

33. Working Pairs

- 33.1. Required Equipment
 - 33.1.1. English or Western saddles and bridles
 - 33.1.2. Both athletes must ride with the same type of equipment
 - 33.1.2.1. Mixing English bridles with western saddles, or western bridles with English saddles is prohibited.
 - 33.1.3. Driving is prohibited.
- 33.2. Prohibited Equipment
 - 33.2.1. Wire chin straps, regardless of how padded or covered
 - 33.2.2. Any chin strap narrower than ½ inch
 - 33.2.3. Draw reins
 - 33.2.4. Jerk lines
 - 33.2.5. Tack collars
 - 33.2.6. Western chaps, chinks
 - 33.2.7. Skirts (Sidesaddle)
 - 33.2.8. Bit Converters
 - 33.2.9. Side Pulls
 - 33.2.10. Any costume element that is carried in the hand(s) including Flags
- 33.3. Optional Equipment
 - 33.3.1. All humane bits regardless of horse's age
 - 33.3.2. Western curb bits may be ridden with two hands
 - 33.3.2.1. One hand on a curb will score higher under Degree of Difficulty on the score sheet
 - 33.3.3. Gloves
 - 33.3.4. Rope or riata
 - 33.3.4.1. Must be coiled and securely attached to the saddle
 - 33.3.5. Spurs
 - 33.3.6. Individual Music
 - 33.3.7. Leg wraps
 - 33.3.8. Nosebands and tiedowns.
 - 33.3.8.1. The tiedown must be attached to or under the breast collar
 - 33.3.9. Martingales
 - 33.3.9.1. Running martingales must have rein stops
 - 33.3.9.1.1. Rubber or leather stops slipped onto the rein between the bit and the ring of the martingale
 - 33.3.10. English ½ Chaps
- 33.4. Any age equine may use a snaffle in English or Western tack
- 33.5. Bosal or mechanical hackamores may be used with Western tack
- 33.6. Costumes allowed on equine only
 - 33.6.1. No part of the costume may be on or held by the athlete
 - 33.6.1.1. Decorated reins may be used. Decorations on reins cannot interfere with control and must be safe and effective
 - 33.6.2. Any costume deemed unsafe by the judge will result in an elimination

- 33.7. Readers will NOT be allowed.
- 33.8. Working Pairs is to be ridden in an arena using Dressage letters for orientation
- 33.8.1. The arena should be fairly close in size to a small Dressage court (65ft X 130ft approx.) without using any type of borders or boundaries
- 33.9. Elimination
- 33.9.1. Should required equipment break while the athlete is on course, or equipment becomes unsafe, the athlete will be eliminated. If the judge determines the equipment breakage causes an unsafe situation, the Judge shall stop and excuse the athlete at that point
- 33.10. Disqualification (*Also see General Rules 8.0 Judging*)
- 33.10.1. If an athlete enters the arena with missing required equipment, or illegal 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
- 33.10.2. Obvious lameness or unsoundness detected in participating equine

