This document is intended to be a guide on Tack, equipment and dress and refers to the FEI Driving Rules.

This document is updated regularly to reflect new equipment or changes in their use. This document is to be read in conjunction with the Driving Rules.

These guidelines apply from the arrival of Horses on Show Grounds and end upon their departure.

For formatting purpose the following abbreviations have been used:

- Dressage : DR
- Marathon : MA
- Cones : CO

If there is any discrepancy between these Guidelines and the FEI Driving Rules, the FEI Driving Rules will prevail.
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# Bits - Mouthpieces

All bits must align with Driving Rules Art. 940.8  
**Reminder:** as per FEI Driving Rules for Young Horses, Art. 3.8., no kineton or bit lifters will be permitted for Young horses.

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<td>Mouthpiece with rollers</td>
<td>Mouthpieces with rollers are permitted</td>
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<td>Bits with a ball joint are permitted</td>
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<td>Double jointed bits are permitted.</td>
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<td>High port bit with roller are permitted.</td>
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<td>High port bit with “toys”</td>
<td>High port bit with “toys” are permitted provided that “toys” are not sharp and can’t hurt the tongue.</td>
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### Serrated mouthpieces

Serrated mouthpieces are not permitted, as the tongue can get inside the openings.

### Lugging Bit

Lugging bits are not permitted
## Lever arms – Curbs - Rings

As per article 940.7, All rings, terrets and/or other devices which have an extreme leverage effect on the reins or bits are forbidden at any time within the Showgrounds.

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<td><strong>Butterfly lever arm</strong></td>
<td>Butterfly bits are permitted.</td>
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## Hackamores and Combined bits

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<td>All bitless bridles and hackamores (even combined with any kind of bits) are not permitted when the Horse is harnessed to a carriage. Art 940.8.2</td>
<td>DR</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hackamore combined with a bit</td>
<td>All bitless bridles and hackamores (even combined with any kind of bits) are not permitted when the Horse is harnessed to a carriage. Art 940.8.2</td>
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<td>Tandems</td>
<td>Tandems, made of rubber, metal, rope or any kind of material are not permitted. Art 940.8.2</td>
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## Curb chains

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<td>Curb chains are permitted. Twisted curb chains are forbidden.</td>
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<td><strong>Curb chain with leather piece</strong></td>
<td>Curb chains with leather pieces are permitted.</td>
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<td><strong>Rubber curb chain</strong></td>
<td>Rubber curb chains are permitted.</td>
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<td><strong>Curb strap</strong></td>
<td>Curb straps are permitted.</td>
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## Tongue Straps, plates and bit guards

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<td><strong>Tongue strap</strong></td>
<td>Not permitted in any competition, as the lower flat strap is considered a tongue tie. Veterinary rules, Art. 1046.3.</td>
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<td><strong>Metal tongue plate</strong></td>
<td>Metal tongue plates aren’t permitted as they can injure the Horses’ mouths. Art 940.9.1 Driving Rules Art.1046.5 Veterinary Rules</td>
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<td><strong>Wrapping of bit</strong></td>
<td>Wrapping of any kind of material (except latex/rubber/leather) around the bit or additions to the bit in the horse’s mouth is prohibited. Art 940.9.1</td>
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<td>Independent tongue plates</td>
<td>Tongue plates that aren’t directly attached to the bit are permitted.</td>
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| Swivels                   | Swivels on the bit aren’t permitted as they can injure the Horses’ mouths.  
  *Art 940.9.1 Driving Rules*  
  *Art.1046.5 Veterinary Rules*   | × | × | × |
<p>| Rubber tongue plates      | Tongue plates made out of rubber or any similar smooth material are permitted. | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |</p>
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<tr>
<th>Rubber bit guards</th>
<th>Soft and flexible bit guards made out of rubber are permitted.</th>
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<td>Spiked or brushed bit guards</td>
<td>Spiked or brushed bit guards aren’t permitted.</td>
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Nosebands

Horse Noseband check: Special care must be taken concerning nosebands that have been excessively tightened, regardless of their position.

Stewards must not allow any noseband to be positioned so low and tight that it interferes with the horses breathing as this would be against the welfare of the horse.

Driving rules: Art. 940 and Art.3.8 Young Horses Rules

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| **Bitlifter with rein on lowest part of the lever** | Reins are not permitted in the lowest part of the lever arm when there is a bitlifter as the effect will be the same as a Hackamore.  
*Art 940.8.2* | DR: ✗  MA: ✗  CO: ✗                                                       |
| **Kineton**                                     | Kinetons are permitted.                                                     | DR: ✓  MA: ✓  CO: ✓ |


Combination of double noseband, kineton and bitlifter on the ring

Only one sort of bit lifter may be used at a time. 

Art 940.8.5

Second noseband attached to the bit

Attaching the second noseband to the bit, thus giving a lifting effect is permitted.
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<td>Ear Hoods</td>
<td>Ear hoods are permitted for all competitions, and they may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the Horse’s eyes. The ear hoods must not impair the movement of the ears. Ear Hoods must not be attached to the noseband.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ear plugs</td>
<td>Ear plugs are permitted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flynet covering the mouth completely</td>
<td>Any attachments or ancillary equipment which impede or are likely to impede the free intake of air into the nostrils of the Horse are not permitted.</td>
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Flynet only covering the nostrils

Only permitted if there is an attestation from a Veterinarian, for Horse welfare only.

Art 940.3.1
### Lunging & riding

As per Art 940.13.1 and 940.13.2 Lunging cavessons are permitted when lunging. Working long reins and double rein lunging are allowed as long as the rein is directly connected to the bit without any leverage device.

13.2. The lunge line must be attached to either a lunging cavesson or a Riding/Driving bridle/bridoon. Lunging with lunge line attached to the bottom slot is not allowed.

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| Long reins or lunging with long reins is permitted. 

*Art 940.13.1* | | ✅ |
“Pessoa” lunging is not permitted.  
*Art 940.13.1 and 13.2*

Any kind of side rein and leverage devices are not permitted.  
*Art 940.13.1 and 13.2*
Lunging cavessons are permitted.  
*Art. 940.13.1*

When Riding during training, side reins and martingales are permitted. Draw Reins are forbidden.  
*Art 940.13.5*
Spurs and whips

As per Art. 940.13.3 Spurs must be of smooth material (metal or plastic). If there is a shank it must not be more than four centimetres long (the overall shank must be measured from the boot to the end of the spur) and must point only towards the rear. For pony competitions, rowel spurs are not permitted.

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<td>Riding whip</td>
<td>A whip no longer than 120 centimetres including lash is permitted when riding on the flat during training. A whip can not be replaced by any other object. Art 940.13.4</td>
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