



USEF Eventing Annex 1 – Tack & Equipment

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For permitted saddlery, USEF Eventing refers to the [FEI Eventing Rules \(FEI Tack and Equipment Requirements\)](#) and [FEI TackApp](#), if it is not covered in Subchapter EV-10. Please see below for exceptions from the FEI Rules for USEF licensed/Endorsed Eventing competitions for the national levels.

Please see the [FEI Tack and Equipment Requirements](#) for diagrams of permitted bits and nosebands.

Dressage Phase

USEF Eventing Rule for National Levels	FEI Rule
SUBCHAPTER EV-10 2.j Nose nets are permitted under the following conditions: 1. The entry must be accompanied by a letter signed by the horse's veterinarian on letterhead, stating that the horse has been diagnosed with head shaking syndrome and that the horse's condition is improved with the use of a nose net. 2. The nose net must be made of a transparent material and cover only the top half of the muzzle, not the bit or the horse's mouth.	FEI Article 2.2.7: g) Nose nets are allowed
SUBCHAPTER EV-10 2.k A neck strap or pommel strap may be used. The strap must be made primarily of leather.	Eventing Art. 539.2.3: Dressage: Loose neck strap is not allowed during the Dressage test as it is considered as gadget
SUBCHAPTER EV-10 2.c Dr. Bristol is permitted for national eventing competitions.	Eventing - Art. 2.6.1. Dr. Bristol is NOT allowed for the Eventing Dressage test.
SUBCHAPTER EV-9.3 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.	Eventing, Art. 1.3 Dressage Test - A whip is not allowed entering the space around the arena and during the Test.
SUBCHAPTER EV-10 2.l Saddle pads may be any single color. Contrast trim and piping are permitted. Striped or multi-colored pads are prohibited.	Dressage, Art. 434 1.2 Saddle pads should be white or off-white. Contrast colouring and piping is allowed. Striped or multi coloured pads are not permitted.

Cross Country and Jumping Phases

USEF Eventing Rule for National Levels	FEI Rule
SUBCHAPTER EV-10 3.a The following are compulsory: an English type of saddle and bridle or hackamore.	Eventing, Art. 3.1.1: The type of saddlery is optional.
SUBCHAPTER EV-10 3.b Gags or hackamores are permitted. <i>For Cross Country, hackamores are permitted to be used without a bit.</i>	Eventing, Art. 3.2 For Cross Country, hackamores must be used with a bit. The maximum length of the shank is 24 cm, measured in a straight line from the middle of the higher ring to the middle of the lower ring.
Myler Combination bit is permitted (Effective September 1, 2024)	Veterinary Regulations, Art. 1044.5 Myler Combination bit is not permitted

All Phases

USEF Eventing Rule for National Levels	FEI Rule
Stirrups (all phases) GR801.6: No piece of equipment shall be attached to a saddle that has a rigid upward pointing projection, hook, or similar object capable of catching a rider's clothing or person when dismounting, including stirrups. More information about permitted stirrups under the saddle attachment rule can be found here on the Federation website .	Rules, Art. 4.1.1 and 3.1.1.