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## **26. Saddle Seat Equitation, Saddle Seat Trail**

*Reference Rules USEF Chapter "EQ" – Subchapters: Eq-1 & Eq-3*

- 26.1. Required Equipment
  - 26.1.1. Cutback Saddle
  - 26.1.2. Bridle, Bit
    - 26.1.2.1. Full Bridle (curb and snaffle)
    - 26.1.2.2. Pelham Bridle, single bit with two (2) sets of reins
    - 26.1.2.3. Gaited Horses may use breed specific bridles
      - 26.1.2.3.1. Single curb bit with a single rein
- 26.2. Prohibited Equipment:
  - 26.2.1. Draw reins
  - 26.2.2. Non-English type spurs
  - 26.2.3. Western, dressage, hunt seat or sidesaddles
  - 26.2.4. Bit converters
  - 26.2.5. Gag Bit
  - 26.2.6. Ribbon, Glitter, & Sparkle (Exception: Residual from Working Pairs when scheduling does not allow its removal.)
  - 26.2.7. Figure 8, Flash, or dropped nose
  - 26.2.8. Martingales
  - 26.2.9. Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages
  - 26.2.10. Side Pulls
- 26.3. Optional Equipment
  - 26.3.1. Spurs of an English type, blunt, unrowelled
  - 26.3.2. Crops, bats, or whips may be no longer than 44" including lash
  - 26.3.3. Gloves
  - 26.3.4. Saddle Seat pants may have pin stripes.
- 26.4. The terminology of "intermediate gait/trot" will be included in gait descriptions in patterns
- 26.5. Disqualifications *(Also see General Rules 8.0 Judging)*
  - 26.5.1. If an athlete enters the arena with missing required equipment, illegal equipment, or illegal use of permitted equipment, including uniform violations, not considered unsafe, the athlete will be allowed to continue on the course and receive scores and comments, but will be disqualified from the event.
  - 26.5.2. Obvious lameness or unsoundness detected in participating equine will result in disqualification.