

DRESSAGE EQUIPMENT APPROVAL

Guidelines for new not yet approved equipment

Effective as of 1 May 2017

Proposals/request must be submitted to the FEI Dressage Department (chloe.harty@fei.org) by March 10th, using the template provided on the following page. Only duly completed request forms will be submitted to the FEI Equipment Working Group, who will advise whether more information on or testing of the equipment is required. Depending on the recommendation of the FEI Equipment Working Group, the requests are put forwarded to the FEI Technical Committee for discussion. It is only possible to apply once a year.

A final decision will be communicated to all requestors by June 30th so that the new equipment may be incorporated into the rules revision process.

Note: Depending on the date set for the FEI General Assembly (and consequently the definite dates for the rules revision process) the deadlines of March 10th and June 30th defined in this document may require modification.

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APPLICATION FORM

Equipment Information

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| Full Name of Applicant | Steve Reynolds |
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Equipment Details

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| Equipment Type | <input type="checkbox"/> Bit <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle <input type="checkbox"/> Bridle <input type="checkbox"/> Noseband <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Safety Stirrups |
| Equipment Make and Model | STS safety irons |
| Material | High Quality Stainless steel |
| Link to Website | |
| Similar Equipment | Peacock, Kwik out, Freejump, EZ and Flexi and Toe Cage stirrups |
| Similar FEI Approved Equipment | Peacock, Kwik out, Freejump, EZ and Flexi and Toe Cage stirrups |

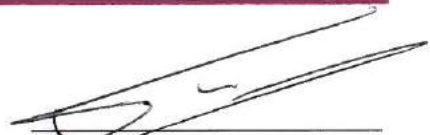
Description of Function:

Its unique award winning design preventing the riders' feet slipping forward into the iron and in the event a rider falls, the combination of the bar formation and the rubber post can prevent the riders boot being hooked up in the iron and dragged, greatly reducing the risk of injury and death to riders. Our safety irons are a combination of both approved and permitted FEI safety features and functions as mentioned above. It is also a great safety aid for our children.

Description of research related to the Equipment:

These safety irons have been extensively tested by leading riders and approved for dressage by Equestrian Australia and the RDA "Riding Disabled Association" Also the Winner of an international design award for safety. Professional Judges comments: This is a great idea with the

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potential to significantly improve health and safety in the professional horse riding industry. The safety irons are well made and finished and the safety feature is a true innovation that will help save the lives of riders and horses.

Argument for Approval:

First and foremost safety is paramount as the most dangerous aspect of horse riding is being hooked up in the stirrup iron and dragged resulting in serious injuries or death. Horse riding is a dangerous practice, with a higher risk of a fatality than any other sport. There have been countless serious injuries each year and dragging fatalities. The STS English irons can reduce this by providing a safety function preventing the riders' feet slipping forward, therefore, preventing the riders' boot being hooked up in the iron and dragged behind the horse.

There are many documented STS iron testimonials from leading professional riders stating drastic improvements in safety. Our safety irons are a combination of both approved and permitted FEI safety features and functions. As indicated the Peacock, Kwik out and Free Jump stirrup irons have the outer side release and the Toe Cage and EZ and Flexi ride stirrups prevent the foot slipping forward. Further they meet the safety requirements of FEI Stirrups article 9.4 of the Dressage Stewards Manual. In addition they are supported by an international design award for safety and the Equestrian Australia dressage approval, and the RDA approval.

Please consider it is as dangerous riding in a EA competition or a FEI competition and to not allow the rider to use them in FEI competition could result in a rider being dragged resulting in serious injury or death.

Enclosed and attached are a few of the many supportive testing reports, including photos of other FEI approved or permitted safety irons and EA and RDA approval documents.

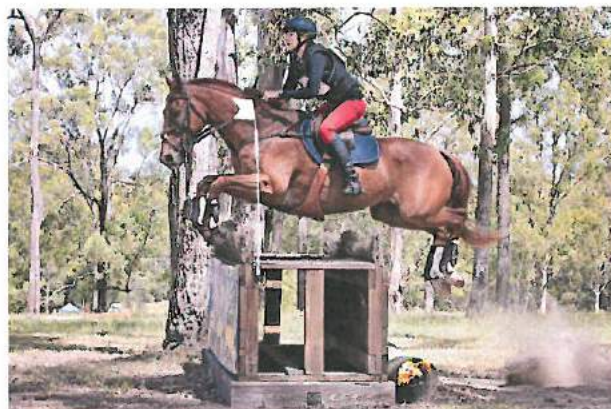
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Please insert here several photographs – showing the equipment at different angles and including images of the equipment on the horse if possible.



Bits:

Bridoon Snaffle Curb

To be used with which cheeks:

Size of port: Width:

 Height:

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FEI REPORT

(TO BE FILLED BY FEI EQUIPMENT WORKING GROUP ONLY)

FEI Equipment Working Group Report

| Action of Equipment on the horse: | Yes | No |
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| - Does the equipment keep to original purpose? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Does the equipment provide more comfort to the horse? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> NA |
| - Does the equipment provide a better adaptation to specific needs e.g. Sensitivity/ergonomics? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> NA |

Comments:

| Risk Assessment: | Yes | No |
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| - Are there any elements likely to become dangerous in the long run (wear and tear)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| - Is there any piece that could cause injury to horse or human? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| - Is there a risk of the equipment being misused? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| - Is there an increase of pressure or any discomfort produced for the horse? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Does the equipment solve a problem that should not be solved with equipment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

| Dressage Philosophy: | Yes | No |
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| - Does the equipment adhere to the philosophy of Classical Dressage? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| - Will the equipment be easy to classify? I.e. does it need any extra checks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

Equipment Working Group Report:

This application is for use of equipment at international dressage FEI competitions, the application does not affect a lower levels of competition for leisure riding. At international level the feet should be parallel with the horses to have the correct contact with the horse. These stirrups make the Athlete hold their feet turned away from the horse, which creates a constant leg pressure on the horse and could be a risk of the excessive spur use on the horses flank.

The stirrups are allowed as a Compensating Aid in para-Dressage and as such they are not appropriate tool of equipment for top level sport of FEI Dressage.

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Application Outcome (for FEI only)

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| Equipment Approval Status | APPROVED / <u>NOT APPROVED</u> |
| Equipment Make and Model | STS Safety Stirrups |
| Date of Approval | 26.06.2018 |
| Signature |  |

Chair of FEI Dressage Committee

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