

## TACK CHECK LIST – 2026

<b>PONY</b>	
<b>Order of Saddling:</b> 1) Numnah/saddle cloth or Anti-slip Pad 2) Number Cloth 3) Saddle	
<b>GP/Jump saddle or Racing saddle.</b> Racing saddles must be at least 16” and 3lbs (including leathers, irons, overgirth and girth) and must be fitted with a racing breastplate/breastgirth. Normal stirrups and leathers may be used with a racing saddle if worn with the correct footwear. Humane girths are not permitted.	
<b>Overgirth</b> – correctly fitted with strap pointing down on the near side of the pony and buckle end coming underneath the pony and up the near side, fastened below the rider’s foot. Must be secured in the girth area to avoid it slipping back.	
<b>Neck Strap</b> – compulsory if no martingale worn. Can be worn in addition to martingales.	
Irish/Running/Bib/Standing <b>Martingale</b> compulsory	
<b>Bridles</b> - Reins must be buckle or loop/stitched (no billets). Must be of a safe and appropriate length and have rein stops. Any normal riding bit (no hackamore) and must be safe and well fitted. Smooth rubber bit guards are permitted. Micklem Multibridle permitted. Only one noseband permitted.	
<b>Stirrups</b> – must have 7mm clearance on either side of boot when in iron. No stirrups with metal/metal type treads, spikes or perforated grip features. No magnetic or interlocking stirrups. Racing irons to be worn with racing boots. Normal riding boots to be worn with non racing irons.	
<b>Number cloth</b> showing (correct) number clearly	
<b>RIDER</b>	
<b>Body protector</b> must be worn and conform to BETA 2018 Level 3 standard. Not modified. Air Jackets may be worn over a normal body protector. Blue and black label.	
<b>Jodhpur/Riding Boots</b> with non-racing irons OR racing boots with racing Irons. No other combination. Correct size stirrup for riders’ boot. All footwear must have a smooth, thin sole & well defined heel (min 5mm). Half chaps are permitted.	
<b>Medical Armband &amp; Card:</b> The Medical Armband must contain a Medical Card that contains the correct information relating to the rider wearing it and weight of rider in kg. They must wear it when mounted	
<b>Skull cap</b> (no peak). ALL HATS MUST HAVE A PINK PC HAT TAG. Must be well fitted and check chin strap is not too loose.	
Any sweatshirt, XC colours or racing silks. Beige, white or cream jodhpurs or breeches. Goggles and gumshield permitted but not compulsory.	
<b>Hair</b> must be tied up (preferably in hairnet)	
Wearing <b>jewellery</b> while handling or riding a horse or pony is discouraged. To reduce injury risk, remove necklaces, bracelets (except medical bracelets), and large or dangling jewellery, including piercing attachments.	

<b>NOT PERMITTED</b> - Any form of advertising, branding or sponsorship on pony, rider or attendant			
Grass Reins	Support Balance Reins	Bandages	Blinkers
Ear Plugs	Eyecovers	Eyeshields	Spurs
Hoods	Jewellery	Nasal Strips	Nickel Bits or Stirrup Irons
Prickers	Visors	Watches	Whips
Seat Savers	Sheepskin cheek pieces	Tongue Ties	Hackamore Bits
Shoes with protrusions on the ground surface other than calkins or studs on the hind limited to 3/8" in height			Head Cameras or any other recording equipment

**Martingale/breastplate summary:**

If a breastplate is worn, ponies must also wear a neck strap.

In the absence of a martingale, an Irish Martingale must be worn.

Standing martingales may be attached only to the cavesson portion of the noseband fitted above the bit.

Rein stops must be in place for all ringed martingales.