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## Rule Change Intent

The intent of the proposal is to align with the Eventing Chapter Style Formatting Guide created by the Eventing Chapter Task Force.

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

## Committee Actions

## **SUBCHAPTER EV-9 DRESS**

***The Ground Jury has the ultimate discretion in regards to dress and equipment at Events including dress and equipment not covered within the rules or Annex. The Ground Jury will make its best effort to make a ruling in the best spirit of the sport.***

### **1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.**

- a. At Federation licensed and endorsed Events, Athletes must wear headgear as follows, except as may otherwise be mandated by local law (see also GR801):
- b. Upon arrival, anyone riding a Horse must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted.
- c. It is the responsibility of the Athlete, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the ~~junior~~ **Junior** Athlete to ensure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, is properly fitted, and in good condition. The Federation, Organizer, and Licensed Officials are not required to verify compliance.
- d. The Federation, Organizer, and Licensed Officials make no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear. Athletes are cautioned that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk. No helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.
- e. Violation of this rule at any time, at the discretion of the Ground Jury, must be penalized by issuance of a Yellow Warning Card or ~~elimination~~ **Elimination**.

### **2. PROTECTIVE VESTS.**

- a. A body protecting vest must be worn warming-up for and in the Cross-Country phase. Stable, team, or club colors are permitted. The Federation recommends that the vest should pass or surpass the current ASTM standard F1937 or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute. Inflatable vests are permitted only when worn in addition to a body protecting vest during the Dressage and Show Jumping phases.
- b. Violation of this rule may be penalized at the discretion of the Ground Jury and may result in ~~elimination~~ **Elimination**.

### **3. WHIPS.**

- a. One whip no longer than 120 cm (47.2") including lash may be carried when riding on the flat at any time. One whip no longer than 120 cm (47.2") may be carried during the Dressage phase except in USEF/USEA Championships and USEA Championship divisions. As an exception, Athletes competing sidesaddle may carry a whip in the Dressage phase at all Events, including championships.
- b. If a whip is carried in the Cross-Country and/or Show Jumping phase, or while jumping any obstacle before these phases, it must not be weighted at the end or exceed 75 cm (30") in length. An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted Athlete.
- c. A standard lunge whip may be used when lunging a Horse.

### **4. SPURS.**

- a. Spurs are optional for all three phases. Spurs capable of wounding a Horse are prohibited. Spurs must be made of smooth metal.
- b. If there is a shank, it must not be longer than 4 cm (1 9/16", measured from the boot to the end of the spur) and must point only towards the rear. If the shank is curved, the spurs must be worn only with the shank directed downwards. Metal or plastic spurs with round hard plastic or metal knobs, i.e., "Impulse spurs" and "Dummy spurs", with no shank are permitted.
- c. Rowel spurs ~~are~~ permitted for all three phases and when practicing/warming-up. If they are used, rowels must be free to rotate, round, and smooth (tines are not permitted).

### **5. DRESSAGE PHASE.**

- a. Protective Headgear. Any color helmet is permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a different color piping or crystal decorations are acceptable, including national flags.
- ~~b. Jackets. Beginner Novice through Preliminary. Any single color jacket is permitted. Tweeds, pinstripes, tasteful, and discreet accents such as such as a collar, cuff, lapel, piping, of any color, or crystal decorations are acceptable. Tailcoats are not permitted. Athletes may compete without a jacket. In such cases, a long or short sleeved shirt with collar and without neckwear, any color and design; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping, is acceptable, neatly tucked into riding breeches is acceptable. Intermediate and Advanced. Jackets are required. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a~~

different color piping or crystal decorations are acceptable, including national flags. Tailcoats are permitted. **Intermediate and Advanced – Jackets are required. A jacket may be any solid color, tweed, or pinstripe. Tasteful, discreet accents, piping, and crystal decorations are permitted. Tailcoats are permitted.**

**Beginner Novice through Preliminary – Jackets are not required. If an Athlete wears a jacket, it may be any solid color, tweed, or pinstripe. Tasteful, discreet accents, piping, and crystals are permitted. Tailcoats are not permitted.**

- c. Shirts. Any color and design, tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping, are acceptable with stock and pin, or choker, or tie. **A shirt worn with a jacket may be any color or design. It may have tasteful and discreet accents. It must be worn with a stock and pin, choker, or tie. If an Athlete competes without a jacket, the Athlete must wear a shirt with sleeves and a collar tucked into riding breeches. It may be any color or design and may have tasteful and discreet accents. No neckwear is permitted.**
  - d. Gloves. Beginner Novice through Preliminary – Gloves are optional and must be a dark color, tan, beige, or white. Intermediate and Advanced – Gloves are required. **Gloves worn by any Athlete must be a dark color or tan, beige or white.**
  - e. Breeches or jodphurs. Light color or white is permitted.
  - f. Boots. Black, brown, or other dark hue, modest piping of a different color is permitted. Full chaps are not permitted. Half-chaps must be black or brown and full grain, smooth leather with matching leather boots.
  - g. Members of armed and police forces are permitted to wear service dress, with regulation gloves, protective headgear and spurs, in accordance **compliance** with Subchapter EV-9.1, is required.
6. CROSS-COUNTRY PHASE.
- a. Protective Headgear. Any color helmet is permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a different color piping or crystal decorations are acceptable, including national flags.
  - b. Shirts. Light-weight clothing is appropriate, a shirt (any color) with sleeves must be worn.
  - c. Gloves. Gloves are optional and may be any color.
  - d. Breeches or jodphurs. Any color is permitted.
  - e. Boots. Black, brown, or other dark hue, modest piping of a different color is permitted. Full chaps are not permitted. Half-chaps must be black or brown and full grain, smooth leather with matching leather boots.
7. SHOW JUMPING PHASE.
- a. Protective headgear. Any color helmet is permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a different color piping or crystal decorations are acceptable, including national flags.
  - b. Jackets. Any single-color jacket is permitted. Tweeds, pinstripes, tasteful, and discreet accents such as such as a collar, cuff, lapel, piping, of any color, or crystal decorations are acceptable. For Tests, Beginner Novice through Modified, at any Horse Trial format: Athletes may compete without a jacket. In such cases, a shirt—long or short sleeved with a collar and without neckwear, of any color and design; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping, is acceptable, neatly tucked into riding breeches is acceptable. **Preliminary – Advanced – Jackets are required unless all three phases of a Horse Trials are run over one day, in which case a jacket is not required. The jacket may be of a single color, tweed, or pinstripe with tasteful, discreet accents, piping or crystal decorations. Beginner Novice through Modified – Jackets are not required. If an Athlete wears a jacket, it may be any solid color, tweed, or pinstripe. Tasteful, discreet accents, piping, and crystal decorations are permitted.**
  - c. Shirts. Any color and design, tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping, are acceptable with stock and pin, or choker, or tie. **A shirt worn with jacket may be any color or design. It may have tasteful and discreet accents. It must be worn with a stock and pin, choker, or tie. If an Athlete competes without a jacket, the Athlete must wear a shirt with sleeves and a collar tucked into riding breeches. It may be any color or design and may have tasteful and discreet accents. No neckwear is permitted.**
  - d. Gloves. Gloves are optional and may be a dark color, tan, beige, or white.
  - e. Breeches or jodphurs. Light color or white is permitted.
  - f. Boots. Black, brown, or other dark hue, modest piping of a different color is permitted. Full chaps are not permitted. Half-chaps must be black or brown and full grain, smooth leather with matching leather boots.
8. ~~At the Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced levels when all three phases of a Horse Trials are run over one (1) day, Athletes may compete without a jacket. Protective headgear, protective vests, and clothing as above.~~

9. ~~INSPECTION OF DRESS~~ **COMPLIANCE**. A supervisor should be appointed to **Appointed personnel should** inspect whips and spurs before any phase. The supervisor ~~appointed personnel~~ has the authority to **may** refuse permission for an Athlete to start the phase whose whip or spurs are not permitted. The supervisor ~~appointed personnel~~ must immediately report the circumstances **suspected violation** to the Ground Jury, or Technical Delegate if the Ground Jury is unavailable, for confirmation. An Athlete who competes with an illegal whip or spurs must be ~~eliminated~~ **Eliminated**. An Athlete who competes with prohibited dress may be ~~eliminated~~ **Eliminated**, at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
10. **EXTREME WEATHER**. At temperatures above 85°F, a heat index above 85°, or at the discretion of the Ground Jury or the Organizer, Athletes competing at the Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced levels may be permitted to compete without jackets, in the Dressage and/or Show Jumping phases. In such cases, Athletes must wear a long or short sleeved shirt of any color and design; tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar, cuff, piping is acceptable without neckwear. Members of the armed and police forces may ride in their summer uniforms. In inclement weather, Athletes may wear a windbreaker jacket or raincoat over their clothing; their number must be visible.