

## Padded Baton, Spurs & Curb Chain Ruling (*effective 1 April 2026*)

### Padded Baton – Rule 102.9

No rider may carry, use or permit to be used a Padded Baton other than as detailed below, in the arena, the collecting ring or anywhere, on, or in the immediate vicinity of the showground. Only one Padded Baton may be carried and no substitute for a Padded Baton may be carried. A Padded Baton, if carried, must be held in the hand by the handle with the handle at the top. Also see rule 103.1.4.2 Excessive use of the Padded Baton.

1. The maximum length of the “Padded Baton” is 70cm and must be no less than 45cm.
2. There must be no “binding” within 17 centimetres of the end of the “Pad”.
3. The minimum diameter for a “Shaft” is 1 centimetre and the “Shaft” should run through the entirety of the “Padded Baton”.
4. The overall weight of the “Padded Baton” must not exceed 160 grams and the weight should be evenly distributed throughout the full length of the “Padded Baton”.
5. The “Contact area”, is considered to be 2/5’s (two fifths) of the overall length of the “Padded Baton” and must be covered with a “Pad”.
6. The “Pad” must be smooth, with no protrusion or raised surface, and be made of shock absorbing material throughout its circumference such that it gives a compression factor of at least 6mm. There is to be no wording, advertising or personalisation of any kind on the “Pad”.

### Definitions

The “Padded Baton”	The singular term for the equipment in its entirety.
The “Shaft”	The term for the central core of the equipment.
The “Handle”	The term for the riders contact area.
The “Contact Area”	The term for the area that will contact or may potentially contact the horse.
The “Pad”	The term for the padded area that covers the shaft.
The “Binding”	The term given to the threaded area between the “shaft” and the “pad” that joins the two together.



### Spurs – Rule 102.9

1. Spurs of excessively severe design are not to be worn. Spurs must be of smooth material (metal or plastic). The end of the shank must be blunt and must point only towards the rear. Only one pair of spurs are to be worn, secured to the rider's foot in the traditionally correct manner, with the curve of the neck of the spur directed downwards.
2. The overall length of the spur is not to exceed 4cm, measured from the back of the boot to the end of the spur, in its entirety.
3. Only Dummy, Rollerball, Impulse, Rowelled & Prince of Wales Spurs are allowed to be worn.
4. Rowelled spurs if worn, must have smooth rowels, with a diameter of no less than 1cm and no greater than 2cm, with a minimum width of 2mm. The rowels must sit in the **vertical** plane, **horizontal** rowels are not allowed.
5. Spurs with interchangeable/removable shanks, spurs with necks set on the inside of the heel, spurs with roughened or cutting edges, serrated spurs, with or without necks are not allowed.
6. In pony competitions, in precedence to the above, the overall length is not to exceed 2.5cm measured from the back of the riders boot. Rowelled spurs are forbidden in these competitions
7. The misuse of spurs is an offence under Rule 82.4, but riders must also take care that the manner in which they use their spurs does not offend the public contrary to Rule 82.1.



DUMMY SPUR (Allowed - Horse & Pony)



ROLLERBALL, PRINCE OF WALES, IMPULS SPUR (Allowed – Horse & Pony)

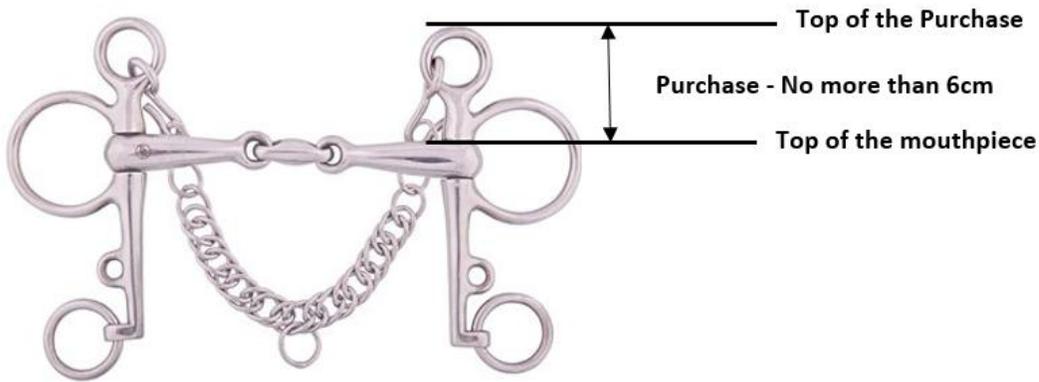


ROWEL SPUR (Allowed – Horse classes only)

Must have smooth rowels, with a diameter of no less than 1cm and no greater than 2cm, with a minimum width of 2mm

**Curb Chains – Rule 102.7a**

Only Pelham’s /Kimblewicks and Weymouth’s, may use a correctly fitted curb chain. Metal chains are not permitted on any other type of bit. Curbs may only be used when the measurement does not exceed 6cm from the top of the mouthpiece to the top of the cheek purchase when measured at full extension. Pelham’s / Kimblewicks and Weymouth’s, exceeding 6cm from top of the mouthpiece to the top of the purchase when measured at full extension, may be fitted with a stabilising strap which must be made of leather or nylon, it must be a minimum of 1cm in width, chains are not permitted



**Curb Chains – Rule 102.8(b)**

Pelham’s /Kimblewicks and Weymouth’s with a shank exceeding 6cm, measured at maximum extension from the bottom of the mouth piece to the bottom of the bit shank, may not be ridden with one rein when using the ring below the mouth piece and must be ridden with rounding’s, split reins or two reins. Pelham’s /Kimblewicks and Weymouth’s with a shank not exceeding a maximum of 6cm may be ridden with one rein. The total length of the Pelham’s /Kimblewicks and Weymouth’s with curbs may not exceed 15cm.

