

Steward's Corner
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To be aligned with FEI Dressage Rules, please note the following change for 'Hanging Cheek' bits



This is called a "Hanging Cheek Piece" (or a Baucher cheek piece).

This type of cheek piece is only permitted in dressage when used with a 'single-jointed mouth piece'.



The following are some examples of "Hanging Cheek/Baucher" bits that are "NOT PERMITTED" in EA or FEI dressage (e.g. double/multi jointed, straight bar, and mullen mouth-pieces).



Competition Jackets – Must be in the darker colours - black, navy blue, green and brown are permitted e.g. **light blue and red are 'not permitted'**

Helmets – Dark colour only - black, navy blue, and brown are permitted e.g. **silver and gold are 'not permitted'**



Headgear – effective from 1/1/17

An approved safety helmet is to be worn by ALL riders with the retaining harness secured and fastened whenever riding at an event and including when competing in EA competitions from Preparatory up to an including EA GP. However, riders 22 years and over competing in EA FEI levels may wear a top hat in the warm-up and competition area.

Current safety helmet standards are as follows (refer to Rule 2.2

- Current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked.
- New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked
- Current American standards ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001
- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked
- Interim European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark
- ~~Outgoing European Standard EN/1384 during 2016 only~~ not permitted from 1/1/17

Ear Hoods

Previously called 'Fly Hoods' (refer to rule 2.14)

- Ear Hoods may be worn indoors or outdoors
- The ear hood may be made of material which provides for sound reduction (note that no additional material is to be sewn in or added to the hood's 'manufactured state')
- The ear hood may not be attached to the noseband
- Maximum logo size on the ear hood is 75 cm² (circa 7.5cm)
- The OC/TD/Gear Steward may, after completion of the dressage test, request the removal of the ear hood to verify that no additional insulation has been inserted into the ear hood from its manufactured state, and that ear plugs have not been inserted.
- Any removal of the ear hood is to be undertaken by the rider or his/her groom/agent in the presence of the Gear Steward