

SECTION 12

SADDLERY AND DRESS

12.1. SADDLERY

12.1.1 In the Competition Arena

1 At CSN status Events and above, only unrestricted running martingales are allowed. Standing martingales are however permitted in all Pony Rider competitions.

2 Standing martingales correctly fitted and attached only to the cavesson part of the noseband fitted above the bit are permitted in all showjumping classes at events below CSN status.

3 There is no restriction on bits. However, the Ground Jury has the right, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit that may cause injury to the horse.

4 Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed.

5 The use of bearing, side and running or draw reins is forbidden except during prize giving ceremonies and march-past parades.

6 Sheepskin may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the sheepskin does not exceed 3 cm in diameter measured from the horse's face

7 The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden.

8 Blinkers (or any other items which restrict the vision of the horse) are forbidden.

12.1.2 Anywhere at the Venue

1 In the interest of safety, the stirrup iron and the stirrup leather (this also applies to safety stirrups) must hang freely from the bar of the saddle and the outside of the flap. There must be no other restrictions or attachments of any kind. The rider must not directly or indirectly tie any part of his body to the saddlery.

2 Competitors are allowed to use a dressage whip (110 cm) when working a horse on the flat but are strictly forbidden to use or carry a whip which is weighted down at the end at any time, or to carry or use one which is more than 75 cm in length (including the flap) in the arena, exercise or schooling areas when riding over poles or any obstacle. No substitute for a whip may be carried. All whips must have a flap. Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur elimination.

3 Excessive use of the whip

The whip cannot be used to vent a rider's temper. Such use is always excessive. The whip is not to be used after elimination or after a horse has jumped the last fence on a course. The whip is never to be used overhand, (for example a whip in the right hand being used on the left flank). The use of a whip on a horse's head is always excessive use. A horse should never be hit more than three times for any one incident. If a horse's skin is broken, it is considered excessive use of the whip, however, excessive use shall not be limited to broken skin. A competitor identified as misusing or excessively using the whip will be disqualified and may be fined at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

12.2. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

1 Wearing protective headgear which includes a retaining harness secured to the shell at more than two points, with the chin strap correctly and securely fastened, is compulsory for juniors and pony riders and for anyone jumping a horse and is strongly recommended for all other riders at all times while mounted.

2 It is strongly recommended that only protective headgear manufactured to EN1384, ASTM F1163 or PAS 015 or SNELL E2001 with Kite Mark or SEI or such other suitable protective headgear as offers a similar or higher level of protection should be worn.

3 SASJ, Sponsors and/or any Organising Committee shall not bear any liability (whether for death or personal injury or for any consequential or indirect loss suffered) in relation to the protective headgear worn by riders and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any failure by riders to wear protective headgear to the above standards.

4 Failure to comply with the rules 12.2.1 may, incur elimination.

5 Competitors whose hard hats fall off during a showjumping round will be fined. The fine is laid down in Appendix SJ/B.

12.3. DRESS AT RECOGNISED EVENTS

1 At Recognised and CSN Status Events competitors are required to wear correct dress when appearing before spectators and are required to dress in accordance with this paragraph when they are competing or during the presentation of the prizes.

2 When inspecting the course, dress must, in the opinion of the Ground Jury, be neat and tidy.

3 Competitors are required to wear:

- i Riding jacket of a uni-coloured or tweed material, but where the collar and cuffs can be of a different colour. Pony Riders may wear

School Blazers

ii White, beige or light fawn breeches. Jodhpurs may be worn by Juniors and Pony Riders.

iii White or lightly coloured shirt with white collar and cuffs; with uni-coloured tie or choker. Ladies sleeveless blouses are permitted worn with a choker. If a jacket is not worn shirts must have either short or long sleeves.

iv Long riding boots. Black leather bootlegs may be worn with matching jodhpur boots, however no suede leather will be acceptable. Juniors and Pony Riders may wear Jodhpur Boots

4 In bad weather, the Ground Jury may allow the wearing of a waterproof. In very warm weather, the Ground Jury may allow competitors to ride without a jacket.

5 Members of the armed forces and the police may wear uniform, but must wear protective headgear (see 12.2).

6 At Recognised Events below CSN status, each Provincial Body may introduce such local rules as it deems fit making it permissible for an Affiliated Body to relax the requirements of rule 12.3.3. The Organising Committee of each Recognised Event below CSN status shall state in the schedule for the Event whether or not the rule introduced by the Provincial Body is to be in force at that Event or not. Provincial Bodies are to exercise discretion in the drafting of any such dress rule and the extent to which SASJ rules may be relaxed.

7 A copy of any rules introduced by a Provincial Body in terms of rule 12.3.5 shall be forwarded to the Secretary General.

8 Competitors who are improperly dressed may be fined. (See rule 17.11.3.1.13).

9 At the request of sponsors of CSN status Events and with the prior approval of SASJ, permission may be granted for competitors to display that sponsor's logo on their riding coats or alternatively may be granted permission to dispense with the wearing of riding coats in favour of some attire such as the sponsors may request.

12.4. SPURS

1 Spurs of excessively severe design are not to be worn. Such designs include spurs with necks in excess of 3 cm long, spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, spurs with rowel/ball diameters in excess of 1cm, spurs with roughened or cutting edges and serrated spurs, with or without necks.

2 Spurs are only to be worn in the traditionally correct manner, with the curve of the neck of the spur directed downwards.

3 The misuse of spurs is an offence under General Regulation 02.1.0, but riders must also take care that the manner in which they use their spurs does not offend the public.

4 In Pony Rider classes, only blunt spurs with necks not exceeding 2 cm long are permitted. Pointed, sharp and rowel spurs are forbidden in these classes.

5 Spurs made of plastic are not allowed.

6 Spurs with a rotating ball not exceeding 2cm in diameter are allowed in all classes

12.5 SALUTE

1 In all competitions which take place in an arena under the jurisdiction of a Ground Jury, each competitor must salute the President of the Ground Jury as a matter of courtesy, unless the President gives other instructions.. The Ground Jury may refuse to start a competitor who has not saluted and the Competitor may also be fined by the Ground Jury.

2 Competitors should salute during a march past parade, presentation of prizes and during the playing of anthems.

3 The Ground Jury may waive the requirement to salute.

4 Riders should not remove their hat when saluting or during prize giving. Raising the whip or lowering the head will be considered as saluting.