

# Dressage & Eventing Apparel, Equipment, and Video Rules

## Equipment Guidelines

You are responsible for knowing the correct rules for tack and equipment.

If you are familiar with (and follow) USDF tack rules, you will be legal for this show. Here are some important guidelines to follow.

- An English saddle with stirrups is required
- Saddle pads are optional and should be of one conservative color. Accents are allowed.
- Seat covers are not allowed
- No wraps or boots of any kind are allowed above the coronet band
- Bridles with bits are required
- Reins must be used and constructed of leather, leather-like, or webbing. Rubber coated reins and rein steps are allowed.
- One whip of 120 cm (47.2 inches) or shorter is allowed.
- No double bridles at Second Level or below
- Breastplates and cruppers are allowed
- Side reins or other gadgets are not allowed.
- Fly hoods without ear plugs are allowed
- Braiding is not required.

## Apparel Guidelines

- Clean, neat, and tidy schooling show dress for qualifier shows is allowed, but full competition dress is required in some shows such as the US National Dressage Classic championship classes. See the prize list for details.
- Jackets are not required. If worn, a short jacket must be used for Fourth Level and below. For FEI classes, a coat with tails is allowed.
- All shirts must have sleeves and some form of collar. T-shirts are not allowed.
- A properly fastened safety helmet is required.
- Vests, rain jackets, or cold weather parkas are allowed.

## Video Rules

You may film your ride as soon as you have your sign. Videos must be in focus. Remember, the judge can only score what they can see, so follow these guidelines carefully!

**IMPORTANT!** Show Management will review all submissions to ensure adherence to the rules as stated below. If a test does not comply with the rules, Show Management will contact the exhibitor immediately via email, text, or phone. The exhibitor will have 48 hours to resubmit their test from the time of the notification. Please take all guidelines into consideration when preparing your test submissions.

- Use arenas that are as close to regulation size as possible and be sure letters are set appropriately to be viewed by the judge. Cones with large letters on them and poles on the ground to delineate the corners are acceptable. Large letters taped on walls work as well. If a test allows for the use of either the large or small arena, you may show in either size.
- To ensure that only videos taped for this competition are used, videos of tests must be unedited from start to finish, starting at the video sign and ending with the equipment check. It must be one continuous recording with the horse and rider visible from the moment they come down centerline. Tests with edits will not be accepted.
- Bridle and saddle pad numbers are not allowed.
- Videos must be filmed in LANDSCAPE orientation.
- The natural background sound for the test must be audible. Tests with no sound will not be accepted.
- Only video links from YouTube will be accepted. Mark the links as either public or unlisted in YouTube.
- The test must be videoed from behind C, where the judge would normally be seated. Try and set the camera 4-5' off the ground. It makes the geometry easier for the judge to see.
- Prior to beginning the ride, a sign must be held up showing the show name, video date (optional), horse & rider names, class # and test description. Remove the sign just before the ride begins.
- Keep the horse in frame, paying close attention to the near corners. On the far side, you will need to zoom in for clearer judging visibility.
- Make sure to keep the letters in the frame that are elements of the test being performed.
- Calling of Tests: The test pattern may be called except for FEI and freestyles rides.
- Coaching during the test is not allowed.
- Equipment Check:
  - As soon as the test is finished, the camera must slowly circle the horse showing the entire side of the horse (including the feet.) Zoom in show details of the spurs and bit/bridle.
  - Show the entire horse, including the legs and feet.
  - Zoom in for 3 seconds so the details of the spurs, bridle and bit are visible.
  - If the videographer is unable to enter the arena, at G the rider may turn the horse slowly, wait five seconds, then turn slowly to show the second side, and wait an additional 5 seconds to complete filming of the equipment.
  - It is permissible to exit the arena for the tack check, as long as the camera stays on the horse the entire time.
  - The rider then dismounts and shows that 2 fingers will fit under the cavesson (noseband) or bosal by the side of the horse's check.