

6.19 Competition Quick Reference Guide for Competitions

Gear Checks are compulsory for all PCT disciplines and rallies

As far as possible, complete the gear check in a safe, quick manner without touching the rider. Explaining at all times what you are about to check. **Never alter any gear.** When gear needs changing or altering, the gear check steward must request the rider, team manager or, if needed, the rider's responsible adult, to make the necessary adjustments and report back when this is complete.

Item	Competition	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5 Not official
Saddles	All	Shall clear withers and spine. Girth shall have a minimum of two buckles, or one buckle with a surcingle				
Saddlecloths	All	Yes (riser or gel pad permitted in addition to saddle cloth)				
Monkey grips	All	Yes				
Saddle covers	Dressage	No				
	Showjumping	Yes				
	Cross-country	Yes				
Stirrups & irons	All	Shall hang outside saddle with approx. 1 – 2cm clearance or one finger of spare space between boot and iron.				
Bits	Dressage	Snaffle				No restriction
	Senior Games' riders	No cheek guards except in games.				
	Showjumping and Junior Games' riders Cross-country	No restrictions on type. Cheek guards are permitted. Any bit permitted but Snaffle encouraged Hackamores are permitted				
Curb Chains	All	Shall lie flat. Guards not compulsory				
Nosebands	Games	Not compulsory				
	Dressage	A cavesson, dropped, Grackle or Hanoverian noseband				Not compulsory
	Flat teams	As above				
	Showjumping Cross-country	Optional.				
Fly Hoods Ear Muffs	Cross-country Showjumping	Yes, No Ear muffs for dressage.				
Martingales	Showjumping (eventing) Cross-country Flat teams	Yes (running - only with stops)				
	Dressage	No				Yes
	Showjumping (pure) Games	Yes (running or standing permitted)				
	Horse tendon boots, bell boots, knocking rings	Dressage	No			
	Showjumping Cross-country	Yes				
Whips	Showjumping Cross-country	Yes 75cm including flap				
	Dressage (eventing)	No (maybe used in warm up area only)			Yes	Yes
	Games	No				
Spurs	Dressage	Yes,				
	Showjumping Cross-country	Shank downwards, max 2cm, blunt, 'Impuls' spurs allowed				
	Games	No				
Back protectors	Showjumping Cross-country	Strongly recommended for Showjumping Compulsory for Cross Country for Grade 3 and above				
Jewellery	All	Medical bracelets, watches and club badges permitted Any other visible jewellery shall be removed or taped				
Medical Armbands	Cross-country	Compulsory – visible on left upper arm				
Gaiters/chappettes	All	Yes (must be same colour as boots)				

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Medical Arm bands	Compulsory during cross-country – visible on upper left arm only. Details to be for correct rider.	10.6
Back protectors	Compulsory for Cross Country for grade 3 and above	10.14
Bandages	Not advised but if used they must be padded. Not allowed for dressage	11.19
Bits	No restrictions for SJ, XC and junior games riders. Snaffle only for dressage, senior games riders and show teams.	11.4
Boots (barefoot)	Not permitted for all PC competitions and disciplines.	11.21
Boots (horse)	Not permitted in dressage.	11.9
Boots (rider)	Short jodhpur or long boots in black or brown, with smooth soles	10.7
Bridles	Should fit horse correctly. Shall not insist on alteration.	11.3
Cheek guards	Not permitted for dressage	13.4
Curb chains	Shall lie flat. Guards recommended but not compulsory	11.4
Ear Muffs	Not permitted for any dressage, permitted for XC and SJ.	11.7
Fly hoods	Permitted in outdoor dressage, XC and SJ only	15.5
Gaiters/ Chappettes	Shall be the same colour as boots. Suede ones may be worn in all PC activities.	10.8
Gloves	Optional	10.11
Hair	Shall be in a hair net, plaited or securely tied above the shoulder to allow competitor number to be seen in all disciplines.	10.3
Helmets	Shall comply with nominated standards and fit	10.5
Hooves	Shall be in good order (no risen clenches or loose shoes)	11.1
Jewellery	Watches and Medical bracelets permitted. All other visible jewellery shall be removed or taped.	10.4
Jodhpurs/ Moleskins	Beige, fawn, white or specified Pony Club uniform colour	10.1
Martingales	Running – Permitted for SJ, XC and Games. Standing – Permitted for SJ (pure) and Games	11.17
Nosebands	Cavesson, dropped, Hanoverian or Grackle.	11.6
Raincoats	Number and arm band shall be worn on the outside.	10.11
Saddles	Shall clear withers and spine. Girth shall have a minimum of two buckles, or one buckle with a surcingle	11.9
Saddle cloths	Club colours	11.10
Saddle covers	Or any other saddle attachments not permitted for dressage	11.10
Side reins and ancillary equipment	Permitted whilst lunging. Not permitted when riding Bearing, running or balancing reins or special training aids, earmuffs, blinkers and hoods are not permitted in warm up or training areas when lungeing or riding, under penalty of elimination.	10.12
Spurs	Shank max 3.5 cm long, directed downwards and to rear. Metal or plastic spurs with round hard plastic or metal knobs ("Impuls" spur) permitted	10.9
Stirrup leathers	Shall hang outside the saddle flap. Stirrup bar safety clip - rider preference	11.14
Stirrup irons	Shall fit the rider's boot with 1 - 2cm of clearance between boot and iron. Peacock irons (rubber band on either side)	11.15
Uniform	PCT ratified summer and winter uniforms including rugby tops, jumpers and active tops appropriate to competition.	10.1
Whips	Dressage (pure) Max length 120cm Dressage (eventing) Grade 4 & 5 only SJ and XC Max length 75cm	10.10

