

COMPETITORS DRESS GUIDELINES

In order that the standards of competitors' dress at events can be maintained at the highest possible level, guidelines are set below. Certain items below are included in the rules and are therefore mandatory.

Riding Tests & Dressage – Including the dressage phase of Horse Trials	
Hat	MUST WEAR A HARD HAT TO AT LEAST THE MINIMUM STANDARD, WITH A HARNESS PROPERLY ADJUSTED AND FASTENED. Hats marked EN1384, PASO15 or prefixed ASTM or SEI. American standard SNELL E95 and Australian/New Zealand standard SNZ3838 1998 are also acceptable. Hats of skullcap style must be worn with a silk, which is black/dark blue colour.
Jodhpurs/Breeches	White, cream or beige breeches.
Boots	Plain black or brown, which may also be top boots or jodhpur boots. The boots should be of traditional style. Gaiters may be worn providing they are of identical leather to the boots and have no decoration of any sort.
Jackets and Shirts	May be dark blue/black jacket with white stock. Tweed jacket with coloured stock or collar and tie. White stocks, white American collar or white shirts with collar and tie should be worn. <i>Body protectors may be worn</i>
Hair and Jewellery	No jewellery or any items worn in facial or body piercing are PERMITTED. Hair must be neatly secured and MUST not hang lower than the shoulder line (when standing normally)
Gloves	Of a light colour should be worn
Whips	Dressage and riding tests must not exceed 110cm (3'8") (including riding in) may be carried at area competitions. No whips are allowed in championship competitions except where a competitor has special dispensation authorized by BRC office. Horse Trials Dressage whips may not be carried at area or championships.
Spurs	NOT PERMITTED in Riding Test competitions. Dressage: Spurs of excessively severe design may not be worn. Such designs include spurs with necks set to inside of heel, spurs with roughed/cutting edges and serrated spurs with or without necks. Seniors are permitted to wear spurs with smooth rowels that do not exceed 1cm. Spurs are no longer compulsory for Medium Tests. Spurs are only worn in the traditionally correct manner, with the curve, if any, of the neck of the spur directed downward. DRESSAGE HORSE TRIALS: Spurs with necks in excess of 3.5cm are not permitted.
Equitation Jumping & Show Jumping (including the show jumping phase of the Horse Trials)	
Hat	MUST WEAR A HARD HAT TO AT LEAST THE MINIMUM STANDARD, WITH A HARNESS PROPERLEY ADJUSTED AND FASTENED. Hats marked EN1384, PASO15 or prefixed ASTM or SEI. American standard SNELL E95 and Australian/New Zealand standard SNZ3838 1998 are also acceptable. Where a hat is of skull cap style it must be worn with a silk which is black/dark blue colour.

Jodhpurs/Breeches	White, cream or beige breeches.
Boots	Plain black or brown, which may also be top boots or jodhpur boots. The boots should be of traditional style. Gaiters may be worn providing they are of identical leather to the boots and have no decoration of any sort.
Jackets & Shirts	May be dark blue and black jacket with white stock. Tweed jackets with coloured stock or collar and tie. Show jumping shirts, white stocks, white American collar or white shirts with collar and tie can be worn. A body protector is recommended. <i>Body protectors should be fitted and worn as per the manufacturers guidelines.</i>
Hair & Jewellery	No jewellery or any items worn in facial or body piercing are PERMITTED. Hair must be neatly secured and MUST not hang lower than the shoulder line (when standing normally)
Gloves	Optional
Whips	Not greater than 75cm (30”) or less than 45cm (18”). Nor should it be weighted or with a hard point at the end.
Spurs	NOT PERMITTED in equitation jumping. Spurs of excessively severe design may not be worn in the show jumping. Such designs include spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, spurs with roughed or cutting edges and serrated spurs with or without necks. Seniors are permitted to wear spurs with smooth rowels that do not exceed 1cm. With necks not in excess in 3cm are allowed.
Cross-country – Horse Trials and Hunter Trials	
Hat	MUST WEAR A HARD HAT TO AT LEAST THE MINIMUM STANDARD, WITH A HARNESS PROPERLY ADJUSTED AND FASTENED. Hats marked EN1384 or PASO15 or prefixed ASTM or SEI. American standard SNELL.E95 and Australian/New Zealand standard SNZ3838 1998 are also acceptable. Where a hat is of skull cap style, this must be worn with a silk which is black, dark blue colour
Jodhpurs/ Breeches	White, cream or beige breeches
Boots	Plain black or brown, which may also be top boots or jodhpur boots. The boots should be of traditional style. Gaiters may be worn if they are of identical leather to the boots and have no decoration of any sort.
Shirts and sweatshirt	Sweatshirt or shirt. Hunting stock is recommended for safety. A body protector is obligatory for cross- country competitions (horse trials and hunter trials).
Hair and Jewellery	No jewellery or any items worn in facial or body piercing are PERMITTED. Hair must be neatly secured and MUST not hang lower than the shoulder line (when standing normally)
Gloves	
Whips	Not greater than 75cm (30”) or less than 45cm (18”). Nor should it be weighted or with a hard point at the end.
Spurs	Spurs of excessively severe design may not be worn. Such designs include spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, spurs with roughed or cutting edges and serrated spurs with or without necks. Seniors are permitted to wear spurs with smooth rowels that do not exceed 1cm. With necks not in excess of 3cm are allowed.
Watches	Watches capable of being started and recording time elapsed are FORBIDDEN. Competitors are not permitted to take mobile phones on the course when competing. No receiving, recording, transmitting or monitoring device may be used by a competitor during any phase in any competition.
Medical Armbands	Medical Armbands are COMPULSORY.

NB – For Dressage and Show Jumping Only

At the discretion of judges, competitors may be permitted to ride without coats in excessively hot weather, but a suitable shirt that fastens at the neck (not bright or multi-coloured with a tie). American collar or correctly fastened stock must be worn. Shirts must have long sleeves. Plain dark coloured waterproof coats may be worn in wet weather. Body protectors may be worn.