Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Dress Code and Legal Bits

Western Attire
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- Protective helmets are permissible in ALL classes!
Legal head gear: ALL Classes (Western & English)
Western Attire: Hats

- Optional ONLY in Speed events
  - 2 second fine for losing hat

- Feathers:
  - May not protrude beyond outer edge of brim nor above top of crown
Western Attire: LEGAL HATS
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Western Attire: Shirt

- ALL WHITE
  - Buttons
  - Thread
  - Zippers
  - May have a white pattern
Western Attire: LEGAL Shirts
Western Attire: LEGAL Collars

- Convertible collars
  - One that is meant to be folded at the seam line and may or may not be buttoned at the base of the neck.
Western Attire: ILLEGAL Collars

- NOT ALLOWED
  - Tuxedo
  - Turtleneck
  - Other stand-up collars
Western Attire: Shirts

- NO emblems, patches, medals, etc.

- NO rhinestones, silver collar tips, or similar embellishments on blouses are permitted.

- Sheer, see-through blouses are inappropriate, sleeveless shirts/blouses are NOT permitted.

- Long sleeves is recommended, although short sleeves are permitted.
Western Attire: ILLEGAL Shirts

- The outline of the snaps makes this shirt illegal.
- The silver pin stripes makes this shirt illegal.
Western Attire: ILLEGAL Shirts

- The rhinestones as the snaps make this shirt illegal
- The brown button makes this shirt illegal
Western Attire: Legal Jeans

Females: DARK blue jeans

Males: DARK blue jeans
Western Attire: Legal Jeans

- Minimal white/tan thread on the rear pockets is permitted.
Western Attire: Legal Jeans

• Female

• Male
Western Attire: ILLEGAL Jeans

- These jeans are not dark enough and would NOT be legal.
Western Attire: ILLEGAL Jeans

- Heavy Contrasting threading and fringe is NOT allowed.
Western Attire: ILLEGAL Jeans

- **NO:**
  - Rhinestones
  - Silver studs
  - Similar embellishments
Western Attire: ILLEGAL Jeans

- Embellishments, studs, colored thread, and rhinestones make these not legal.
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Western Attire: Boots

- Hard sole cowboy boots or shoes are considered safe and appropriate.

- **Boots with waffle type tread greater than or equal to 1/8 inch will NOT be allowed.**
Western Attire: Legal boots
Western Attire: NOT Legal Boots
Western Attire: Belts
Western Attire: Neck Ties/Scarf

- Permissible
Western Attire: Chaps

- OPTIONAL:
  - Reining
  - Western Riding
  - Trail
Western Attire: Spurs

- Permissible but must be dull and if roweled, must be free moving

- ***NOT allowed in Showmanship or Halter Classes***
Western Attire: Arm Band

- REQUIRED!!!!
  - Must be worn on LEFT arm above the elbow.
Hunt Seat Attire
English Attire: Helmets

- Traditional colors (black, navy, or brown) ASTM/SEI approved safety helmets are recommended.

- Hunting cap or derby is acceptable in hunter under saddle or hunter seat equitation.

- ASTM/SEI approved safety helmet with a chin strap is mandatory and must be worn when going over fences.
English Attire: Helmets (Derby/Hunting Caps)
English Attire: Helmets ASTM/SEI Approved
English Attire: Breeches or Jodhpurs

- Breeches or Jodhpurs must be worn in traditional colors:
  - Buff
  - Khaki
  - Canary
  - Light Grey
  - Rust
English Attire: Breeches
English Attire: Shirts
English Attire: Hunt Coats

- Traditional hunter seat style.
- Colors:
  - Navy
  - Black
  - Brown
  - Gray
  - Dark Green
English Attire: Hunt Coats
English Attire: Boots

- English Boot or paddock black or brown with half chaps.
English Attire: Boots (Tall Boots)
English Attire: Boots (Paddock and Half Chaps)

- Paddock boots
- Half Chaps
English Attire: Optional

- OPTIONAL ITEMS:
  - Gloves
  - Unroweled spurs
  - Crop
  - Bat
English Attire: Prohibited

Roweled Spurs
English Attire: Arm Band

- REQUIRED
  - Worn on LEFT arm above the elbow.
Western Bits

- Western bit in performance means a **curb bit**
  - Solid or broken mouthpiece
  - Shanks and acts with leverage
  - 8 ½” maximum length shank

Mouthpiece diameter 5/15” to ¾” diameter at 1” from cheek
Mouthpieces

- Bars
  - Round, oval, or egg shaped
  - Smooth and unwrapped metal
  - 5/16” to ¾” in diameter, 1” from the cheek
  - Inlays are acceptable but must be smooth
- Two or three pieces
- Port
  - Lower than 3 ½” with rollers and covers
Curb or Chin Strap required

- Minimum of 1” wide
- Lie flat against the jaw
- Leather, double-linked flat chain or extra wide flat hunter-type single link chain
Snaffle Bits

- O-ring, egg-but, or D-ring
  - Ring no larger than 4” in diameter
  - Inside of ring must be free of rein, curb, or headstall attachment which would provide leverage

- Mouthpiece
  - Smooth and unwrapped
  - May be inlaid but must be smooth
  - Bars must be a minimum of 3/8” in diameter, measured 1” from the cheek with a gradual decrease to the center

- Optional leather or nylon strap attached below the reins is acceptable (chin strap)
  - No chain straps permitted

- Split reins must be used
Illegal Snaffles
Hunt Seat/English Bits

- Smooth snaffles, pelhams, kimberwick and full bridles with cavesson nose band are permitted
  - Smooth mouthpieces are recommended
  - Nothing can protrude below the bar
  - 3/4 to 3/8” diameter measured 1” from the cheek
  - May have a port no higher than 1 ½”
  - Inlaid, synthetic wrapped (rubber or plastic), but must be smooth
- Bit with a fixed rein (pelham/kimberwick) requires a curb chain
- Pelham

- Kimberwick