



USEF Eventing Annex 1 – Tack & Equipment v. 12.1.23

For permitted Saddlery, USEF Eventing refers to the [FEI Eventing Rules](#) and [FEI TackApp](#). Please see below for exceptions for USEF licensed/Endorsed Eventing competitions for national levels.

Dressage Phase

USEF Eventing Rule for National Levels	FEI Rule
<p>Nose nets are permitted under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The entry must be accompanied by a letter signed by the horse’s veterinarian on letterhead, stating that the horse has been diagnosed with head shaking syndrome and that the horse’s condition is improved with the use of a nose net. 2. The Nose net must be made of a transparent material and cover only the top half of the muzzle, not the bit or the horse’s mouth 	<p>Eventing rules, art. 539.2.2: g) Nose nets are allowed</p>
<p>A neck strap or pommel strap may be used. The strap must be made primarily of leather.</p>	<p>Eventing rules art. 539.2.3: Dressage: Loose neck strap is not allowed during the Dressage test as it is considered as gadget</p>
<p>Dr. Bristol is permitted for national eventing competitions.</p>	<p>Eventing Rules - Annex A.1.5 Dr. Bristol is NOT allowed for the Eventing Dressage test.</p>

Cross Country and Jumping Phase

USEF Eventing Rule for National Levels	FEI Rule
<p>The following are compulsory: an English type of saddle and bridle or hackamore.</p>	<p>Eventing rules, art. 539.3.1: The type of saddlery is optional.</p> <p>Eventing rules, art. 539.3.2 For Cross Country, hackamores must be used with a bit. The maximum length of the shank is 24 cm, measured in a straight line from the middle of the higher ring to the middle of the lower ring.</p>
<p>Reins must be free of any loops or hand attachments and must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Exception: u-shaped bit converters may be used so that a bit designed for use with two reins may be controlled with a single rein. Gags or hackamores are permitted.</p>	