

## EQUIPMENT CHECK REQUIREMENTS

1. As soon as the test is finished, the camera must **slowly circle the horse and rider showing all equipment and attire from both sides**, including spurs and whip if used. The spurs must be shown for a count of three seconds. You do not need to spin the rowels.

If the videographer is unable to enter the arena, at G the rider may turn the horse slowly, wait five seconds, then turn slowly to show the second side, and wait an additional 5 seconds to complete filming of the equipment.

2. Show the bridle on the horse, from both sides.

3. After a view of both sides of the horse is shown the rider must dismount for the bridle check.

a. Exceptional riders are exempt from the bit dropping requirement and are not required to dismount. Participants should still abide by all USEF regulations pertaining to attire, tack, and equipment for the recognized show.

4. Prior to dropping the bridle, show that two fingers can fit between the cavesson (if there is one) or bosal and the horse's cheek, then drop the bit.

5. Hold the bridle still so the bit can clearly be seen, in frame, for a minimum count of five seconds.

a. Stand close to the equipment and video from several angles.

6. Do the same with your curb strap/chain (if used) and bit.

7. If you are using a bosal, you must drop that as well. After you remove the bosal, show both sides of your horse's face, unobstructed, as well as the bosal. Please demonstrate flexibility of the bosal.

8. The cavesson noseband must be shown to the camera, both inside and out. Please demonstrate the flexibility of the cavesson noseband.

9. Prior to submitting your video, review the equipment check in detail to ensure that all of the above requirements have been met and that the equipment checks have a clear, focused, steady view of your tack.

**10. You are responsible for knowing the correct rules for tack, attire, and equipment for Western Dressage. See [USEF WD121-123](#) for rules on tack and attire.**

**11. If your equipment check is unable to be completed due to any of the above rules not being followed, your ride will have to be retaped and resubmitted.**

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**Show Management will review all submissions to ensure adherence to the guidelines as stated above. If a test is submitted that does not comply with these guidelines, Show Management will contact the exhibitor immediately via email or phone. The exhibitor will be allowed one resubmission if the video is rejected, and must submit a replacement video no later than noon CST on 6/19.**