



2022 Bridging Document

Rule Changes from WA (2021) to PCA (Current)

RIDER ATTIRE

Body Protectors	Now Beta Level 3 for all x country style events, this includes rallies where there is a x country lesson.
Chappettes	Permitted for all disciplines except vaulting – must have zip fasteners
Hair	Hair below shoulder length must be tied back neatly so not to obscure competition number. Do now not need to put up in hair net etc
Helmets	No mention of expiry date for helmets having to be changed, just has the recommendation from manufacturers.
Pc Badge	Not now permitted for PPMG and novelties, not sure if it should be not permitted for PC mount as well.
Jewellery – earrings Is	Studs more than 5mm are permitted but must be taped. No other type of earring is permitted No stud earrings at all in novelties/mounted games etc.
Jewellery – facial piercings	Must be taped over
Jewellery – Watches	Normal watches permitted in all disciplines except vaulting. No smart watches are permitted. Stop watches now permitted for Hickstead/Hunter trials and show jumping etc.
Logos on uniforms	Any club or state logo on uniform must be no larger than 100mm x100mm (we were 70mm x 70mm) on riders tops for competition, these logos need to be confined to the front left or right. The club, zone or state name, if placed on the back of the rider's top should be in lettering no more than 50mm in height.
Medical Armband	Now just a recommendation for x country style events.
Musical ride attire	Shoulders must be covered
Nails	Now Nails – Long nails – permitted in all disciplines excepted mounted games. No mention of nail polish or that if wearing have to wear gloves.
Polo tops	We state mandatory to be long sleeved. Wording in national manual – the pony club Australia sun smart policy encourages the use of long sleeved polo tops as uniform. We just need to still let our members know this is a must for WA, luckily all club uniforms do have long sleeves.
Spurs	Now 4.5cm instead of 4cm
Whips	Ponies under 14.2hh up to 100cm (use to be ponies 13hh and under) Horse/pony 14.2hh and over up to 120cm (use to be over 13hh)

HORSE/PONY TURNOUT

Age of horse	No age of horse but I think each discipline does state an ag, I am still trying to work out how we can keep our horse/pony turnout in the manual.
Hoof boots	Are permitted at rallies but must have 2 means of attachments if being used for jumping or high speed activities. Examples of boots on page 28 of national manual
Shoes – Horse shoes	If shod they must have shoes on the two front feet only, or all four feet. No mention of being permitted to have only two on the hind.
Studs – Horse shoes	Permitted – Only permitted with two studs per shoe, located at the heel, in pairs (eg two hind feet or two front feet, or all four feet)

SADDLERY

Anti Grazing/Grass reins/balance reins	Exception to the rule where they can be used in competitions – Riders 12 years and under can use at competition. If show jumping, x country can only be used under 30cm
Bit Guards/Australian Cheekers	Now a no for dressage/eventing Dressage. Australia cheekers now permitted for all disciplines except Dressage/eventing Dressage
Bits	Pee Wee bit not permitted in any discipline Myler can now be all levels Wilkie bit is now permitted for mounted games. Not all bits are listed like in our manual just examples, but in our precis we do still have our bits listed.
Curb Bits	All bits with curb chains attached must have a rein on the top ring (at the bit) Equalisers, rounders or split reins must be used (except double bridle)
Bit Clips	Must be taped for mounted games
Bridles	Leather or Synthetic permitted for all disciplines.
Barcoo/ Stock Bridles	Now permitted for all disciplines
Bandages – horse bandages	Have been a no for dressage/eventing dressage but are not permitted in showjumping and xcountry.
Ear Bonnets	Was a no for mounted games etc but is now permitted.
Girths	Exceptions to the 2 point girth points rule- Swinging fender and poley/stock saddles with attachments designed and manufactured for that particular saddle. Latigo straps see 2.23 page 36
Lead rein riders	Can use a butterfly lead which connects to both rings of the bit. Example page 28
Lungeing	Boots/bandages now only recommended not mandatory
Monkey grips	Now permitted for all disciplines We had it as a no for show jumping and any x country style disciplines.
Nosebands	If a noseband is used with any bit with a chain any lower straps must be removed eg: Hanovarian, drop Grackle etc.
Nose nets/ Pollen filters	Permitted in all disciplines- Must be translucent. It is advised to to be removed during mounted games.
Saddles -	
Treeless	Now permitted in all disciplines with restrictions which are in appendix 9 in the rules
Western Saddle	Permitted in all disciplines but must not have a horn
Stock/ Poley	Permitted in all disciplines – not suitable for high jumping though
Stirrups	Kwik release such as peacock irons and other release stirrups are now permitted in novelties, PPMG, games etc. Bostock Stirrups are still not permitted in these disciplines.
Stirrup Bars	Stirrup Bars must now be in the open position unless used with clogs, safety stirrups, or stirrups with cages.
Stirrup Irons	Changed from minimum 2cm to 1.5cm and maximum from 3cm to 2cm