

BOOT RULES

2.4N. At all Jumping Competitions for Young Horses (four (4) five (5) six (6) seven (7) and eight (8) Year Old horses), only hind boots meeting the following description may be used:

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in young horse competitions:

Hind boots that have a protective element on the inside only are the only type of hind boot allowed. The boot must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot are allowed providing the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot.

The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of 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.

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.

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 500grams. Pastern strips may not be used.

For 148cm Ponies in 1.20m competitions and above and all stand-alone Children On Horses competitions the following criteria for boots must be adhered to:

The above criteria for young horse boots and in addition:

Boots with a protective element on the inside and outside that is double-shell boots, that is, boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted provided the rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock.

1. 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 avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the boot that attaches the inner lining to the shell, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed. The maximum length of the inside of the boot may not exceed 20cm.
2. The boots must have two elastic fasteners with minimum width 2.5cms each.
3. Only following types of fasteners are permitted: Stud-type fasteners, straps with holes at the end that fit over a stud, or Hook-and-eye type fasteners, that is straps with a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet", straps must be elastic.



4. Fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side; no mechanism permitting the fastener to double back on itself is permitted. Boots may have one or two fasteners; if the boot has only one fastener, it must have a minimum width of 5cm. If the boot has two fasteners, they must each have a minimum width of 2.5cm.
5. Magnetic bands are not allowed in Young Horse Competitions.

2.5 At all Jumping Competitions for U-25, Young Riders, Juniors, Pony Riders, Children, Amateur Owners and Veterans and at all FEI World Jumping Challenge Events, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

2.5.1 – Boots as described in Art 257.2.4

2.5.2 – Boots that have a protective element on the inside only and boots with 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 at its longest point (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual for instructions on how to measure the length of the boot correctly)

The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock (for boots with a protective element on one side only, the protective element must be placed around the inside of the fetlock)

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure 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 a maximum of two fasteners. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted.

<p>Velcro-type fasteners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each strap must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or o Have a minimum width of 5 cm if there is only one strap - For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic - For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic 	
<p>Stud-type fasteners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each strap must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Be made of elastic o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm o Have holes that fit over a stud on the boot 	
<p>Hook-type fasteners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each strap must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Be made of elastic o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm o Have a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet" on the boot 	

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

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

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 Article 257.2.3). Pastern strips may not be used.

2.6 For Implementation as of 1st January 2021 – Only hind boots as described in Art 257.2.4 and 257.2.5 may be used at Jumping Events.

2.7 Plastic shields that cover the horse's eyes (i.e. glasses or sunglasses for horses) are forbidden.

2.8 The use of a tongue-strap is forbidden. For the use of tongue guards, see VRs Art 1046.5

2.9 Failure to comply with any of the provisions of Art 257.2.1 – 257.2.5 in the Competition arena will incur Elimination.

In National Competitions, the following boot will be permitted in all pony classes:

<p>Velcro-type fasteners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each strap must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or o Have a minimum width of 5 cm if there is only one strap - For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic - For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic 	
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