



USEF Eventing Annex 1 – Tack & Equipment v. 12.1.23

For permitted Saddlery, USEF Eventing refers to the FEI Eventing Rules and FEI Guidelines on Use of Tack, Equipment, and Dress. Please see below for exceptions for USEF licensed/Endorsed Eventing competitions for national levels.

Dressage Phase

USEF Eventing Rule for National Levels	FEI Rule
<p>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>Eventing rules, art. 539.2.2: g) Nose nets are allowed</p>
<p>A neck strap or pommel strap may be used. The strap must be made primarily of leather.</p>	<p>Eventing rules art. 539.2.3: Dressage: Loose neck strap is not allowed during the Dressage test as it is considered as gadget</p>
<p>Dr. Bristol is permitted for national eventing competitions.</p>	<p>Eventing Rules - Annex A.1.5 Dr. Bristol is NOT allowed for the Eventing Dressage test.</p>

Cross Country and Jumping Phase

USEF Eventing Rule for National Levels	FEI Rule
<p>The following are compulsory: an English type of saddle and bridle or hackamore.</p>	<p>Eventing rules, art. 539.3.1: The type of saddlery is optional.</p> <p>Eventing rules, art. 539.3.2 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.</p>
<p>Reins must be free of any loops or hand attachments and must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Exception: u-shaped bit converters may be used so that a bit designed for use with two reins may be controlled with a single rein. Gags or hackamores are permitted.</p>	

