Martingale attached to Back Strap of Combination Bit	Not permitted.
Running Martingale with Round Elastic Fork	Permitted in competition.
Standing Martingale with PS of Sweden High Jump Bridle	Not permitted.
Standing martingale with rope noseband	Not permitted.

Nosebands

Only one noseband may be worn in British Showjumping competition. It is permitted to compete without a noseband. Nosebands must be made of leather, they must be flat leather against the horse's face with a minimum width 1cm. Padding or sheepskin on the nose piece is permitted

Equipment	Status
Bit Lifter	Not permitted.
Brazilian Noseband	Permitted in competition. Not permitted for use with a standing martingale.
Chained Noseband and/or chained flash strap	Not permitted.
Controller Noseband	Not permitted.
Crank Cavesson	Permitted in competition. Can be used with a standing martingale if attached to the whole of the back of the Noseband.
Double Noseband	Permitted in competition.
Elastic Grackle	Not permitted.
Flash Strap	Permitted in competition.
Grackle Noseband with Sheepskin Cover	Permitted in competition.
Kineton Noseband	Permitted in Senior competition. Not permitted in Pony competition.
Relaxer Drop Noseband	Permitted in competition.
Rope Nosebands	Not permitted.
Valla Noseband	Not permitted.
Worcester Noseband	Not permitted

Boots, Wraps and Bandages

Equipment	Status
Hoof Boots	Not permitted at any time when mounted or when exercising the Horse/Pony, including when lunging. Permitted in the stable area and grazing areas.
Le Mieux Snug Boots	Permitted in competition on front legs but not hind legs.
Pastern Wraps	Permitted as per Rule 102 16.9 amendment
Scoot Boots	Not permitted at British Showjumping competitions

Spurs -Rule 101.9

Equipment	Status
Flex-On Spurs	Not permitted.
Hammerhead Spurs	Not permitted.
Sprenger Fair rider Spurs	Not permitted.
Tech Spurs with Fixed End	Permitted but must have padlock symbol.

Stirrups

Equipment	Status
Compositi Matrix Stirrup Treads	Not permitted.
CS Kvall Stirrups Safety Flexi Endurance	Not permitted.
Ophena Stirrups	Permitted in competition.

Hoods, Visors and Masks

Equipment	Status
Equick Evysor Protective Eye Goggles	Not permitted at any time when mounted or when exercising the Horse/Pony, including when lunging. Permitted in the stable area and grazing areas.
Equiline Soundless Ear Net	Permitted in competition.
Liquid Titanium Horse Mask	Permitted in competition.
Nose Nets	Permitted if they are fitted correctly and do not cover the mouth completely.
UV Protection Mask	Not permitted at any time when mounted or when exercising the Horse/Pony, including when lunging. Permitted in the stable area and grazing areas.

Training Aids

Equipment	Status
Balanced Support Reins	Not permitted at British Showjumping competitions.
Bit Burr	Not permitted at British Showjumping competitions.
De-Gogue	Not permitted at British Showjumping competitions.
Equilibrium Symmetry Straps	Not permitted at British Showjumping competitions.
Equi-Seat Aid	Not permitted at British Showjumping competitions.
Garmin Blaze Equine Wellness System	Not permitted in British Showjumping competitions.
Rainbow Reins	Not permitted at British Showjumping competitions.
ReinRite Training Aid	Not permitted at British Showjumping competitions.
The Equi-Band System	Not permitted at British Showjumping competitions.
ThinLine Busy Buddy – Horse Calmer – Training Aid	Not permitted at British Showjumping competitions.

Saddlery

Equipment	Status
Bridle Clips	Not permitted on the bridle, with the exception of the throatlash
Full Tree Racing Saddle	Permitted in competition.

Other

Equipment	Status
Flexi Reins	Permitted in competition.
Free Jump Collar	Permitted providing it is held in the hands and not attached to the reins.
Kinesiology Tape	Not permitted at any time when mounted or when exercising the Horse/Pony, including when lunging. Permitted in the stable area and grazing areas.
Nasal Strips	Permitted in competition.
Protec Equine Mouth Guard	Not permitted.
Throatlash Roller	Not permitted.
Tongue Strap	Not permitted.