

Safety Check List – detach and bring to testing

- Armband with medical release or approved bracelet
- Hair net; long hair braided and rolled under in a bun or tucked inside helmet
- Helmet fits snugly with SEI label – moves forehead skin when brim pulled
- Helmet straps adjusted correctly around ears
- Collared shirt with sleeves
- Jewelry - no hoops, rings, necklaces, bracelets; piercings are close to body
- No candy or gum
- Proper footwear – paddock or tall boots
- Bridle fit:
 - Noseband one-two fingers down from projecting cheekbone and snug
 - Browband not pulling on the back of the ears
 - One adjustment hole for all parts of bridle
 - Bit adjusted correctly (1-2 wrinkles for snaffles; none for leverage bits)
 - Bit has at least ¼ inch room on one side of the mouth; not too wide
 - Throatlatch adjusted correctly – fist fits between cheek and strap
 - Curb chain attached correctly – not dangling and two fingers fit inside
 - Flash is on correctly – buckle on left, above mouth and has a runner
 - All stitching is good and no cracked leather
 - Reins not too long so loop hangs by rider’s foot (check when mounted)
- Breastplate and Martingales:
 - “donut” or rubber martingale ring at chest
 - running martingale has rein stops on reins
 - couple fingers slack at top of wither strap and slack under belly
 - fist fits between breastplate and chest
 - standing martingale (Ds only) - strap reaches up to the throat
 - running martingale - rings reach close to withers
- Stirrup bars open
- Pad tabs attached above the buckle guards
- Check stitching on both sides of the stirrup leather buckle
- Check stitching on both sides of the girth buckles
- Billets not cracked or stretched out
- Stirrups large enough for rider (1" room on one side)
- No cracks in rubber bands on peacock stirrups
- Stirrup pads not too worn
- Girth tight with two holes left up on both sides; one down on girth
- Pad pulled up into the pommel
- Splint boots fitted snugly and cover the whole side of the fetlock
- Bell boots fit the pastern correctly and cover the horse’s heels