

Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Dress Code and Legal Bits

Western Attire



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- ▶ Protective helmets are permissible in ALL classes!

Legal head gear: ALL Classes (Western & English)



Western Attire: Hats

- ▶ Optional ONLY in Speed events
 - ▶ 2 second fine for losing hat
- ▶ Feathers:
 - ▶ May not protrude beyond outer edge of brim nor above top of crown

Western Attire: LEGAL HATS



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Western Attire: Shirt

- ▶ ALL WHITE

- ▶ Buttons

- ▶ Thread

- ▶ Zippers

- ▶ May have a white pattern



Western Attire: LEGAL Shirts



Western Attire: LEGAL Collars

- ▶ Convertible collars
 - ▶ One that is meant to be folded at the seam line and may or may not be buttoned at the base of the neck.



Western Attire: ILLEGAL Collars

- ▶ NOT ALLOWED
 - ▶ Tuxedo
 - ▶ Turtleneck
 - ▶ Other stand-up collars



Western Attire: Shirts

- ▶ NO emblems, patches, medals, etc.
- ▶ NO rhinestones, silver collar tips, or similar embellishments on blouses are permitted.
- ▶ Sheer, see-through blouses are inappropriate, sleeveless shirts/blouses are NOT permitted.
- ▶ Long sleeves is recommended, although short sleeves are permitted.

Western Attire: ILLEGAL Shirts

- The outline of the snaps makes this shirt illegal.



- The silver pin stripes makes this shirt illegal.



Western Attire: ILLEGAL Shirts

- The rhinestones as the snaps make this shirt illegal



- The brown button makes this shirt illegal



Western Attire: Legal Jeans

Females: DARK blue jeans



Males: DARK blue jeans



Western Attire: Legal Jeans

- ▶ Minimal white/tan thread on the rear pockets is permitted.



Western Attire: Legal Jeans

- Female



- Male



Western Attire: ILLEGAL Jeans

- ▶ These jeans are not dark enough and would NOT be legal.



Western Attire: ILLEGAL Jeans

- ▶ Heavy Contrasting threading and fringe is NOT allowed.



Western Attire: ILLEGAL Jeans

- ▶ NO:
 - ▶ Rhinestones
 - ▶ Silver studs
 - ▶ Similar embellishments



Western Attire: ILLEGAL Jeans

- Embellishments, studs, colored thread, and rhinestones make these not legal.
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Western Attire: Boots

- ▶ Hard sole cowboy boots or shoes are considered safe and appropriate.
- ▶ ***Boots with waffle type tread greater than or equal to 1/8 inch will NOT be allowed.

Western Attire: Legal boots



Western Attire: NOT Legal Boots



Western Attire: Belts



Western Attire: Neck Ties/Scarf

▶ Permissible



Western Attire: Chaps

- ▶ **OPTIONAL:**

- ▶ Reining
- ▶ Western Riding
- ▶ Trail



Western Attire: Spurs

- ▶ Permissible but must be dull and if roweled, must be free moving
- ▶ ***NOT allowed in Showmanship or Halter Classes

Western Attire: Arm Band

▶ **REQUIRED!!!!**

▶ Must be worn on LEFT arm above the elbow.



Hunt Seat Attire

English Attire: Helmets

- ▶ Traditional colors (black, navy, or brown) ASTM/SEI approved safety helmets are recommended.
- ▶ Hunting cap or derby is acceptable in hunter under saddle or hunter seat equitation.
- ▶ ASTM/SEI approved safety helmet with a chin strap is mandatory and must be worn when going over fences.

English Attire: Helmets (Derby/Hunting Caps)



English Attire: Helmets ASTM/SEI Approved



English Attire: Breeches or Jodhpurs

- ▶ Breeches or Jodhpurs must be worn in traditional colors:
 - ▶ Buff
 - ▶ Khaki
 - ▶ Canary
 - ▶ Light Grey
 - ▶ Rust

English Attire: Breeches



English Attire: Shirts



English Attire: Hunt Coats

- ▶ Traditional hunter seat style.
- ▶ Colors:
 - ▶ Navy
 - ▶ Black
 - ▶ Brown
 - ▶ Gray
 - ▶ Dark Green

English Attire: Hunt Coats



English Attire: Boots

- ▶ English Boot or paddock black or brown with half chaps.

English Attire: Boots (Tall Boots)



English Attire: Boots (Paddock and Half Chaps)

- Paddock boots



- Half Chaps



English Attire: Optional

▶ OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- ▶ Gloves
- ▶ Unroweled spurs
- ▶ Crop
- ▶ Bat

English Attire: Prohibited

▶ **Roweled Spurs**

English Attire: Arm Band

▶ REQUIRED

- ▶ Worn on LEFT arm above the elbow.

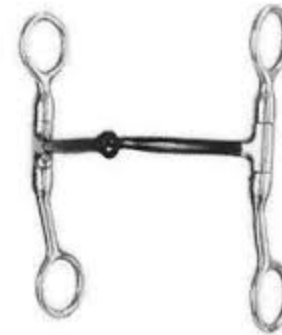
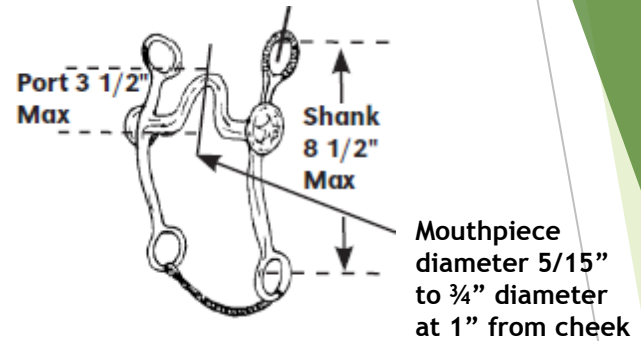


Western Bits

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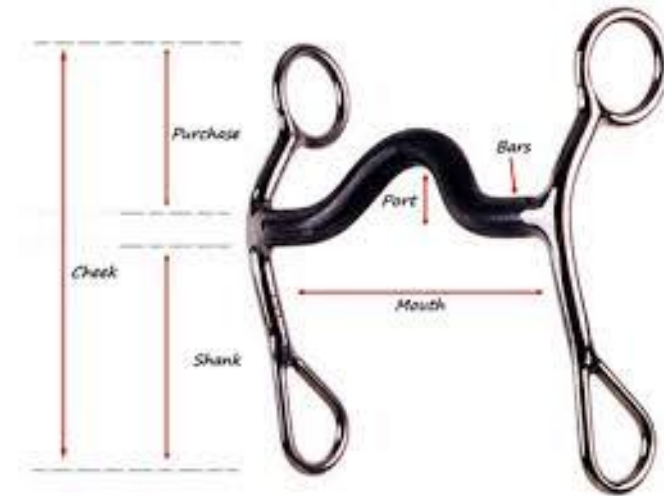
Western Bits

- ▶ Western bit in performance means a **curb bit**
 - ▶ Solid or broken mouthpiece
 - ▶ Shanks and acts with leverage
 - ▶ 8 ½” maximum length shank



Mouthpieces

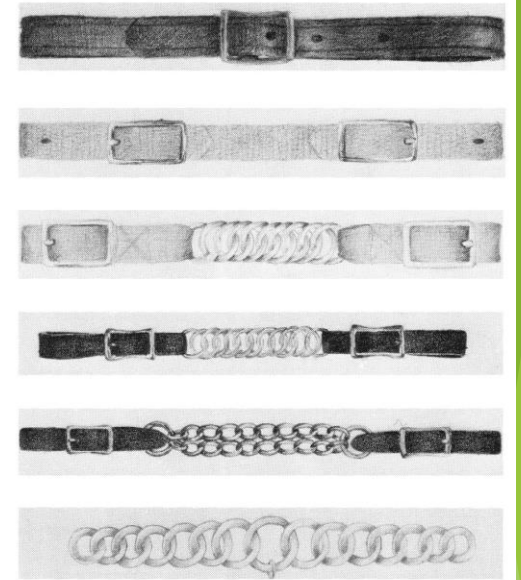
- ▶ Bars
 - ▶ Round, oval, or egg shaped
 - ▶ Smooth and unwrapped metal
 - ▶ 5/16" to 3/4" in diameter, 1" from the cheek
 - ▶ Inlays are acceptable but must be smooth
- ▶ Two or three pieces
- ▶ Port
 - ▶ Lower than 3 1/2" with rollers and covers



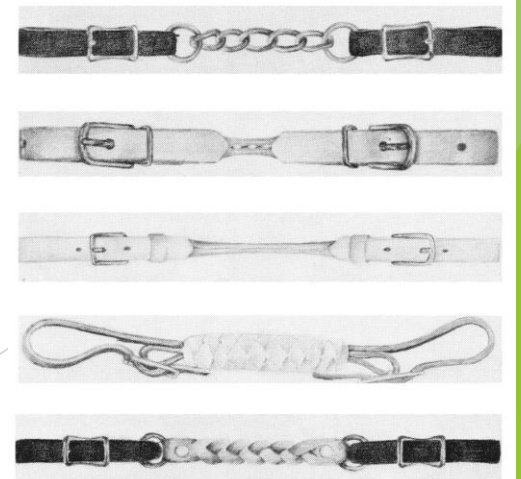
Curb or Chin Strap required

- ▶ Minimum of 1" wide
- ▶ Lie flat against the jaw
- ▶ Leather, double-linked flat chain or extra wide flat hunter-type single link chain

Legal



Not Legal



Snaffle Bits

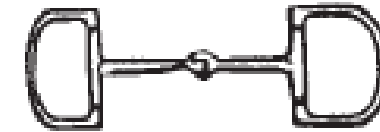
- ▶ O-ring, egg-butt, or D-ring
 - ▶ Ring no larger than 4" in diameter
 - ▶ Inside of ring must be free of rein, curb, or headstall attachment which would provide leverage
- ▶ Mouthpiece
 - ▶ Smooth and unwrapped
 - ▶ May be inlaid but must be smooth
 - ▶ Bars must be a minimum of 3/8" in diameter, measured 1" from the cheek with a gradual decrease to the center
- ▶ Optional leather or nylon strap attached below the reins is acceptable (chin strap)
 - ▶ No chain straps permitted
- ▶ Split reins must be used



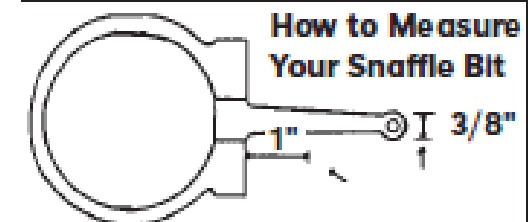
Eggbutt Snaffle Bit



O-Ring Snaffle Bit



D-Ring Snaffle Bit



How to Measure Your Snaffle Bit

Mouthpiece no less than 3/8" measured 1" from the cheek, constructed from smooth round material

Illegal Snaffles



Hunt Seat/English Bits

- ▶ Smooth snaffles, pelhams, kimberwick and full bridles with cavesson nose band are permitted
 - ▶ Smooth mouthpieces are recommended
 - ▶ Nothing can protrude below the bar
 - ▶ 3/4 to 3/8" diameter measured 1" from the cheek
 - ▶ May have a port no higher than 1 1/2"
 - ▶ Inlaid, synthetic wrapped (rubber or plastic), but must be smooth
- ▶ Bit with a fixed rein (pelham/kimberwick) requires a curb chain



► Pelham



► Kimberwick

