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FEI Dressage and FEI Para Dressage
Guidelines on Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress

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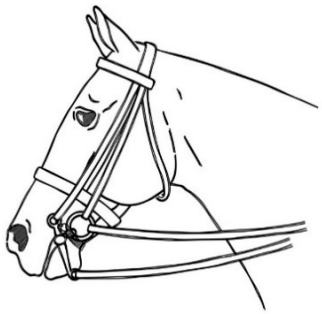
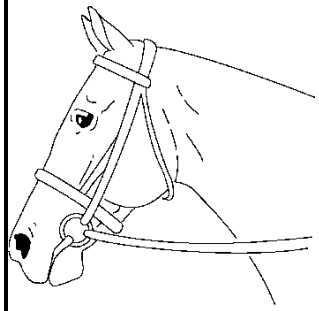
This document is to be read in conjunction with the FEI Dressage Rules and FEI Para Dressage Rules, current versions.
In case of any discrepancies, **the FEI Dressage/Para Dressage Rules will prevail**.

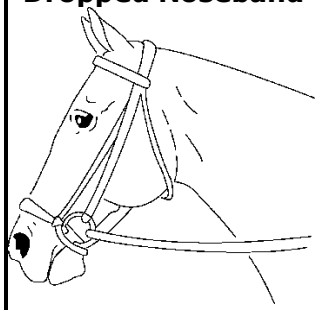
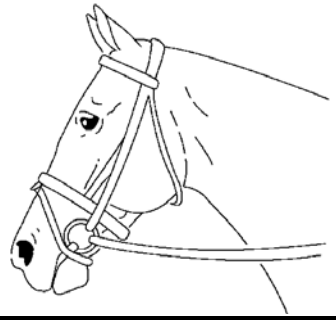
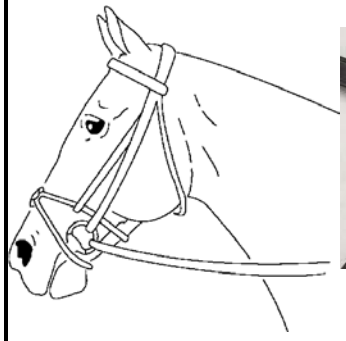
This list is a non-exhaustive list of frequently asked questions about Equipment.

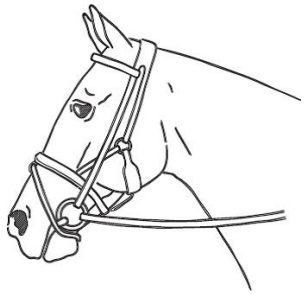
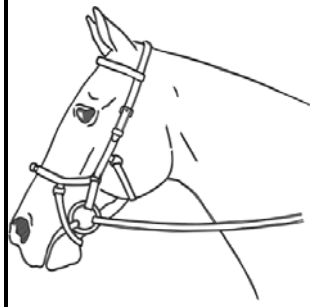
Rules reference:

FEI Dressage Rules
FEI Para Dressage Rules

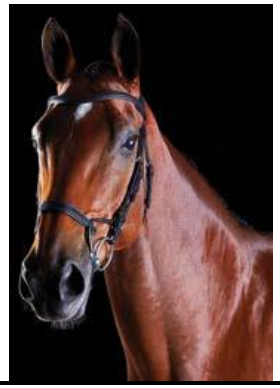
Topics	Use permitted
Bridle / Nosebands / Reins	
All items of saddlery used must align with the FEI Dressage Rules articles 431 and 434 or FEI Para Dressage Rules articles 8427 and 8431. **The bit can be attached to the reins and cheek pieces only**	
Noseband check: **Dressage Rules art 434.2.1.5 / Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.8:** At any level of competition, a noseband may never be so tightly fixed that it causes harm to the horse and must be checked as per the Stewards Manual noseband protocol. If it happens again the rider should receive a yellow card for not following the instruction of the steward. **Stewards Manual Dressage Annex IX / Stewards Manual Para Dressage Annex V** In case of an apparent overtightened noseband during the horse's warm-up, the appointed tack control steward is entitled to conduct the check also during the warm-up and, in case of the noseband being overtightened, ask the athlete to loosen the noseband. The noseband of the horse will be checked again by the same steward after the horse has finished the test. If the noseband is still too tight after the second check, the Chief Steward will give a Yellow Warning Card to the athlete.	

Double Bridle 	A double briddle uses a cavesson noseband, a bridoon, a curb and a curb chain. **Dressate Rules Art 434.2.2:** It is required at CDI/CDIO3*/4*/5*/U25, CDI-Ws and Championships/Games (except Ponies, Children, Juniors and Young Riders) 2.2 A snaffle bridle or double bridle is allowed in CDI1* and 2*, CDIO2*, CDIJ, CDIOJ, CDIY, CDIOY, CDIAm and CDIYH for seven (7) year old Horses and Junior and Young Rider Championships. 2.2.1 – not allowed for CDIP/Ch, CDIOP/Ch, Ponies and Children Championships, CDIYH for five (5) and six (6) year old Horses, and as marked on test sheets **Para Dressage Rules Art. 8431.2** Double bridle is optional	**Dressage*(see note)** ✓ *dependant on Event **Para Dressage** ✓
Snaffle Bridle (with Cavesson noseband) 	**Dressage Rules art. 434.2.2** 2.2 A snaffle bridle or double bridle is allowed in CDI1* and 2*, CDIO2*, CDIJ, CDIOJ, CDIY, CDIOY, CDIAm and CDIYH for seven (7) year old Horses and Junior and Young Rider Championships. 2.2.1 For CDIP/Ch, CDIOP/Ch, Ponies and Children Championships, CDIYH for five (5) and six (6) year old Horses, and as marked on test sheets, a snaffle bridle is to be used. **Para Dressage Rules Art. 8431.2** Snaffle bridle is optional	**Dressage *(see note)** ✓ *dependant on Event **Para Dressage** ✓

Dropped Noseband 	**Dressage:** *This noseband is allowed for Events where a snaffle bridle is allowed **Dressage Rules art. 434.2.2.3** **Para Dressage Rules Art. 8431.2.7**	**Dressage *** *dependant on Event **Para Dressage**
Flash Strap  	**Dressage:** *This noseband is allowed for Events where a snaffle bridle is allowed **Dressage Rules art. 434.2.2.3** **Para Dressage Rules Art. 8431.2.7**	**Dressage *** *dependant on Event **Para Dressage**
Crossed/Mexican/Grackle Noseband  	**Dressage:** *This noseband is allowed for Events where a snaffle bridle is allowed **Dressage Rules art. 434.2.2.3** **Para Dressage Rules Art. 8431.2.7**	**Dressage *** *dependant on Event **Para Dressage**

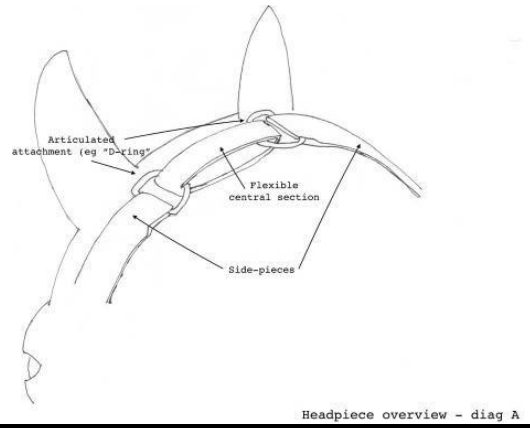
Combined Noseband 	**Dressage:** *This noseband is allowed for Events where a snaffle bridle is allowed **Dressage Rules art. 434.2.2.3** **Para Dressage Rules Art. 8431.2.7**	**Dressage *** *dependant on Event **Para Dressage**
Micklem Style Bridle 	**Dressage:** *This noseband is allowed for Events where a snaffle bridle is allowed In the case of the Micklem bridle, Stewards will have to assess if the upper strap is sufficiently maintaining the bridle in place and can be considered as a throat lash, please see below. **Dressage Rules art. 434.2.2.3** **Para Dressage Rules Art. 8431.2.7**	**Dressage *** *dependant on Event **Para Dressage**
Micklem Style Bridle 	The upper strap can be considered as a throat lash if it is correctly fitted **Dressage Rules art. 434.2.2.3** **Para Dressage Rules Art. 8431.2.7**	**Dressage *(see note)** *dependant on Event **Para Dressage**

Micklem Style Bridle 	The upper strap is too low to be considered a throat lash. **Dressage Rules art. 434.2.1.3** **Para Dressage Rules Art. 8431.2.4**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Micklem Bridle with clips 	**Dressage and Para Dressage:** **no clips** allowed on the Micklem bridles in ANY material as it is considered a gadget **Dressage Rules art 434.5** **Para Dressage art 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

High Jump Briddle 	Allowed as it is a variation of the Micklem bridle. **Dressage:** *This noseband is allowed for Events where a snaffle bridle is allowed **Dressage Rules art. 434.2.2.3** **Para Dressage Rules art. 8431.2.7**	**Dressage *** ✓ *dependant on Event **Para Dressage** ✓

Variation of Micklem without a complete noseband 	**Dressage and Para Dressage:** Not included in the list of permitted nosebands as it is a variant of a micklem but without a complete noseband so would have a different effect on the horse. **Dressage Rules art. 434.2.2.3** **Para Dressage Rules art. 8431.2.7**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Mixed Noseband 	**Dressage and Para Dressage:** Not included in the list of permitted nosebands for Dressage as mix of cavesson and drop noseband. **Dressage Rules art. 434.2.2.3** **Para Dressage Rules art. 8431.2.7**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Noseband with metal sliding system attached to cheek piece 	Except for buckles and padding the headstall and noseband must be entirely of leather or leather-like material. **Dressage Rules art 434.2.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.1**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Head Piece with flexible central section



Headpiece overview - diag A

Dressage Rules art. 434.2.1.2
Para Dressage Rules art. 8431.2.3

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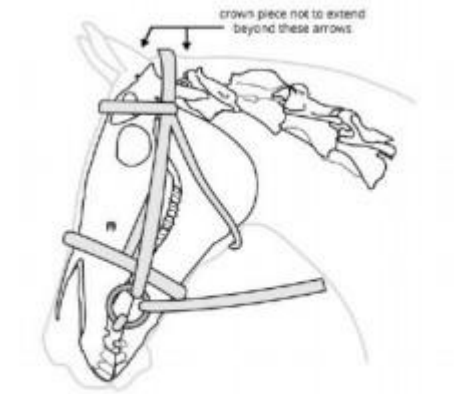
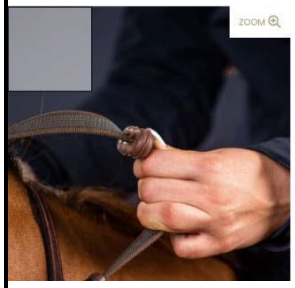
Bridle  Crown piece may not extend beyond the two arrows 	Variation of combined bridle authorised. **Dressage rules: art. 434.2.1.2** 2.1.2 The crownpiece of the bridle must lie immediately behind the poll and may extend forward onto the poll but must not be fitted to lie behind the skull. **Para Dressage rules: art. 8431.2.3** 2.1.2 The crownpiece of the bridle must lie immediately behind the poll and may extend forward onto the poll but must not be fitted to lie behind the skull.	**Dressage** **Para Dressage**
Adjustable and padded V-headpiece 	**Dressage rules: art. 434.2.1.2** **Para Dressage rules: art. 8431.2.3**	**Dressage** **Para Dressage**

Elastic Insert 	Elastic insert are permitted in the crownpiece and cheek pieces only and must not be in direct contact with the Horse or the bit. **Dressage rules: art. 434.2.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.1**	**Dressage** **NATIONELLT** **Para Dressage** **NATIONELLT** International only **Para Dressage** International only
Clip instead of buckle 	Small clips can be used in the same way as buckles on the bridles. Clips should not be used on the bit. **Dressage rules art. 434.2.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.1**	**Dressage** **Para Dressage**

Browband 	Browband with decoration on top of leather and browband with decoration only (except where parts that attach to the crownpiece or headstall) are allowed **Dressage rules art. 434.2.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.2**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Bridle with double throatlash 	Not allowed as not included in the list of permitted bridles **Dressage rules art. 434.2.1.3** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.4**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Blinkers 	**Dressage and Para Dressage:** Any form of blinkers are considered as gadgets and therefore not allowed **Dressage Rules art 434.5** **Para Dressage art 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Tongue Strap 	Not allowed, as the lower flat strap places restraint on the tongue. **Dressage rules art. 434.3** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Leather or leather-like reins 	Reins must not be made from rope or rope-like material. **Dressage Rules art 434.2.1.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.5**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Nylon/Cotton/Synthetic material reins 	Reins must not be made from rope or rope-like material. **Dressage Rules art 434.2.1.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.5**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓

Rubber Reins 	Reins must not be made from rope or rope-like material. **Dressage Rules art 434.2.1.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.5**	**DRESSAGE** **NATIONELLT** **Dressage** **Para Dressage**
Elastic Inserts 	Dressage: Rein additions or attachments are not allowed. Para Dressage: elastic rein inserts are a standard compensating aid. **Dressage Rules art 434.2.1.4** **Para Dressage Rules 8432.5.1**	**Dressage** **Para Dressage** *Please see note

Laced or notched reins 	Reins must not be made from rope or rope-like material. **Dressage Rules art 434.2.1.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.5**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Reins with hand stoppers 	Dressage: any type of big hand stoppers are not allowed as it is considered as a gadget *Para Dressage: knotted reins or stoppers are considered a standard compensating aid. Please see the rules for number and size of knots/stops. **Dressage Rules art 434.2.1.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8432.5.6**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✓ *Please see note
Rope Reins 	Reins must not be made from rope or rope-like material. **Dressage Rules art 434.2.1.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Rein Attachments

A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap or line from the bit to the hand. Rein additions or attachments are not allowed.

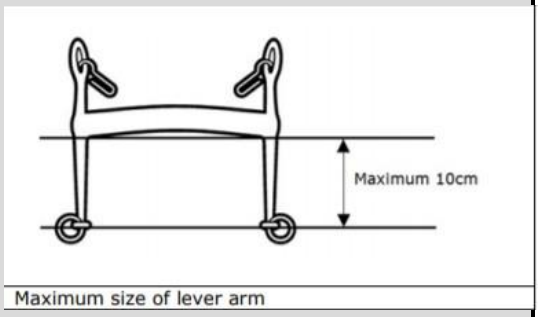
Dressage Rules art 434.2.1.4
Para Dressage Rules art 8431.2.5

Dressage

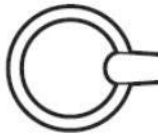
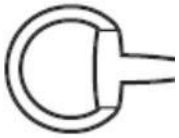
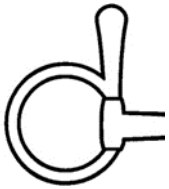
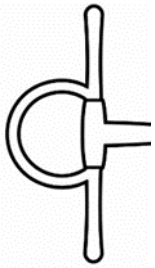
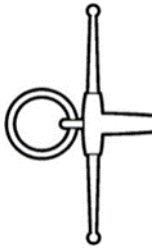
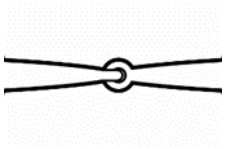
Para Dressage

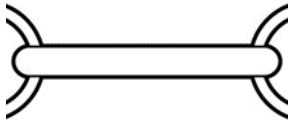
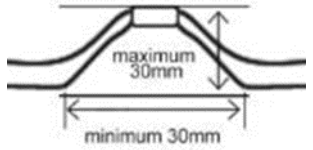
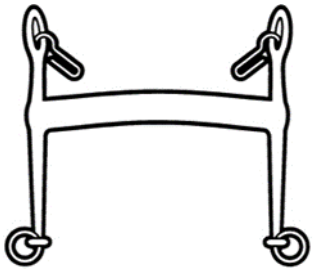
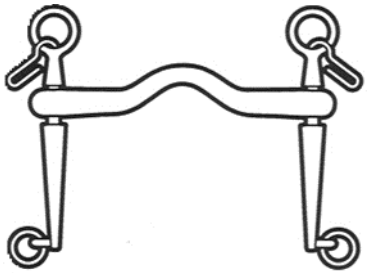
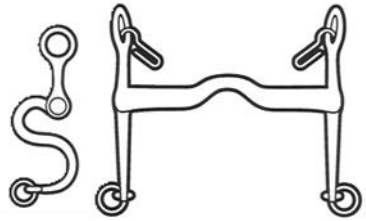
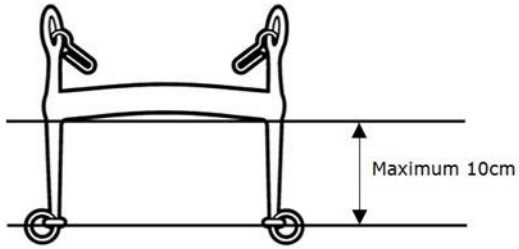
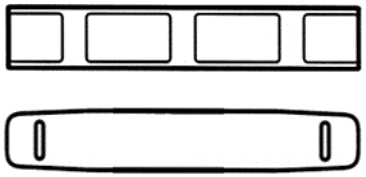
Bits

- Diameter of bits
  The diameter of the mouthpiece is measured adjacent to the rings or the cheeks of the mouthpiece (Dressage Rules art 434.3, Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3)
  Curb – minimum diameter to be twelve millimetres (12mm)
  Bridoons – minimum diameter to be ten millimetres (10mm)
  Snaffles – minimum diameter to be twelve millimetres (12mm) for horses and ten millimetres (10mm) for ponies
  Note: The diameter should not be measured systematically but in case of doubt
- Curb Lever Arm (Dressage Rules art 434.3.3.1, Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.3)
  The length of the lever arm below the mouthpiece of the curb bit is limited to ten centimetres (10 cm). The upper cheek must not be longer than the lower cheek. If the curb has a sliding mouthpiece, the lever arm of the curb bit below the mouthpiece should not measure more than ten centimetres (10 cm) when the mouthpiece is at the uppermost position.



Maximum size of lever arm

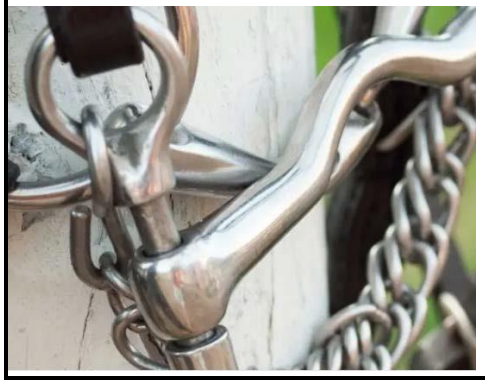
Permitted Cheek Pieces (Snaffle and Curb)		
Example of Loose Ring: 	**Example of Eggbutt:** 	**Example of D-Ring:**
Example of Upper Cheek: 	**Example of Full Cheeks:** 	**Example of Hanging Cheek:**
Example of Fulmer cheek: 		
Permitted Mouthpieces		
Example of a single jointed mouthpiece 	**Example of a double jointed mouthpiece**	**Example of a double jointed mouthpiece**

Example of unjointed mouthpiece 	**Example of a barrel joint** 	**Example of a ball joint**
Example of double ball joint 	**Example of a centre piece with a roller** 	**Port deviation measurements (snaffles and curbs)** 
Permitted Curb Bits		
Example of a Curb with straight cheeks 	**Example of a Curb with port and sliding mouthpiece (with rotating arms)** 	**Example of a Curb with S cheeks** 
	**Example of Curb Chain** 	**Examples of Curb Chain Covers** 

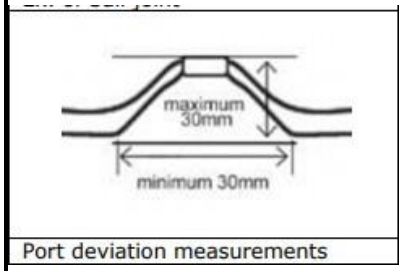
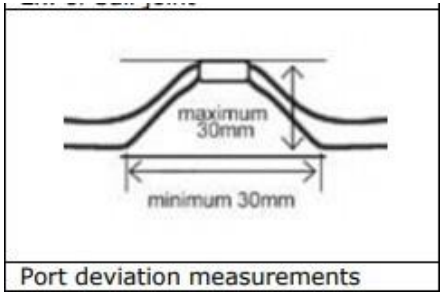
Hanging cheeks 	**Dressage:** *This cheek piece is allowed for Events where a snaffle bridle is allowed **Dressage rules art. 434.3.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.1** **Baucherbetts övre skänkel får inte vara längre än 5 cm.** **Längden mäts från högst upp på översta ringen ner till mundelen på bettet.**	**Dressage *** **Para Dressage**
Hanging cheek with cheek piece attached to the mouthpiece and a loose rin 	The cheek is not as per those described and pictured in the rules so is not allowed. **Dressage rules art. 434.3.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.1**	**Dressage** **Para Dressage**
Small cheeks 	There are no maximum or minimum sizes for the length of cheeks for snaffles. **Dressage:** *This cheek piece is allowed for Events where a snaffle bridle is allowed **Dressage rules art. 434.3.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.1**	**Dressage*** **Para Dressage**

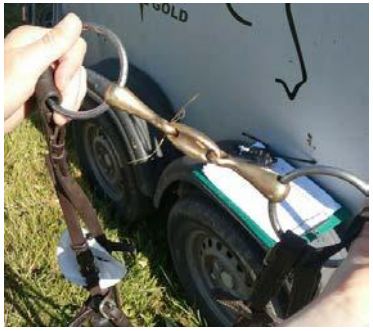
Variant of Eggbutt cheeks 	Allowed as it has the same effect on the horse as a standard eggbutt cheek. **Dressage rules art. 434.3.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.1**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Bit guards 	Not allowed as gadget, these can hide signs of bleeding from the mouth. **Dressage rules: art. 434.5** **Para Dressage art 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
"Golden wing" bits 	Bit not permitted for Dressage as the "Golden wing" acts as bit guards and therefore, are considered as gadget **Dressage rules: art. 434.5** **Para Dressage art 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Bit with disc on sides 	Dressage: not allowed as small discs on sides act as bit guards and therefore, are considered as gadget **Dressage rules: art. 434.5** **Para Dressage art 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Full cheek with extra rings 	Not allowed as small discs on sides act as bit guards and therefore, are considered as gadget **Dressage rules: art. 434.5** **Para Dressage art 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Loose Ring with sleeve fitted around part of the ring 	This is allowed as per the rules: **Dressage Rules art 434.3.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.1**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Hanging Cheek with rotating arms/mouthpiece 	The Hanging cheek with rotating arm is not allowed as the cheek piece is different from the standard cheek piece. **Dressage Rules art 434.3.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.1**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Curb with rotating arms/mouthpiece 	Curbs with arms rotating around the mouthpiece are not allowed as the rotation allows the mouthpiece to rotate fully in the Horses mouth which is not allowed for in the Rules. **Dressage Rules art 434.3.3.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.3.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Curb with hinged arms 	This is not as per the listed curb arms in the Rules. **Dressage Rules art 434.3.3.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.3.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Curb with rotating arms 	Curbs with arms rotating on their own axis is permitted by the rules. **Dressage Rules art 434.3.3.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.3.2**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓

Various cheek pieces 	This is not as per the listed in the Rules. **Dressage Rules art 434.3.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.1**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Ball/barrel joint 	Double jointed bits with barrel or ball joint as the centre link are allowed **Dressage rules art. 434.3.1.2/3.2.2** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.2 /3.2.2**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Center piece with a roller 	Double jointed bits with roller as the centre link are allowed for all tests. **Dressage rules art. 434.3.1.2/3.2.2** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.2 /3.2.2**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓

Snaffle bits with a ported/tilted mouthpiece  Port deviation measurements	A double jointed snaffle or snaffle with rotating mouthpiece may be shaped to allow tongue relief, permitted if the maximum height is 30mm from the lower part of the side of the tongue to the highest point of the deviation and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The deviation may be forward but not downwards **Dressage rules art 434.3.1.3** **Para Dressage rules art 8431.3.1.2**	**Dressage*** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Curb bits with a ported/tilted mouthpiece 	Curb bit with a tilted mouthpiece **are** permitted if the maximum height of the deviation is 30 mm from the lower part of tongue side to the highest part of the deviations and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The deviation may be forward but not downwards **Dressage rules: art. 434.3.3.3** **Para Dressage rules art 8428.1.3.3.3**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Curb with downward height deviation  Port deviation measurements	Bits permitted if the maximum height is 30mm from the lower part of the side of the tongue to the highest point of the deviation and must have a minimum width of 30mm. The height difference should not be downwards. **Dressage rules art. 434.3.3.3** **Para Dressage rules art 8431.3.3.3**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Jointed, rotating mouthpiece on a curb 	The rules do not allow for a jointed curb or a curb with rotation in the mouthpiece. **Dressage rules: art. 434.3.3** **Para Dressage rules art 8431.3.3**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Jointed mouthpiece with tilted centre piece 	The centre link may be tilted in a different orientation from the mouthpiece but must have rounded edges. **Dressage rules: art. 434.3.1.2** **Para Dressage rules art 84313.1.2**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Double jointed  	This bit is allowed, as corresponding of a double jointed mouthpieces, with rounded edges. **Dressage rules: art. 434.3.1.2** **Para Dressage rules art. 84313.1.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **NATIONELLT** **Para Dressage** ✗ **NATIONELLT** **Dressage** ✓ International only **Para Dressage** ✓ International

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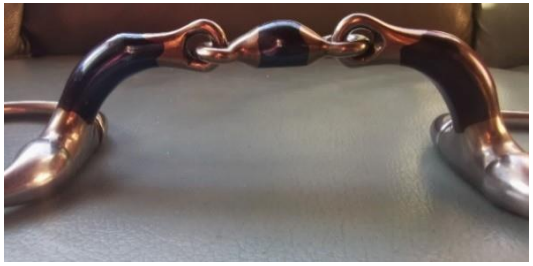
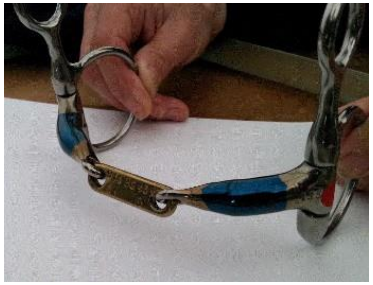
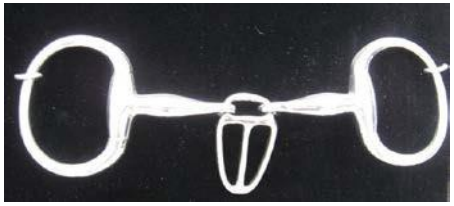
Elliptical central joint 	This bit is allowed, as corresponding of a double jointed mouthpieces, with rounded edges. **Dressage rules: art. 434.3.1.2** **Para Dressage rules art. 84313.1.2**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Cable bits Cable double jointed mouthpiece Cable Single Joint 	Any single or double jointed cable bits are not allowed as they are not listed in the Rules of either Dressage or Para Dressage.	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Hybrids bits (I-Bride) as snaffle and bridoon 	Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex. **Dressage Rules: art 434.3** **Para Dressage Rules: art 8431.3**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Hybrids bits (I-Bride) as curb 	Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic, or durable synthetic material and may be covered with rubber/latex. **Dressage Rules: art 434.3** **Para Dressage Rules: art 8431.3**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓

Lock up joints 	*This mouthpiece is allowed as a snaffle. Not permitted as a bridoon **Dressage rules: art. 434.3.2.3** **Para Dressage rules art 8431.3.2.3**	**Dressage*** ✓ **Para Dressage*** ✓
Abrupt thin joint 	The central joint must be have rounded edges. **Dressage rules: art. 434.3.1.2** **Para Dressage rules art 8431.3.1.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Mouthpiece made from synthetic material 	Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic or a durable synthetic material. **Dressage rules: art. 428.3** **Para Dressage rules art 8428.1.3**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Leather mouthpiece 	Bits must be made of metal, rigid plastic or a durable synthetic material. **Dressage rules: art. 434.3** **Para Dressage rules art 8431.3**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

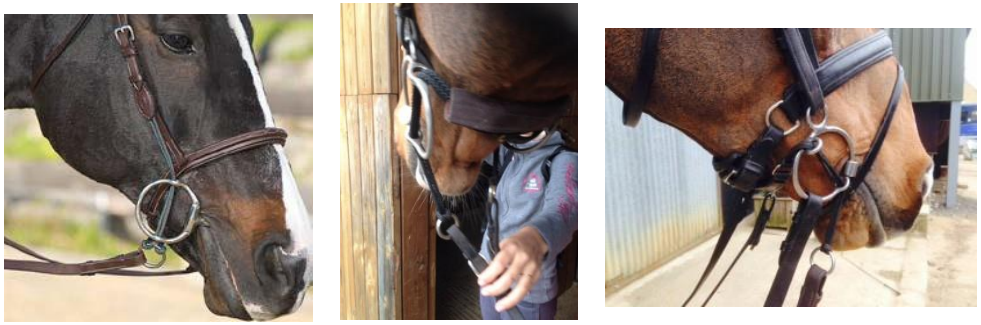
Bits with plate as centre link 	Bits with control plate as centre piece are not allowed. If the bit is put incorrectly, the edge of the plate causes excess pressure on tongue. The centre link must have rounded edges and be shaped so it is not a plate. **Dressage Rules art 434.3.1.2** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Clarification French Link / Dr. Bristol 553 French Link Eggbutt ✓ 555 Dr. Bristol Eggbutt ✗	French Link is allowed as it is similar to a standard double jointed central piece. Dr. Bristol is NOT allowed as it is similar to a control plate. **Dressage Rules art 434.3.1.3** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.2**	**Dressage** See left **Para Dressage** See left
Mouthpiece with flat central plate 	The centre link must have rounded edges. **Dressage Rules art 434.3.1.2** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Rolling part on Mouthpiece 	Bits with rolling parts on the mouthpiece are not allowed as rollers and moving pieces are only allowed on the central joint of a bit, the rest of the mouthpiece must have a "smooth surface" **Dressage Rules, art. 434.3 / 3.1.3** **Para Dressage Rules 8431.3 / 3.1.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Mouthpiece with holes 	Bits must have a smooth surface. **Dressage Rules, art. 434.3** **Para Dressage Rules Art. 8431.3.1.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Wavy bits 	Wavy bits are allowed as they have a smooth surface. **Dressage Rules, art. 434.3** **Para Dressage Rules art. 8431.3**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓

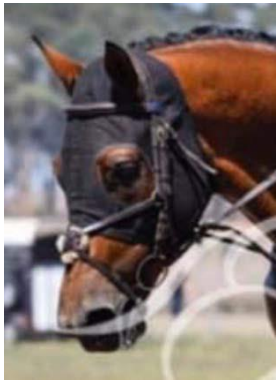
Multiple joints 	Snaffles and Bridoons may have up to two joints. The mouthpiece must have a smooth surface. **Dressage Rules, art. 434.3 / 3.1.2** **Para Dressage Rules 8431.3 / 3.1.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Tongue plate 	Bit not allowed as the centre piece is a tongue plate and places mechanical restraint on the tongue **Dressage Rules art 434.3.1.2 / 3.2.2** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.2 / .3.2.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
WTP mouth piece 	Bit not allowed as the centre piece has the effect of a tongue plate and places mechanical restraint on the tongue **Dressage Rules art 434.3.1.2/ 3.2.2** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.2 / .3.2.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

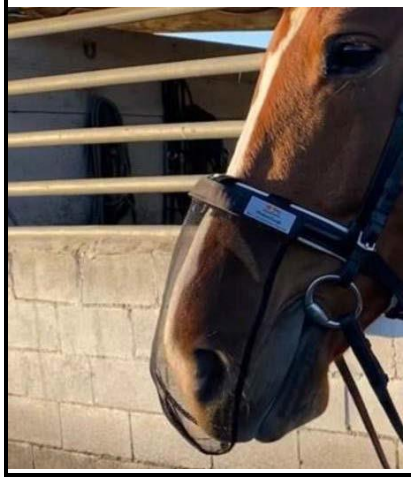
Ring bit 	Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue **Dressage Rules art 434.3/ 3.2.2** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.2 / .3.2.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
	Bits must not place mechanical restraint upon the tongue **Dressage Rules art 434.3/ 3.2.2** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.1.2 / .3.2.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Additions to bit 	Bits may only be covered with rubber or latex. **Dressage Rules art 434.3** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Bit Tape to cover the mouthpiece (latex or rubber) 	Bits may be covered with rubber or latex. **Dressage Rules art 434.3** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Bit Tape to create a bit guard 	Not allowed as acts as a bit guard. **Dressage rules: art. 434.5** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Curb chain clasp 	Curb chain hooks can be fixed or not fixed. **Dressage rules art. 434.3.3.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.3.3.4**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓

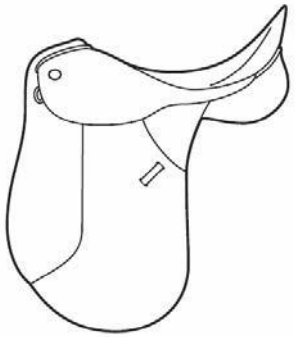
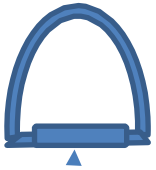
Equismart control 	Not allowed as considered as gadget **Dressage Rules, art. 434.5** **Para Dressage Rules 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** **Para Dressage**
Gags 	Not allowed as considered as gadget, and is not a permitted cheek piece **Dressage Rules, art. 434.5** **Para Dressage Rules 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** **Para Dressage**

Ear Hoods and fly masks		
Ear Hoods 	Ear hoods are permitted for all Events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted, with the exception of Horse Inspections and prize-giving ceremonies. The ear hoods should be discreet in colour and design. Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband. **Dressage Rules art 434.6.2** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.4.2**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Attached Ear Hoods 	Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband. **Dressage Rules art 434.6.2** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.4.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Ear plugs 	*Dressage: Ear plugs are allowed only at Prize giving and Horse Inspections *Para Dressage: Ear plugs are allowed only at Prize Giving art.8424.5 **Dressage Rules art 434.6.3** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.4.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗ *Please see note
Tight fitting head cover 	Not allowed as considered as gadget. **Dressage Rules, art. 434.5** **Para Dressage Rules art. 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Fly Mask 	Fly masks are forbidden in the training and competition arena. Also ear hoods must not cover the horse's eyes **Dressage rules art 434.7** **Para Dressage rules Art. 8431.4.6**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Fly mask on the nose 	Fly masks are forbidden in the training and competition arena **Dressage rules art 434.7** **Para Dressage rules Art. 8431.4.6**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Saddle and Stirrups

Dressage Saddle 		
Boot attached to stirrups with hooks 	The foot must not be attached to the stirrup **Dressage Rules art 434.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.1.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Magnetic stirrup  Magnet inserted in the foot pad of the stirrup	Dressage: The foot must in no way be attached to the stirrups Para Dressage: magnetic stirrups are a standard compensating aid **Dressage Rules art 434.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8432.7.3**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✓

K'Vall Stirrups 	Dressage: K'Vall stirrups are not allowed as the foot must not be enclosed Para Dressage: Foot may only be enclosed at the front, this stirrup gives support to the back too so is not allowed. **Dressage Rules art 434.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8432.7.4**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Enclosed Stirrups 	Dressage: the foot must not be enclosed Para Dressage: Stirrups may be enclosed at the front **Dressage Rules art 434.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8432.7.4**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✓
Safety Stirrups with open branch on the outside 	Safety stirrups with open branches are allowed. **Dressage Rules art 434.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.1.2**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓

Magnetic safety stirrup 	Dressage: The foot must in no way be attached to the stirrups Para Dressage: Magnetic stirrups are a standard compensating aid **Dressage Rules art 434.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.1.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✓
Velcro stirrups 	The foot must not be attached to the stirrup **Dressage Rules art 434.1.1** **Para Dressage Rules art 8431.1.2**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Spurs

Dressage Rules art 427.4 Spurs are compulsory except for CDIP and CDICh, in Children and Pony competitions spurs are optional but if used, only blunt metal spurs no longer than 3.5cm are allowed.
Para Dressage Rules art 8427.7 Spurs are optional

Rowel Spurs with blunt tines 	Rowel spurs must be blunt/smooth. Blunt tynes are allowed. **Dressage Rules art 431.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8427.10**	**Dressage** ✗ **NATIONELLT** **Para Dressage** ✗ **NATIONELLT** **Dressage** **Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Rowels with sharp tines 	Rowel spurs must be blunt/smooth. Sharp tynes are not allowed. **Dressage Rules art 431.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8427.10**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Spurs with Rowels 	Rowel spurs must be blunt/smooth **Dressage Rules art 431.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8427.10**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓

Spurs with horizontal rowels 	Rowel spurs must be blunt/smooth and free to rotate **Dressage Rules art 431.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8427.10**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Spur with metal knobs 	**Dressage Rules art 431.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8427.10**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Spur with plastic knob 	**Dressage Rules art 431.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8427.10**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Spurs with flat disk 	Rowel spurs must be blunt/smooth and free to rotate **Dressage Rules art 431.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8427.10**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Swan Neck Spur	The shank must be either curved or straight pointing directly back from the centre of the spur **Dressage Rules art 431.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8427.10**	**Dressage** ✗ **NATIONELLT Para Dressage** ✗ **NATIONELLT Dressage** **Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓
Spurs with extension at the back	Spurs must be made of metal **Dressage Rules art 431.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8427.10**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Dummy Spurs	Dummy spurs with no shank are allowed **Dressage Rules art 431.4** **Para Dressage Rules art 8427.10**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓

Other		
Hoof boots 	Hoof boots are not allowed in Dressage or Para Dressage. Nothing must cover the horse's legs or feet.	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Body bandage (spur pad/protection) 	Not allowed as considered a gadget **Dressage Rules, art. 434.5** **Para Dressage Rules art. 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗

Nose Tapes/strips	Not allowed as considered a gadget **Dressage Rules, art. 434.5** **Para Dressage Rules art. 8431.4.5**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** ✗
Electronic communication device	Earphones and Electronic Communication devices are prohibited whilst competing. In Para Dressage radio communication is allowed where permitted as a compensating aid. **Dressage Rules art. 431.5** **Para Dressage Rules art. 8429.4.3**	**Dressage** ✗ **Para Dressage** Please see note* ✗
Electronic Tracking Device/Data Trackers	Data tracking devices may be used as long as there is no way to consult them or communicate with them during the competition. They must not have any effect on the equipment, which must be used as per the rules. **Dressage Rules art 431.5** **Para Dressage Rules 8429.4.3**	**Dressage** ✓ **Para Dressage** ✓