



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 |
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| <p>SUBCHAPTER EV-10 2.j Nose nets are permitted under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | <p>FEI Article 2.2.7: g) Nose nets are allowed</p> |
| <p>SUBCHAPTER EV-10 2.k A neck strap or pommel strap may be used. The strap must be made primarily of leather.</p> | <p>Eventing Art. 539.2.3: Dressage: Loose neck strap is not allowed during the Dressage test as it is considered as gadget</p> |
| <p>SUBCHAPTER EV-10 2.c Dr. Bristol is permitted for national eventing competitions.</p> | <p>Eventing - Art. 2.6.1. Dr. Bristol is NOT allowed for the Eventing Dressage test.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Eventing, Art. 1.3 Dressage Test - A whip is not allowed entering the space around the arena and during the Test.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |

Cross Country and Jumping Phases

| USEF Eventing Rule for National Levels | FEI Rule |
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| 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

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| 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. |