



# IPC SHOW JUMPING TACK SHEET 2026

## To be read by D.C.'s, Trainers, Parents and Competitors

It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure the correct tack is used in conjunction with 2026 Rules. All tack should be properly maintained, correctly fitted & clean when presented for Tack Inspection.

If a Tack Steward finds any gadget/bit or piece of saddlery that in his/her opinion is cruel, the Chief Steward, who has absolute discretion to forbid its use and to ban the respective animal from competition, will be called.

Saddlery, which is not allowed for competition, may not, upon penalty of elimination, be worn on the day of competition. Actions deemed cruel will eliminate the combination of horse & rider.

Competitor only, may school & ride their horse at competitions.

<b>Bridles:</b>	Plain leather preferred. Synthetic bridles must be brown/black. Micklem bridle allowed. Bit must be attached with leather strap.
Double bridle	Permitted for Members only.
Browbands	Plain leather. Minimal decoration such as club colours allowed
Reins	Plastic or nylon must have a leather insert at buckle. Lunging in side reins is permitted but no other gadgets are allowed. Running/draw/check are forbidden. No clips attaching reins to bit.
Bitguards	If used must be smooth.
Hackamores/ Bitless bridles	Not allowed.
Blinkers &/or Sheepskin cheek pieces:	Not allowed.
Breastplates	Allowed
Martingales	Only running martingales are allowed. Rubber/leather stops to be fitted on reins and neckstrap. Standing martingale not allowed.
Saddles	Black or brown of plain English type, with full tree and two (or more) buckled girth strap. Synthetic saddles allowed. No coloured saddles, no felt saddles.

**Stirrups**  
Solid stirrups including Flexie stirrups allowed. Stirrups must fit correctly. 1 cm space on either side of the foot. Point of stirrup bar must be down. Safety stirrups allowed for U12 competitions. Must be fitted with peacock leathers and correct rubber

bands. Free jump stirrup allowed. Magnetic stirrups not allowed.

## Numnahs/Saddle cloths/pads if used –

Ideally white, brown or black which can have the same color piping as the pad. They may contain the Branch logo. Branch name allowed. Branded pads can only be used if displaying the current competition sponsor.

Square pads and saddle shape allowed

## Studs

Care should be taken when using studs.

## Spurs –

Blunt only, made of metal rowels or sharp edges. If curved, the curve must be downward and the shank straight back. Impulse/soft touch spurs allowed. Plastic spurs not allowed. Off-set spurs not allowed. U.12 not allowed to wear spurs.

Metal spurs with rubber rowels and easy spurs allowed. Open/Intermediate – 3.5cm Junior – 2cm

## Whips

Max 75cm Must have flap on end.

Weighted whips NOT allowed

**Padded baton type whips allowed. The maximum length of the padded baton is 70cm and must be no less than 45cm.**

## Show Jumping Bits:

Must not be cruel or dangerous at the discretion of the Tack Inspector / Chief Steward.

No leather or wooden mouth-pieces allowed.

Additional covering on any part not allowed.

Optional except that

- Elevators are not allowed.
- Two ring Snaffle allowed. Three ring gag if used fitted with two reins in first ring and any other or a single rein to a rounding attached to first and third ring. For Junior and U12 a single rein in any ring or by a rounding attached to first and third ring. Cheltenham gag allowed with two reins Junior and U12 with a single rein. Tom Thumb allowed with curb

## Boots –

must be well secured. See below.

**No pinch boots i.e. inside must be smooth**

**Must comply with SJI/ FEI rules-any mechanism that allows the fastener on a boot to double back on itself is NOT permitted**



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## GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION FOR RIDER'S TURN OUT & SAFETY

### HATS

From the 1st January 2023, only PAS 015 (2011) onwards and Snell E2016 onwards along with the ASTM F1163 2004a onwards with SEI mark, AS/NZS 3838: 2003, VG1 01.040 2014-12 with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark will be permitted to be used. All hats must bear the CE mark and either BSI Kitemark or the SEI Global symbol.

Chin Straps - Must be fastened at all times when mounted (on penalty of elimination).

Hair Nets - Long hair must be tied-up in hair net.

Body Protectors - BETA Level 3 2018 (Turquoise) Standard or any later revision - correctly fitted (2cm below rib cage) must be worn in show jumping training & competition.

Air Jackets Must only be used in addition to a normal body protector. Air jackets must not be worn under any item of clothing, and number bibs should be fitted loosely or with elasticated fastenings over the air jacket.

Medical armbands - Recommended. Photo identification required on medical armbands.

Body-rings/studs/Jewelry/Buttonholes - are forbidden.

Stocks with appropriate shirt or top allowed.

Pony Club Tie - Must be worn with a shirt with a full collar.

SJ Stock Shirt white worn on its own allowed

Jodhpurs/Breeches - only cream/white/beige.

Can have dark coloured contrast seats

Gaiters: If worn must be black or brown leather polished (not suede), with matching boots. Suede allowed for U. 12's.

Sweatshirts Branch colour (one colour only) and discreet branch logo or black or navy over body protectors are permissible for show jumping phase for u.12, junior and intermediate. Long sleeves required. No riding in hoodies.

Seniors must wear tweed, black, navy or grey jackets only for SJ.

Competitors must be correctly dressed for course walk.

Devices: Electronic devices are not allowed in competition.

No recording device is permitted e.g. hat cameras as they may have a negative effect on the performance of the hat in the event of a fall.

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### RIDER

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SJ	✓	✓	C	R	C	✓	75cm max	✓	X	R
CT SJ	✓	✓	C	C	C	✓	75cm	✓	X	R
Ev. SJ	✓	✓	C	R	C	✓	75cm	✓	X	R



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HORSE							
	BRIDLE (leather recommended) If using synthetic fibre, recommended leather insert at rein buckle end		NOSEBAND	MART -IN GALE	GIRTH S Min. of two buckles	BOOTS	SUR- CINGLE
	Snaffle Pelham Micklem And similar. Two separate nosebands NOT Allowed.	Bitless bridles NOT allowed	Double Bridle – Members and seniors only	Cavesson Drop/Flash Grackle Kineton Crossed and variations such as on a Micklem bridle so long as they do not interfere with the pony's breathing. Nosebands must be flat made of leather. Sheepskin on noseband permitted	Running / Irish No standing martingale		No pinch boots i.e. inside must be smooth Must comply with SJI/ FEI rules-any mechanism that allows the fastener on a boot to double back on itself is NOT permitted
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	C	✓

Key to symbols: ✓=permitted, X=forbidden, C=compulsory, R=recommended

See Addendum re bits attached for information also.



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