

## FEI Jumping Rules – New Boot Rule

### ARTICLE 257 SADDLERY

2.3. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be placed on a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded). ~~Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification (see JRs Art. 242.2.8).~~

2.4. For all international FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses Competitions (five\*, six, seven and eight year old Horses): ~~All hind leg protections must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for diagram).~~

~~\*NB: Competitions for five year old Horses may only be held at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, unless special authorisation has been granted by the FEI.~~

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions ~~(see also the FEI Jumping Stewards Manual on the FEI website):~~

All hind leg protections must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for diagram).

The rounded ~~rigid part~~ protective element of the ~~protection~~ boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

The inside of the ~~protection boot~~ must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. ~~s~~Sheepskin linings are allowed.

Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself, other than a protective flap, providing it is soft and clearly intended for protection only.

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams (see JRs 257.2.3).

2.5 At all FEI Jumping Events for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

2.5.1 Boots as described in Art. 257.2.4 for FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses.



2.5.2 Boots that have a protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

The boot must have a maximum length of 20 centimetres.

The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock.

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

The boot must have two elastic fasteners with a minimum width of 2.5 cm each. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

<p>- <u>Stud-type fasteners: straps with holes at the end that fit over a stud;</u></p>	
<p>- <u>Hook-and-eye type fasteners: straps with a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet".</u></p>	

Fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side and may not wrap around the entire boot; no mechanism permitting the fastener to double back on itself is permitted.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself.

2.6. ~~For implementation as of 1 January 2019: Only boots used solely for protective purposes, as described in the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual, may be used in FEI Competitions for Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans.~~ For implementation as of 1 January 2020: Only hind boots ~~used solely for protective purposes,~~ as described in the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, may be used ~~in at~~ FEI Competitions Jumping Events for Juniors, Young Riders and U-25.

For implementation as of 1 January 2021: Only hind boots ~~used solely for protective purposes,~~ as described in the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual JRs Art. 257.2.4 and 257.2.5, may be used ~~in at~~ FEI Jumping Competitions Events.

2.7. The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art. 1035.41046.5.

2.8. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Art. 257.2.1 – 257.2.6 in the Competition arena will incur Elimination (see JRs Art. 241.3.21).