

Steward's Corner

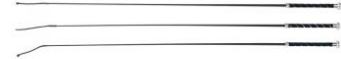
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Some **State and National Championships** are coming up so this time I thought I would concentrate on a few things that are pertinent to these events.

Whips – refer to rule 2.6

Whips for EA Tests – Preliminary to Advanced - at **State & National Championships**:

- A whip (to maximum length - including tassel)
 - Ponies - 100cm (1m);
 - Horses 120cm (1.2m) for horses)may be carried in both the warm-up arena, and in the competition arena



Whips for all EA FEI Tests - at the **State and National Championships**:

- A whip (to maximum length - including tassel - of 100cm for ponies and 120cm for horses) may be carried in the **warm-up arena only** for tests from PSG to Grand Prix level and also includes FEI Pony/FEI Junior etc competitions
- The following penalties apply if a whip is carried past the Gear Steward:
 - Circling the arena carrying a whip will incur a penalty of 2 points from each judge;
 - Entering the dressage arena with a whip will incur a penalty of 2 points from each judge;
 - Carrying a whip in a test for more than 3 movements will entail elimination
- Please note that only one whip may be carried

Headgear – refer to rule 2.2

- Any person mounted on a horse **MUST** wear an approved safety helmet with the retaining harness secured and fastened. Failure to have the harness fastened will entail elimination
- As an option, rider aged 22 years and over riding PSG and above may wear a top hat in the warm up and competition area



Unauthorised Assistance refer to rule 3.11

Any intentional outside intervention by voice, signs, etc, is considered assistance to a rider or horse and is penalised by elimination. **Refer to Rule 3.11** of the EA Dressage Rules.

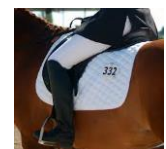
Head/Ear Phones refer to rule to rule 2.12 and Annex F

Head Phones are permitted in warm-up and exercise areas, but not past the Gear Steward and not in Competition. The penalty is elimination.



Bridle Numbers refer to rule 1.15.5

- Bridle numbers – one on both sides of the horse – must be attached to each side of the bridle or saddle cloth
- They must be clearly readable and visible on both sides
- Bridle numbers, on both sides of the horses, **must** be worn whenever the horse is being ridden, lunged, led, or being grazed



Medication Control

- Random swabbing of ponies/horses is carried out at State and National Championships and applies to all entries
- For easy identification by the attending veterinarian, please have available your horse's EA Registration papers

