

Steward's Corner
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Spur Rule Update – Ponies

Please note that the small sharp segmented rowel has been confirmed as 'not permitted' for any design of spur worn in dressage competitions



Small sharp segmented rowel 'not permitted'



Blunt/smooth to touch rotating daisy rowel 'permitted'



Note to Pony Riders

Rule 1.15.7 – The Height of a "Pony" must not exceed 149cm with shoes on, or 148cm without shoes

Please remember that spurs worn by Pony Riders (of any age) must not exceed 4cm in length – this is measured from the back of the boot to the tip of the spur (including the rowel if used)

How to be eliminated, or receive penalty points, for incorrect gear or attire

For a complete listing, refer to Section 2 and Annexure G of the current EA Dressage Rules

Elimination

- Wearing spurs that point upwards, or spurs that are not-permitted
- Carrying a whip that exceeds the permitted maximum length (100cms (1m) for Ponies and 120cm (1.2m) for Horses).
- Incorrect size, or types, of bits
- Not wearing a noseband, or wearing more than one noseband, or wearing a not-permitted noseband
- Having reins with elastic inserts, loops or otherwise along the length of the rein

Deduction of 2 Penalty Points (per Judge)

- Not wearing gloves
- Short boots and gaiters that are not the same colour
- Saddle or bridle that is not black or brown
- Horse wearing bell boots, bandages, or protective boots in the space around the arena
- Horse wearing bell boots, bandages, or protective boots in the arena

Young Pony and Horse Competitions

Young Pony and Young Horse Competitions are conducted throughout Australia composed of qualifying competitions, and an Australian title. Following is a brief 'Summary' of how these Events are run.

- The birth date for ALL Ponies and Horses is 1 August, and the age groups are 4, 5, and 6 year old
- Riders must turn 8 for riders of ponies and 10 for riders of horses in the calendar year of competition
- Young Pony and Young Horse Competitions do not attract grading points
- All Young Pony and Young Horse dressage tests, and score sheets, are available on the EA website
- Horses are judged on walk, trot, canter, submission and perspective as a dressage horse/pony including standard of training on the basis of the Training Scale
- Marks are given out of 10 and decimal points may be used e.g. 6.1, 7.7 etc
- Approved safety helmet is to worn by ALL rider
- Whip – may be carried in all age groups in qualifying rounds
- Whip – may be carried in the 4 year old age group (only) at State and Australian Championships
- Snaffle Bridle only permitted
- Snaffle Bit – minimum diameter is 14mm for horses and 10mm for ponies
- For further information and rules on Young Pony and Young Horse Competitions, refer to Section 5 of the current EA Dressage Rules



Snaffle bridle to be worn

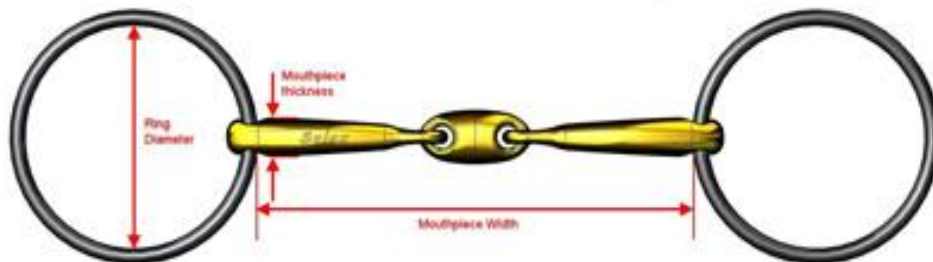
The minimum diameter thickness of the mouth piece must be at least:

10mm for Ponies
14mm for Horses



Crossed Nosebands

(Grackle, Mexican, Figure of 8)
are '**not permitted**' in
Young Pony or Young Horse Competitions



The diameter thickness is measured at the widest part of the mouth-piece near the bit ring (or fixed cheek)
(diagram courtesy of BitBank Australia and Neue Schule)