



Rule Changes Effective 1 August 2012

ART 477 - Saluting

To bring the Salute rule into line with FEI, male riders no longer have to remove their hats unless they wish to, change ART 477 to:-

All riders must take the reins (and whip if carried) in the same hand. The head should be bowed while the other arm is held straight down to the side. Male riders may if they wish, remove their hat in the traditional manner. Note: The salute is taken by the Chief Judge at C only.

ART 480 DRESS SIDE SADDLE RIDERS

It is permissible to ride aside in competitions run under ESNZ rules for dressage. Riders should note that ESNZ rules for dressage including dress rules, helmets etc apply to aside riders.

Except that :- Aside riders may wear an apron which should be the same colour as the jacket, dark breeches/jodphurs as under side saddle dress rules are allowed

HATS

Top hats or bowlers must be black, dark blue, or the same dark colour as the jacket. They should be plain with only minor decoration such as a plain ribbon band round the crown of a top hat or bowler. (Ribbon the same colour as the hat).

Safety helmets must be predominantly black, dark blue or the same dark colour as the jacket, some two tone colouring, panelling or modest crystal detailing is allowed.

SAFETY HELMETS:

A properly fitted, securely fastened, correctly maintained helmet meeting the following standards **MUST** be worn at all times when mounted on the Event grounds, and must comply with one of the following standards:

PAS 015 (British Standard)

BSEN 1384 (joint British/European Standard)

EN 1384 (European Standard)

AS/NZS 3838 (joint Australia/New Zealand Standard)

ASTM F1163 (American Standard)

COATS

Up to & including level 5:

Black, dark*, or tweed, (tweed should not be brightly coloured or have loud patterns).

Level 6 and above:

Black or dark* coat OR black or dark* tail coat

BREECHES & JODPHURS

Up to & including level 5:

White, off white, beige, banana or pale grey

Level 6 and above:

White, or off white with Tail coat. OR:

White, off white or beige with a short jacket .

STOCKS, TIES

White or off white or may be the same colour as the jacket. If same colour as the jacket must be the same "hue" but can be paler. ESNZ tie is allowed. Stocks or ties may include a stripe, pattern or piping of ONE additional colour.

Level 5 and below may wear a shirt with choker style collar, collar to be white, off white or same colour "hue," but can be paler, as the jacket.

Level 6 and above, stock or collar and tie is compulsory.

SHIRTS

If permission is given to ride without jackets due to weather conditions, then a white, off-white or pale coloured shirt, with long or short sleeves must be worn (sleeveless not permitted). Stripes or checks of one additional pale colour are allowed. An appropriately pinned down stock, tie or choker collar must be worn.

GLOVES

Compulsory for level 6 and above and must be white, off white or dark coloured.

Gloves are optional up to and including Level 5.

BOOTS & GAITERS

Black or same dark colour as the coat. May have discreet manufacturers logo studs or modest crystal detailing. If gaiters are worn they should be of the same leather and colour as the jodhpur boots. Suede chapettes are not allowed.

At Training (TE) & Local Events (LE) long boots OR boots & gaiters may be worn up to and including Level 9.

At Regional (RE) and National Events (NCH) boots & gaiters may be worn up to and including Level 5
Level 6 and above long boots only.

PENALTIES FOR INCORRECT DRESS – Deductions are per Judge

- Spurs when worn – not made of metal, not approved under DNZ rules, worn upside down, or excessive use – Elimination
- Carrying a whip into the arena when the competition does not allow it, carrying more than one whip, or excessive use of the whip – Elimination
- Carrying a whip around the outside of the competition arena when the competition does not allow a whip – 4 marks deduction per judge
- Hats – incorrect colour - 2 point penalty (decoration is permitted as a highlight but not as a main feature, traditional ribbon, bow on hats is OK, some two tone colouring, panelling or modest crystal detailing on helmets is allowed.
- No hat, or hat of the incorrect standard for the level being ridden, eg: not wearing an approved safety helmet in level 4 and below, or all levels while schooling or exercising prior to the final warm up and test. (No penalty if the hat comes off during the test) – Elimination
- Persistent wearing of incorrect hat, or refusal to wear correct hat – disqualification from all competition on the day. NOTE: This rule is for deliberate refusal to obey the rule, and for the safety of the rider. If the rider has, for example, forgotten their correct hat but has a safety helmet that meets DNZ safety standard requirements but is a non permitted colour, the rider should be given permission to ride but is given a 2 point penalty.
- Jacket – not worn, incorrect colour, incorrect type – 2 mark deduction
- Breeches/jodphurs, incorrect colour, patterned – 2 mark deduction (ie: coloured pattern)
- Waistcoat (if worn) patterned, incorrect colour, must be same contrast colour, if any, as on the collar of jacket – 2 mark deduction
- Stocks and or Ties – incorrect colour or not worn at Level 6 and above – 2 mark deduction
- Gloves - not worn level 6 & above, wrong colour – 2 mark deduction
- Shirt – incorrect colour or sleeveless (when allowed to be worn without jacket) – 2 mark deduction.
- Boots and gaiters – incorrect colour or decoration other than manufacturer stud logo or modest crystal detailing – 2 mark deduction.
- Gaiters – not matching the boot colour – 2 mark deduction.

ART 478 SADDLERY

SADDLES

Saddles must be worn and be plain (dressage, show, side saddle, GP or jumping saddle) and must be brown, black, grey or navy.

Treeless saddles are permitted but must look similar to the above plain saddles. Western style, traditional Iberian or Arabian (with raised pommel and/or cantle) or brightly coloured saddles are not permitted.

Stirrup leathers and irons are compulsory and must be attached to the saddle and used in the conventional way. The rider's boots must not be fixed to the stirrup iron by mechanical means and if used without dispensation will result in elimination.

No saddle covers or seat savers are allowed, except with special dispensation from Dressage NZ.

**Pony Club refer to Annex 3 - Para C.

SADDLE CLOTHS – LOGOS – SILVER FERN/FLAG

- a) The saddle cloth if used, should be plain except for b) or c) below. The horses identification number may be displayed on the rear corner on each side of the saddle blanket
- b) Saddle cloths bearing the New Zealand Flag or Silver Fern may only be worn by a competitor who is officially representing New Zealand and has been presented with either to wear. These must be removed at all other times.
- c) Sponsors or commercial logos are only allowed with officially registered rider/horse sponsorship, see ESNZ GR's or contact ESNZ office for information on sponsorship rules.

BRIDLES

An ordinary snaffle or simple double bridle as laid down in the test. Bridles must be predominantly black, brown, grey or navy and may not be decorated with tassels or any additions to the normal configuration. Discreet padding of the bridle at the poll or noseband is permitted. Padding of the cheek pieces is not allowed and will result in elimination. The Micklem bridle is permitted and must be used with a permitted bit and without bit clips.

Nose nets may be used, but must be discreet and may not cover the mouth of the horse

Ear covers are allowed. These should be discreetly coloured and must not cover the horses eyes, heavy noise cancelling material and ear plugs are not allowed. Stewards should check for ear plugs after the completion of the test.

ART 478 – 9

Delete “nose nets” from the list of forbidden gear.

Add :- ear plugs are not allowed

ART 478 – 11

Delete “nose nets” from the list of permitted gear during training and warm up.

ART 478 – 9 - delete ear muffs

PENALTIES FOR INCORRECT SADDLERY

- Saddle – incorrect colour – 2 mark deduction
- Saddle – western or other non specified acceptable styles – Elimination
- Saddle covers and seat savers (without dispensation) – Elimination
- Boots fixed to stirrups by mechanical means (without dispensation) – Elimination
- No stirrup leathers and irons – Elimination
- Saddle cloth logos – unless approved sponsorship logo – Elimination
- Bridle – incorrect colour, or decorated with tassels, or indiscreet padding – 2 mark deduction.
- Bridle – padding of cheek pieces – Elimination
- Double bridle when not permitted in the level being ridden – Elimination
- Incorrect noseband for the bridle used – Elimination
- Prohibited bits – Elimination
- Bitguards, martingales, bearing, side or running reins of any kind, bandages; boots; any sort of blinkers – Elimination (Except what is allowed during training and warm up ART 478 - 11)
- Tongue restraints, Elimination
- Neck strap used in tests above level 2 (can be used during training and warm up) – 2 point deduction (monkey strap or breastplate for emergency use only allowed at all levels)
- Decoration other than normal plaiting and quarter marks; eg; glitter, flowers – Elimination
- Fly fringes - Elimination (Ear covers are allowed)

ART 451

6. After the sound of the bell, the competitor should enter the arena at A as soon as possible. Exceeding 45 seconds before entering the arena after the bell has sounded entails a penalty of 2 points per judge or 0.5% for freestyle at the discretion of the Ground Jury. The same applies to a competitor who enters the arena at A before the starting signal has been given. (Note "Exception" Article 473). If the competitor has not entered the arena within 60 seconds, without a reason acceptable to the Ground Jury ie: just lost a shoe – Elimination

The penalty for a contravention of these rules will range from a two point deduction for each occurrence of a minor infringement, such as incorrect dress; to elimination for major infringements, such as forbidden tack, or when stated explicitly in the rule concerned. Elimination is always at the discretion of the judge and the rider will be notified at the end of the test. Penalty points will be deducted from the final score and will not count as errors of course.

- Fall of horse and or Rider – immediate retirement from the test
- Commanders reading anything other than the printed word of the test or extracts therefrom or emphasising any part of the command – Elimination
- Any outside assistance by voice or signs, etc, designed to help a competitor improve their performance – Elimination
- **Horse entering the arena when not actually competing, or prolonged failure to start after 60 seconds (at Judges discretion) – Elimination**
- Horse placing all four feet outside the arena where the surround is continuous – Elimination
- Horse placing all four feet outside the arena where the surround is marked by a line only by intermittent poles or boards – Elimination at Judges discretion
- Rider dismounting without a reason acceptable to the judge – Elimination
- Horse refusing to continue for a period of 20 consecutive seconds – Elimination
- Marked lameness – Elimination
- Third course error – Elimination
- First error of course – 2 marks from total of each judge
- Second course error – 4 marks from total of each judge
- Entering the arena before the signal to start or failing to enter the arena within 45 seconds of the signal to start – 2 mark deduction (at Judges discretion)
- Use of voice – 2 marks deduction for each movement this happens in.
- Repeating a movement (penalise as error of course and mark first attempt only) – appropriate to error.
- When a competitor makes an "error of the test" ie: trots rising instead of sitting, at the salute does not take the reins in one hand, etc... he/she must be penalised as for an "error of course" - appropriate error.