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Equipment Checker

Before starting your job

1. Make sure you have the following supplies:
 - A copy of the ride times schedule on a clipboard
 - A pen or pencil
 - Non-latex gloves
 - Chart and description of legal saddles, cavessons and bits
 - Trash container for used gloves
 - Tape measure with centimeters

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Procedures for Equipment Checkers

1. Plan to check at least 1/3 of the horse/rider competitors.
2. Approach a rider after he/she has exited the competition arena and politely ask if it is all right to check the equipment.
3. Move rider and horse to a safe place. Use common sense to make sure of the safety of horse and rider and other competitors.
4. Always wear latex gloves when slipping your fingers into the horse's mouth to determine the type of bit. Use a new glove for each horse.
5. Visually check the saddle and cavesson. Measure the whip: maximum length is 102 cm or 47.2 inches (roughly 47 ¼ inches).
6. Check the spur area. If you see blood, notify the TD.

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7. If you encounter any equipment violations, immediately contact the Technical Delegate to handle the problem. Keep the horse and rider with you till the TD arrives.
8. Make a notation on your schedule to indicate which horses/riders were checked.

Behavior guidelines for Equipment Checkers

- Be courteous and tactful.
- Thank competitors for their cooperation.
- If anyone protests, let the TD handle it.