



## **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](mailto:sportteam@britishshowjumping.co.uk).

**Any text in Bold has been amended since the last update, decisions will come into force from the effective date at the top of this document.**

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## **Bits and Hackamores**

| <b>Equipment</b>                              | <b>Status</b>   |
|---|---|
| Acavello 'Jumpe'<br>AlPro Bit                 | Not permitted   |
| Acavello Sensitive Bit                        | Permitted in competition.   |
| Acavello Wave Pelham<br>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.  |
| Cheltenham Gag with<br>two reins              | Permitted in competition. <b>Not permitted with a back/<br/>stabilising strap.</b>  |
| Double Bridle with<br>Roundings               | Not permitted. Double Bridles must only be used with two separate reins.  |
| Double Twisted Wire Full<br>Cheek Snaffle     | Not permitted.  |
| Elevator Bit                                  | Permitted with or without backstrap in competition. Can be used with roundings. Not permitted with a curb chain.                |
| <b>Fager Sabina Bit</b>                       | <b>Permitted in competition without curb chain .</b>  |
| Hackamore                                     | Permitted in Senior competitions. Not permitted in Pony competition, except for 148cm Pony Gold League classes.                 |
| Hackamore used in<br>conjunction with a Bit   | Use of hackamore and single ring snaffle bit is permitted but must not be joined together and must operate independently        |
| <b>Icelandic Bit</b>                          | <b>Permitted in competition without curb chain</b>  |
| Julia Sweet Iron<br>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.  |
| <b>Myler Combination Bit</b>                  | <b>Not permitted</b>  |
| Pee Wee Bit                                   | Permitted in competition.   |
| Pelham Gag Bit                                | Not permitted   |
| Pessoa Softening Bit                          | Permitted in Senior competition. Not permitted in Pony competitions.  |
| <b>Sam Marsh Pelham</b>                       | <b>Not permitted.</b>   |
| Simpson Controller Bit                        | 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<br>Myler mouthpiece | Permitted in competition.   |
| 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.*

| <b>Equipment</b>     | <b>Status</b>         |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Curb Gag</b>      | <b>Not permitted.</b> |
| Nutcracker Backstrap | Not permitted.        |

### **Martingales**

| <b>Equipment</b>  | <b>Status</b>  |
|---|--|
| Bib Martingale  | Permitted in competition.  |
| Bib Martingale with added Standing Martingale attachment              | Not permitted  |
| <b>Standing Martingale</b>  | Permitted in competition. The only martingales permitted are standing and/or running martingales, which can include elastic inserts. <b>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.</b> 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**

| <b>Equipment</b>                            | <b>Status</b>  |
|---|--|
| Brazilian Noseband                          | Permitted in competition. Not permitted for use with a standing martingale.  |
| Chained Noseband and/or chained flash strap | Not permitted.   |
| <b>Controller Noseband</b>                  | <b>Not permitted.</b>  |
| Crank Cavesson                              | Permitted in competition. Can be used with a standing martingale if attached to the whole of the back of the Noseband. |

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 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.   |
| Valla Noseband                        | Not permitted.  |
| Worcester Noseband                    | Permitted in Senior competition. Not permitted in Pony competition. |

### **Boots, Wraps and Bandages**

| <b>Equipment</b>    | <b>Status</b>   |
|---------------------|---|
| 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**

| <b>Equipment</b>          | <b>Status</b>                           |
|---------------------------|---|
| Flex-On Spurs             | Not permitted.                          |
| Sprenger Fair rider Spurs | Not permitted.                          |
| Tech Spurs with Fixed End | Permitted but must have padlock symbol. |

### **Stirrups**

| <b>Equipment</b>                               | <b>Status</b>             |
|--|---------------------------|
| Compositi Matrix Stirrup Treads                | Not permitted.            |
| CS Kvall Stirrups<br>Safety Flexi<br>Endurance | Not permitted.            |
| Ophena Stirrups                                | Permitted in competition. |

### **Hoods, Visors and Masks**

| <b>Equipment</b>                     | <b>Status</b>   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 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                   | Permitted in competition.   |

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|----------------------------|---|
| Ear Net                    |   |
| 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**

| <b>Equipment</b>                                  | <b>Status</b>                                      |
|---|--|
| Balanced Support Reins                            | 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. |
| 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**

| <b>Equipment</b>        | <b>Status</b>             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Full Tree Racing Saddle | Permitted in competition. |

### **Other**

| <b>Equipment</b>          | <b>Status</b>   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 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.  |

