

## 6.19 Competition Quick Reference Guide for Competitions

**Gear Checks are compulsory for all PCAT disciplines and rallies**

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

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<b>Medical Arm bands</b>	Compulsory during cross-country – visible on upper left arm only. Details to be for correct rider.	10.6
<b>Back protectors</b>	Strongly recommended	10.14
<b>Bandages</b>	Not advised but if used they must be padded. Not allowed for dressage	11.19
<b>Bits</b>	No restrictions for SJ and XC. Snaffle only for dressage, games and show teams.	11.4
<b>Boots (barefoot)</b>	Not permitted for all PC competitions and disciplines.	11.21
<b>Boots (horse)</b>	Not permitted in dressage.	11.9
<b>Boots (rider)</b>	Short jodhpur or long boots in black or brown, with smooth soles	10.7
<b>Bridles</b>	Should fit horse correctly. Shall not insist on alteration.	11.3
<b>Cheek guards</b>	Not permitted for dressage	13.4
<b>Curb chains</b>	Shall lie flat. Guards recommended but not compulsory	11.4
<b>Ear hoods</b>	Permitted in XC and SJ only	15.5
<b>Gaiters/ Chappettes</b>	Shall be the same colour as boots. Suede ones may be worn in all PC activities.	10.8
<b>Gloves</b>	Optional	10.11
<b>Hair</b>	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
<b>Helmets</b>	Shall comply with nominated standards and fit	10.5
<b>Hooves</b>	Shall be in good order (no risen clenches or loose shoes)	11.1
<b>Jewellery</b>	Watches and Medical bracelets permitted. All other visible jewellery shall be removed or taped.	10.4
<b>Jodhpurs/ Moleskins</b>	Pony club uniform colour	10.1
<b>Martingales</b>	Running – Permitted for SJ, XC and Games. Standing – Permitted for SJ (pure) and Games	11.17
<b>Nosebands</b>	Cavesson, dropped, Hanoverian or Grackle.	11.6
<b>Raincoats</b>	Number and arm band shall be worn on the outside.	10.11
<b>Saddles</b>	Shall clear withers and spine. Girth shall have a minimum of two buckles, or one buckle with a surcingle	11.9
<b>Saddle cloths</b>	Club colours	11.10
<b>Saddle covers</b>	Or any other saddle attachments not permitted for dressage	11.10
<b>Side reins and ancillary equipment</b>	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 lunging or riding, under penalty of elimination.	10.12
<b>Spurs</b>	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
<b>Stirrup leathers</b>	Shall hang outside the saddle flap. Stirrup bar safety clip - rider preference	11.14
<b>Stirrup irons</b>	Shall fit the rider’s boot with 1 - 2cm of clearance between boot and iron. Peacock irons (rubber band on either side)	11.15
<b>Uniform</b>	PCAT ratified summer and winter uniforms including rugby tops, jumpers and active tops appropriate to competition.	10.1
<b>Whips</b>	Dressage (pure) Max length 120cm Dressage (eventing) Grade 4 & 5 only SJ and XC Max length 75cm	10.10