

USDF NEW DRESSAGE RULES

DR120 | Dress

Applies to all classes and levels

- Including Championships
- At all USEF Licensed – USDF recognized competitions

FEI Dress rules apply only to FEI recognized dressage events (CDIs)



THE DRESS CODE

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

Protect Your Mellon



Must meet or exceed current
ASTM/SEI standards for **equestrian**
use

Must carry the SEI tag

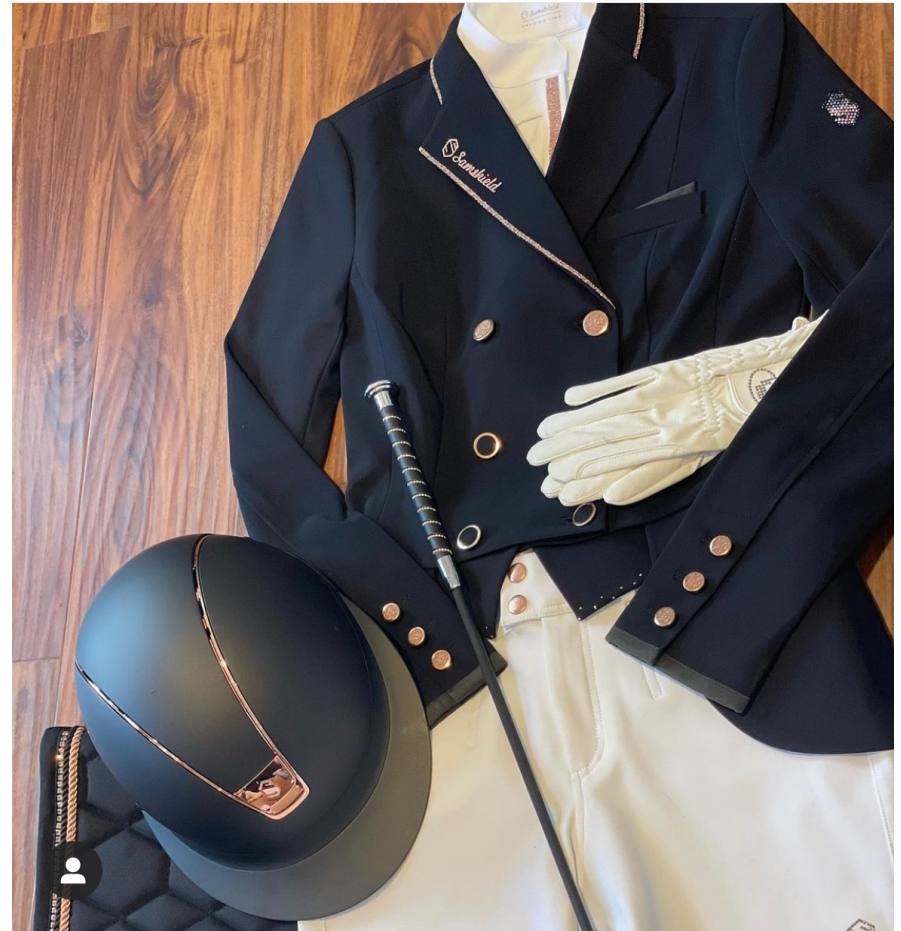
Must be worn anytime you're mounted
on a horse on show grounds



A RIDING HELMET

MAY BE THE SAME AS
OR A COORDINATING
COLOR WITH THE
COAT.

May include contrast
coloring, accent and
crystal decoration.



COATS AND JACKETS

Lots of Changes



COAT STYLES

A short riding jacket or cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) is permitted at any level of competition

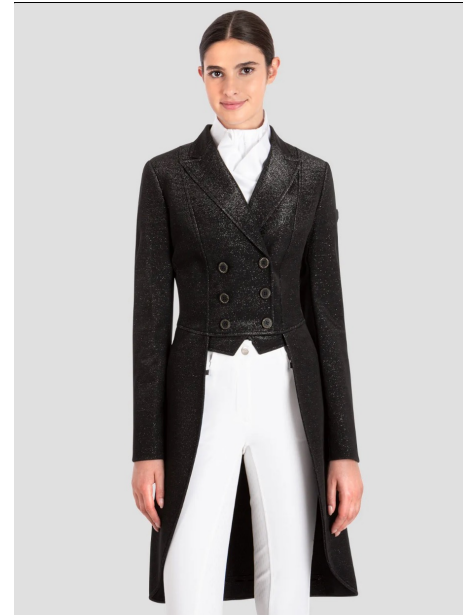
Tailcoats are permitted above 4th Level and in tests for FEI Juniors

COLOR

Any single color jacket or tailcoat is permitted

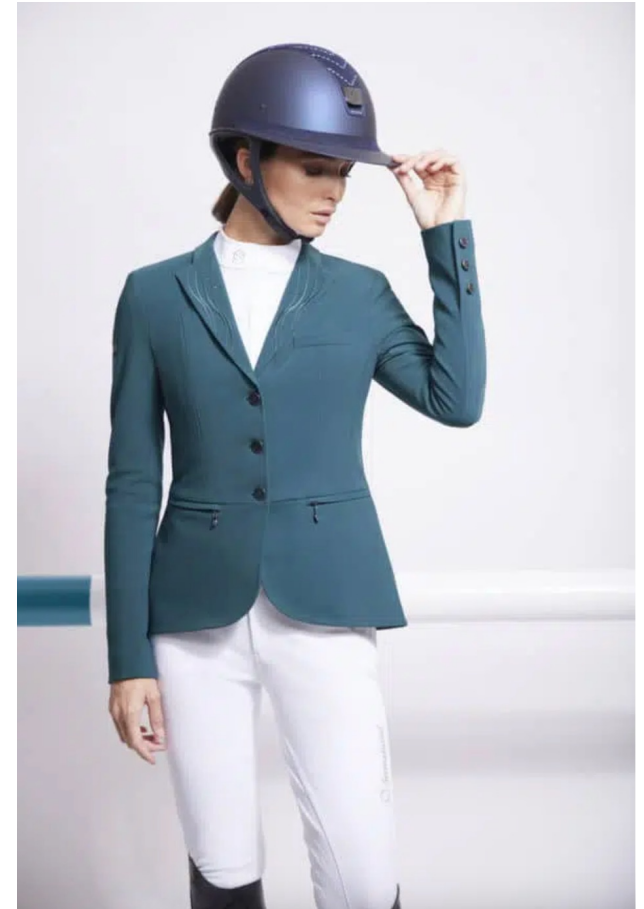
May have subtle pin striping, checks or tweeds

Stripes or multi-colored jackets or coats are not permitted



THE BASICS |

YES OR NO?





WHAT DO YOU THINK? |



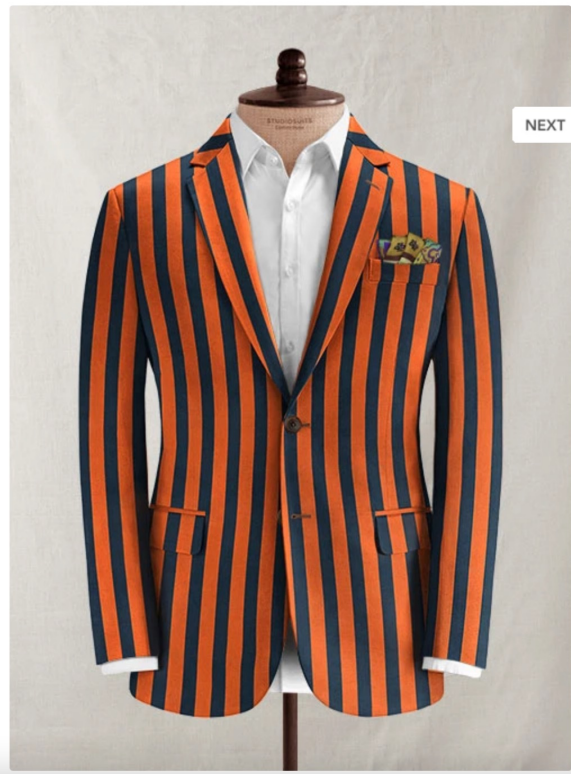
HOW ABOUT THESE COLORS? |



THE ULTIMATE
STATEMENT PIECE



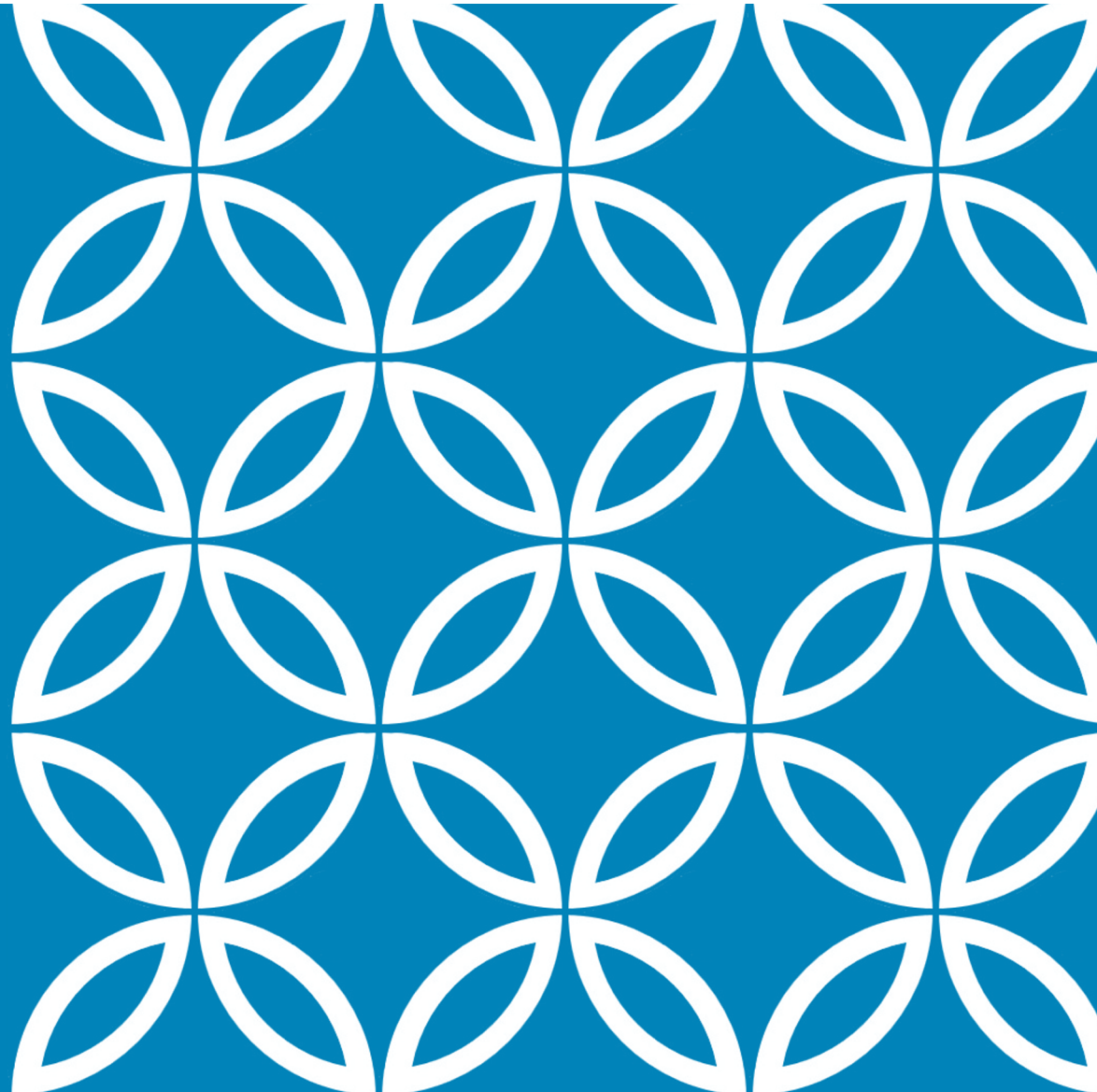
NO (AND REALLY WHY WOULD YOU?)

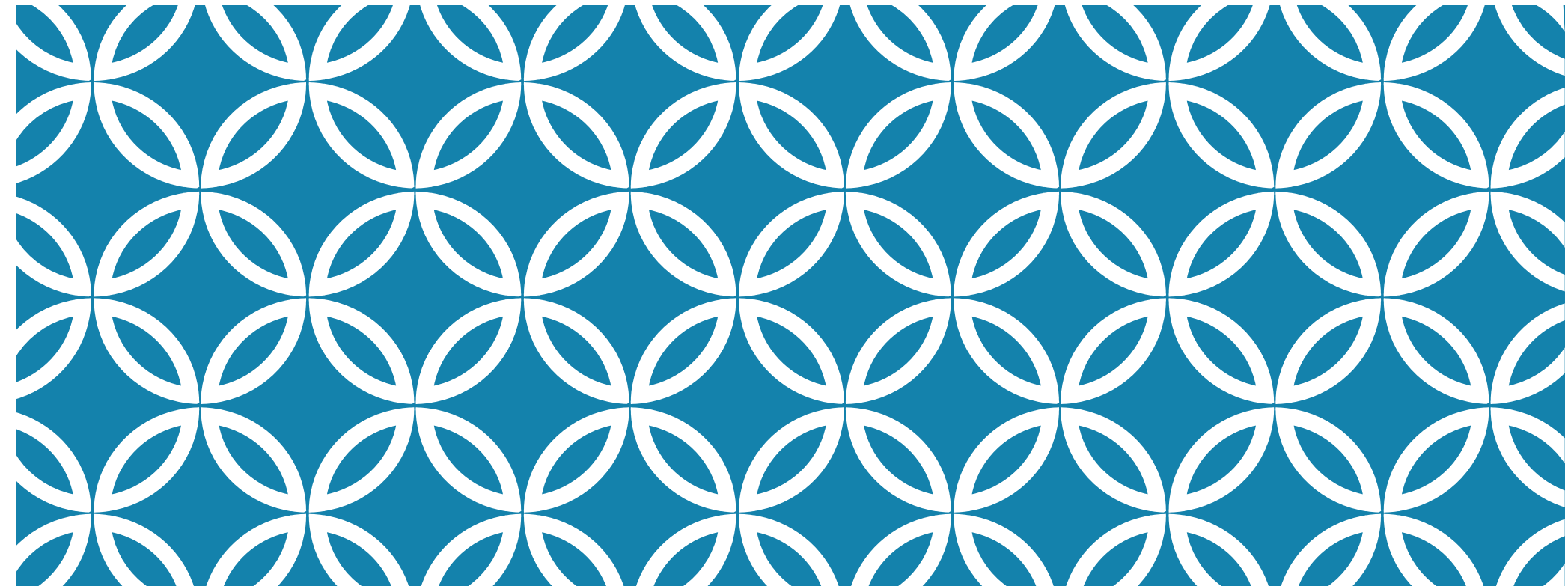


VESTS

Permitted but are not required

A body protecting or inflatable vest, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport, may be worn in any division or class without penalty





BREECHES

or Jodhpurs if that's your
thing



WHITE, LIGHT, OR DARK COLORS ARE PERMITTED

Bright colors or patterns are not.

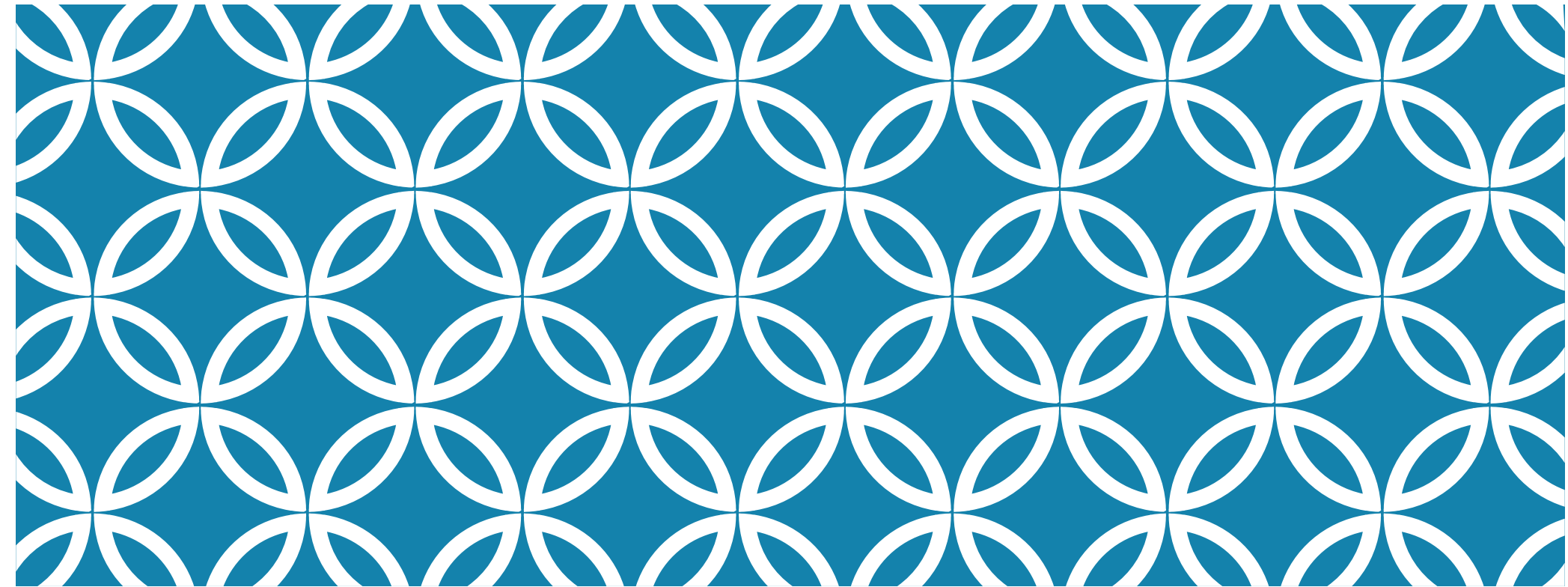
Contrast piping is allowed



WHAT CATEGORY ARE THESE? |

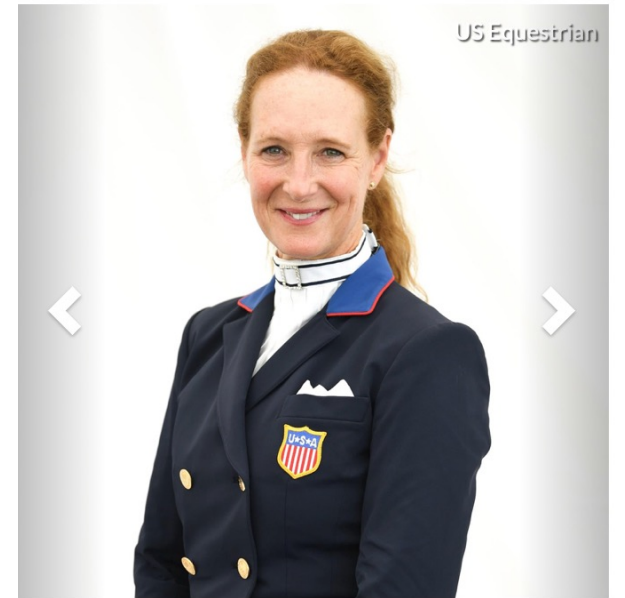
DARK?
BRIGHT?





SHIRTS AND NECKWEAR

Must have a tie, choker,
stock tie, or integrated
stand-up collar



TIES, CHOKERS, OR STOCK TIES MAY BE ANY COLOR



IF JACKETS OR COATS AREN'T WORN

01

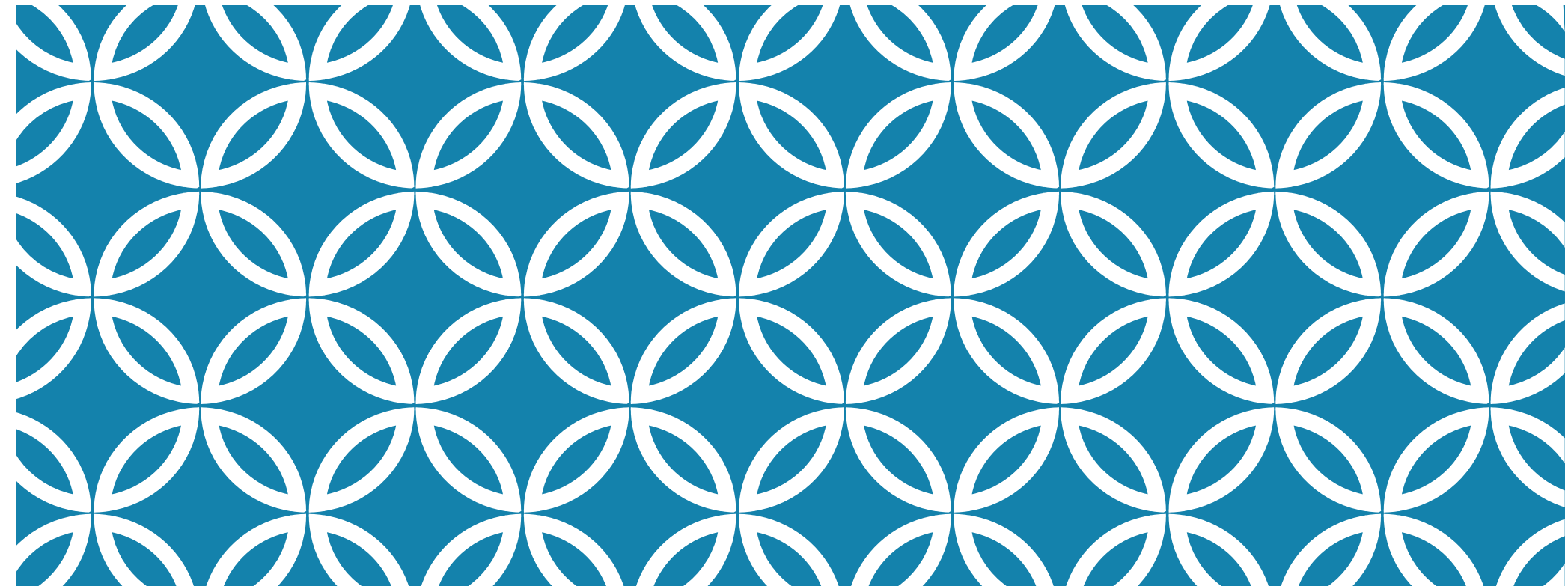
Shirts must be
without bold
pattern

02

Shirts must have
sleeves and collar

03

Shirts must be
worn without
neckwear (i.e. ties
or stock ties)



BOOTS

Things just got complicated

4TH LEVEL AND BELOW CAN WEAR

1

Tall boots
(more on that in
a minute)



or

2

Paddock or
Jodhpur
boots with
half-chaps
or garters

Half chaps
must match
the color of
your boots

Made of
smooth
leather or
leather-like
material



ABOVE 4TH LEVEL

Tall English-style riding boots

- Dress or Field Boots or variations

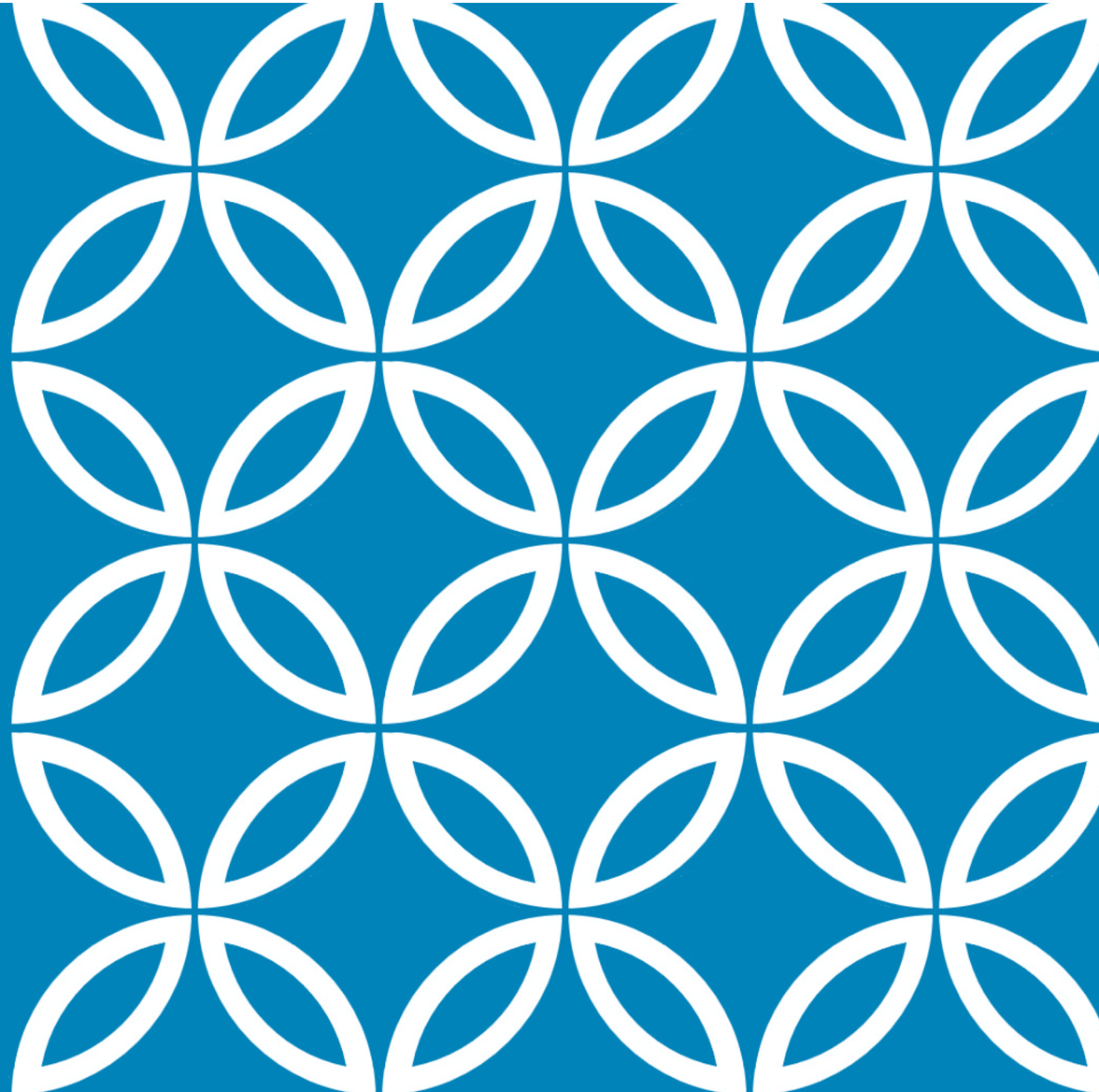
Boots of coordinating color(s), with or without accents are permitted

All boots and shoes must have a distinguishable heel



GLOVES

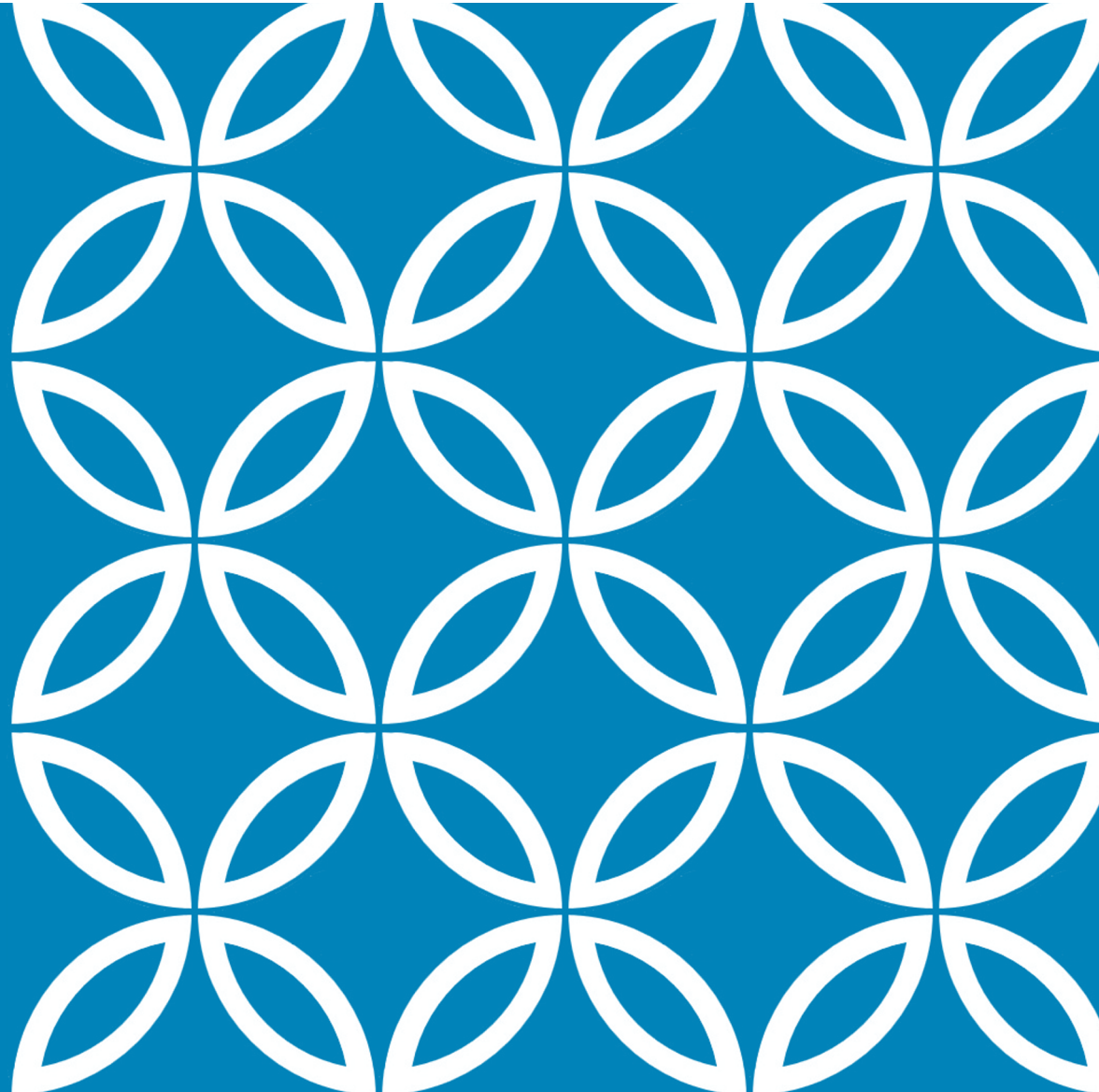
- White or light colored are recommended
- Any solid color is ok at 4th Level & below
- Black, brown, or white are required in FEI

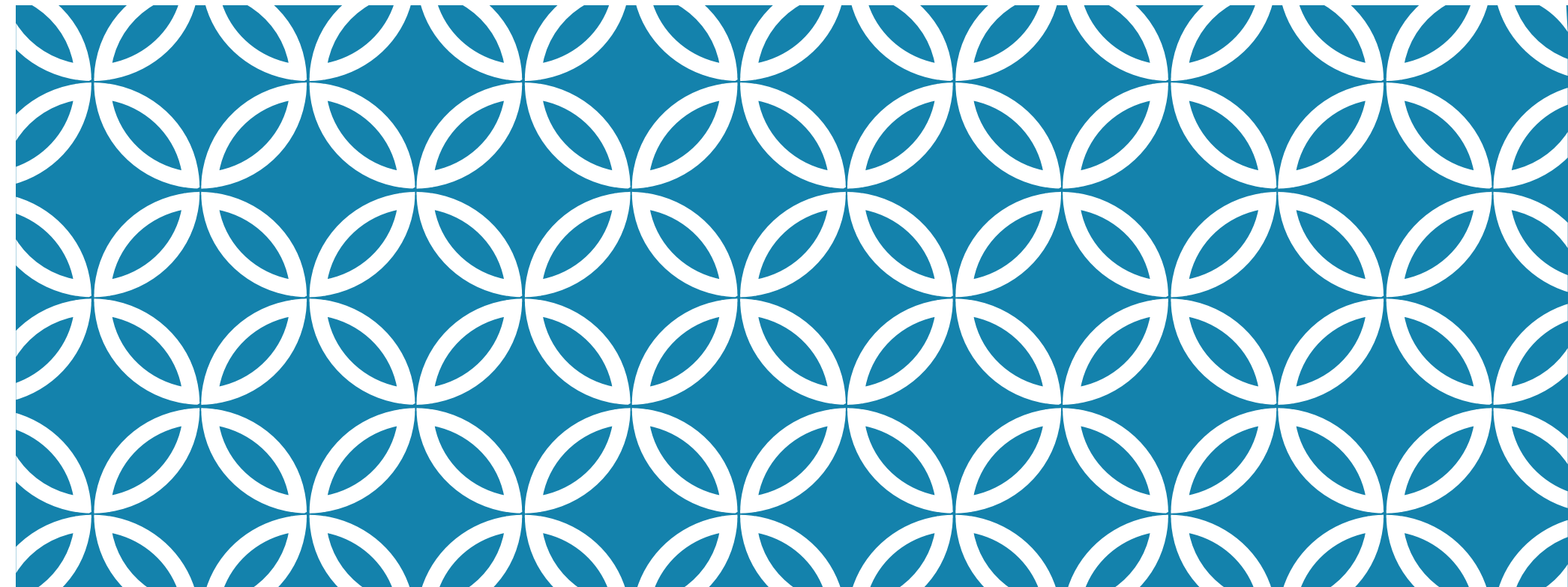


MILITARY

CURRENT AND RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE
ARMED SERVICES AND POLICE UNITS

- May ride in the uniform of their service
 - Must wear protective headgear
- May wear summer uniforms if jackets are waived





SPONSORS

A Sponsored Rider is an individual who is paid by companies, sponsors, and/or owners to compete and perform, leveraging their exposure and performance in competition. (GR1306)

WHEN SPONSORSHIP IS PERMITTED

The name and/or logo of the sponsor may appear on each of the two sides of jackets and top garments at breast pocket height or on protective headgear

Cannot exceed 80 cm² in size

Logos or names on saddle pads permitted by anyone :
a breed logo for horses registered with that breed; a national flag for citizens of that country; FEI or USDF names/logos.

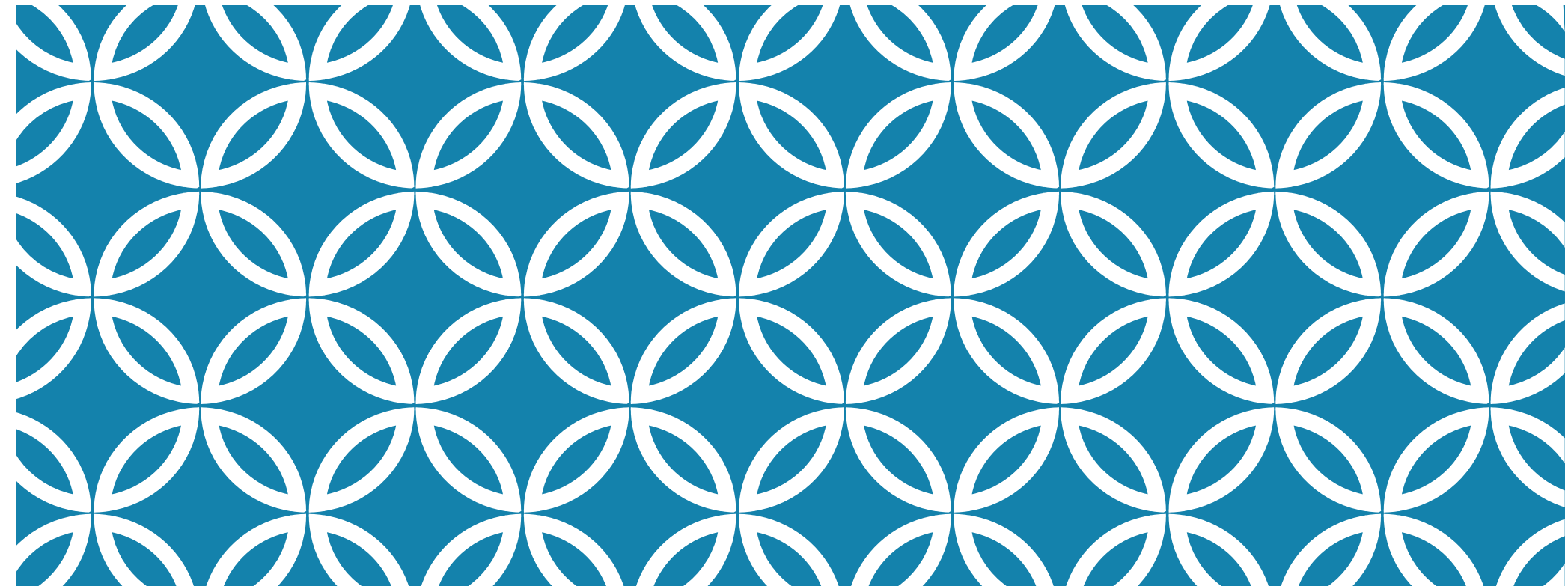
Professionals of any age may have a logo of their official sponsor.

Amateurs can not have a business or product name/logo displayed unless they own the business.

Competition award pads and stable name pads are permitted

DRESS MAY INCLUDE
NON-SPONSOR LOGOS
OR BRAND MARKS OF
ANY SIZE





SPURS

Spurs must be English-style and made of metal

THE SHANK

Must be either curved or straight pointing directly back from the center of the spur

If the shank is curved, the shank must point downwards

Swan necked spurs are permitted

MORE ON SPURS

The inside arm must be smooth

One or both arms may have rubber covers

If rowels are used, they must be blunt/smooth and free to rotate

Impuls spurs (metal spurs with round hard plastic knobs on the shank) are ok

Dummy spurs (without a shank) are permitted

Armless spurs are permitted

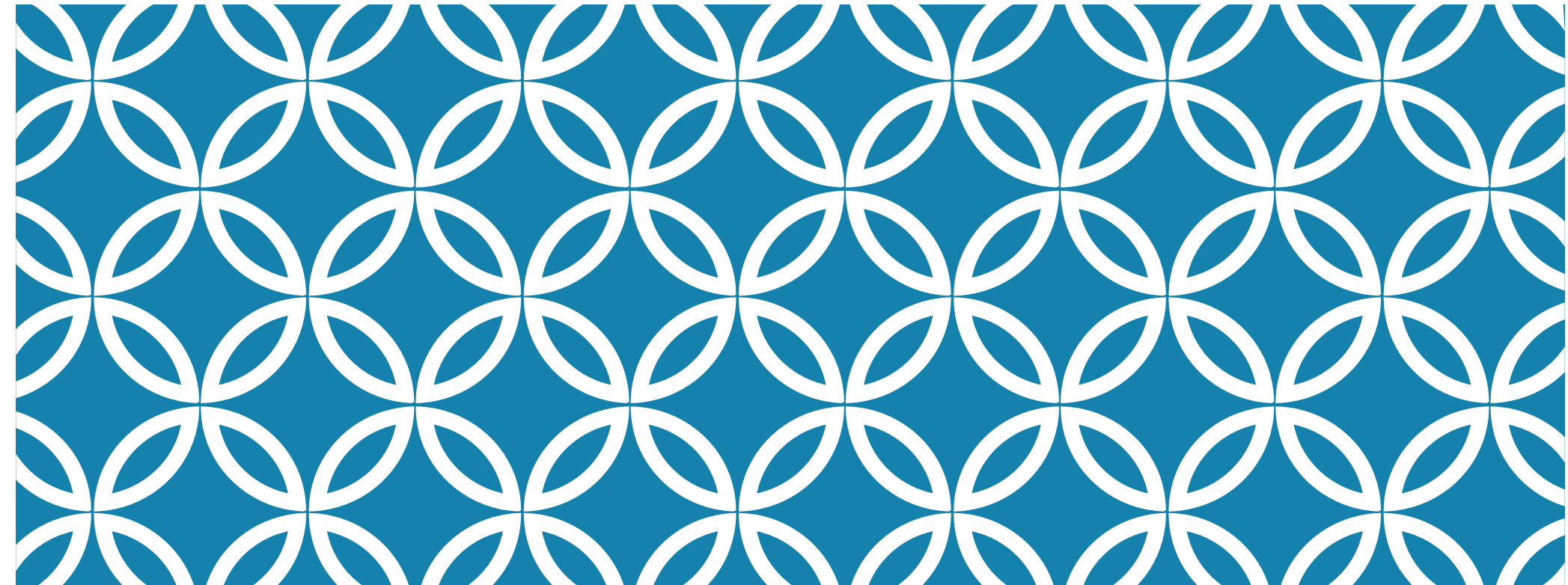
Spurs are mandatory during FEI Tests - optional for FEI children, pony, and 4-year old horse tests

LENGTH OF SPURS

Maximum length in all classes except FEI Children and Pony tests is 5.08 cm (2 inches) including rowels

Only blunt metal spurs (no rowels) no longer than 3.5 cm are permitted for FEI Pony and Children tests.

Offset spurs without rowels are permitted for riders having a Federal Dispensation/Classification Certificate



ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

All things technology

EARPHONES & OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED WHILE COMPETING

Using them while competing results in elimination

You can use them in the stabling area and in warm up arenas

The unsafe use of electronic devices, including cell phones with or without earphones/buds, in the sole discretion of the TD, while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling or exercise, and while lunging.

Medical devices, like hearing aids, are ok if they're used for the medical condition for which they're prescribed

Electronic devices are permitted for Para Dressage riders if stated on their Federal Dispensation/Class Certificate

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We will randomly select one participant
on March 31st

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