

## Tack Person Checklist

### Team

- All team members should be present and accounted for during tack check
- Team coaches should be with their team
- All ponies 12.2 h.h. or under should not carry a rider over 117 lbs.
- Medical Arm Bands must be worn on the body

### Dress

- Jodhpurs or breeches
- Proper riding shoes or boots which must have heels and smooth (small ridges are acceptable) soles
- Hard hats with a fixed safety harness fastened securely
- No hiking boots or footwear not especially made for riding
- No gloves
- All team members must have a matching uniform or bib in club colours
- White hat, or white hat band to be worn by the last rider

### Saddlery

- Saddlery must be well fitted and properly maintained, check girth tightness
- Saddles are to have conventional hunting/general purpose tree with usual stirrup bars with safety clips in the down position, hunting or safety pattern irons and a two buckle girth
- Saddles made without a tree, or those employing a half tree or front arch only are prohibited. Racing saddles measuring less than 16 inches in length and weighing less than 5 pounds are not permitted
- If the reins are knotted, they must be undone at the buckle end. Continuous or one piece reins must not be knotted.
- Badly fitted or unsafe tack, or saddles that are down on the withers when the rider is mounted, will result in the disqualification of that competitor, unless the tack can be changed to the satisfaction of the Official Steward, before the start of the competition. **No whips** or spurs may be used.
- Stirrups must have at least a 1 inch clearance for the boots to come free easily.

### Martingales

- The only martingales permitted are Irish, Standing, Bib or Running. Only one of which may be worn at the same time. Standing martingales may be attached only to the cavesson portion of the noseband fitted above the bit. Stoppers are required on reins as appropriate.

### Nosebands

- The only nosebands permitted are cavesson, drop, grakle or flash. The kinton noseband is not permitted.

### Bits

- The bit can be a plain snaffle with a straight bar or a single joint in the middle, a slow twisted snaffle or a jointed kimberwick with loose fitting chain. The mouth piece must be smooth all round. English hackamores or bitless bridles are allowed. Western hackamores with shanks, etc. are not allowed. Nickel bits and stirrup irons can be dangerous and are not recommended. Stainless steel is recommended. Smooth double-jointed bit is allowed, excluding Dr Bristol.