

3. English Tack and Equipment

3.1 Rider attire

- Clothing must fit properly and be neat and clean.

Jacket	Tweed, pinstripe, conservative dark color (navy, dark green or brown, etc), or a solid color crew or V neck sweater.
Shirt	White or light colored. Tie, stock or choker must be worn with a tiepin.
Jodhpurs or Breeches	Neutral colors such as beige, buff, light grey, tan or rust. White is generally for formal or higher levels of competition.
Boots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With breeches and black or dark jacket, black English boots are worn (either leather or rubber). ▪ With breeches and a tweed jacket, black or brown boots are worn. ▪ With jodhpurs and a tweed or black jacket, jodhpur boots (which come to just above the ankle) are to be worn. ▪ Half chaps may be worn provided they match the boot color.
Cap	Black velvet cap or helmet with harness and chinstrap meeting ASTM or SEI standards must be worn. The tack steward should ensure that members are riding with approved helmets. Helmet with properly adjusted harness is required for all classes over fences. In a jumping class, if the harness comes undone or cap falls off, the rider must correct it before continuing on the course or taking the next jump.
Gloves	Optional. Dark gloves are recommended.
Spurs	Optional, but if worn must not have rowels and have a maximum ¾ inch shank
Crop or Whip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crops/whips are not allowed in flat classes. • Optional in all classes over fences. If carried, must not be longer than 75 cm. (30"). • Optional for Dressage classes – if carried, must not be longer than 110 cm (43 inches)
Number	Must be clearly visible.
Hair	Should be neat and tidy, contained in a hair net, braid or bun (off the collar).

3.2 English Tack:

- Must be neat, clean and in good working order.

Saddle	All purpose English or modified jumping may be used in all classes. A dressage saddle may be used in flat classes but would not be comfortable for jumping.
Saddle Pad	Should be white and made of fleece or cotton. A numnah shaped contoured pad is recommended.
Bridle	Must be leather, English in style, with a leather browband, which is not solid white, colored or sequined. White edging, not exceeding 0.63 cm (1/4") on the browband is permissible. Bridles must have a leather cavesson noseband.
Bit	All bits must be of a humane type. May be Snaffle, Pelhams with two reins and no converters, Double or Kimberwick. Half cheek snaffles are acceptable. Snaffles must be smooth, egg shaped, D ring, round or oval in shape. They must have a minimum 5/16 inch diameter, measured one inch in from the cheek piece. The snaffle may not be twisted wire and may not have a curb strap. Gag bits are prohibited. Bits must be made of silver, copper or iron. English bits are not made of sweet iron. (Those bits are Western). Pelhams and Kimberwicks are not allowed in Dressage classes.
Girth	Leather, string or nylon.
Breastplate	Optional, not allowed in hunter hack classes

- Boots, or bandages may not be used in flat, hunter hack, equitation over fences or working hunter classes. Check show rules for Dressage classes.
- Running martingales may not be used in flat classes but may be used in Hunter over Fences. Running martingales and boots are allowed in Jumper classes.
- Tie downs, side reins and draw reins are prohibited.
- Braiding of the mane and tail is optional but recommended. Elastic bands or yarn are acceptable.