

Best Presented Hints and Tips for School Teams

Teams should present for Tack and Turnout steward in good time so that they can be judged together prior to warming up or jumping.

This is a subjective part of the competition based on current safety requirements and the pride that each individual competitor should have in themselves, their horse/pony and school they are representing.

RIDERS

- Correctly fitted riding hat – must be a current relevant standard
- Overall impression (tidiness, neatness and cleanliness)
- Shirt and tie or stock correctly pinned
- Hairnet (all long hair). No hair is permitted to be hanging down below a riders collar
- No jewellery
- Riding Jackets or school/team colours; sweatshirts, jackets or base layers (arms should be covered)
- Jodhpurs should be beige, white or cream, if possible
- Long riding boots or jodhpur boots (black or brown)
- Chaps (if worn) must be matching the jodhpur boot and must not have fringes. If chaps are not worn with jodhpur boots, then jodhpur clips must be worn

TACK

Tack should be well fitting and clean (need not be new) e.g. Under stirrups, saddle flaps etc.

- Must be in good repair and fit horse/pony.
- REPAIR: Tack will be inspected for repair. Any competitor with unsafe tack will be given the opportunity to represent and potential safety hazard will be explained. If not rectified the competitor will not be able to compete if deemed too dangerous to continue
- FITTING: If tack is not fitted properly a note will be made on the inspection sheet
- CLEANLINESS: Points will be deducted for unclean tack
- Supple and well cared for plain black or brown tack
- Bridle – check fitting of throat lash/ noseband/bit, check stitching (particularly reins)
- Saddle – check fitting including numnah, check stitching (particularly girth straps/girth/ and stirrup leathers)
- Check irons are correct size for boot and safety irons fitted correct way round
- Numnah/ Saddle Pads can be in team colours.
- No humane girths (A humane girth has non-independent straps that will loosen if one of the straps was to break)

PONY/HORSE

- General condition
- Cleanliness (with allowance for stable/grass kept/time of year/weather)
- Shoes/feet (Feet cared for and if shod well fitting shoes & clean under hoof, hoof oil should be applied to the inside and outside of the hoof)
- Mane (plaited as appropriate for breed) & tail (adequately groomed)