

# Register of Approved Gear





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## INTRODUCTION

This register seeks to provide participants with a record of approved gear for usage in Malaysia and Singapore.

### General – MRA Regulation 1.13

- (a) Any additional gear not referred to in the regulations, shall not be worn by a horse in a race without the prior written approval and permission of the Stipendiary Stewards.
- (b) Any gear approved and used on a horse in a race shall continue to be used on that horse without variation until permission to the contrary has been obtained from the Stipendiary Stewards.
- (c) The Stipendiary Stewards may inspect any saddlery, general equipment and gear which is to be carried in a race. Any defective equipment found may be confiscated.
- (d) No person shall use or attempt to use defective equipment in a race. The person having charge of an Apprentice in a particular race shall be responsible for ensuring that such Apprentice's equipment is not defective.
- (e) When any horse is equipped in a way which may, in their opinion, be harmful to a horse in a race or when such equipment may, in their opinion, adversely affect the running of such horse, the Stipendiary Stewards may:
  - (1) Order the equipment concerned to be replaced or removed;  
or
  - (2) Withdraw the horse from the race.

# BLINKERS / VISOR



Visor Blinkers



## MRA Regulation

### 1.3.1 Blinkers and/or Pacifiers

(a) Before a Trainer declares a horse to race with blinkers or pacifiers, the horse must:

(1) be certified tractable from a starting stall, wearing the appropriate blinkers or pacifiers, in the presence of a Stipendiary Steward or the Official Starter. Multiple gradings are permissible;

#### And

(2) have galloped over a minimum distance of 1000 metres in the company of at least one other horse to the satisfaction of the testing official.

(b) Trainer must declare their intention to race a horse in blinkers and/or pacifiers as required, on the declaration form at the time of acceptance.

(c) Permission to declare an Apprentice to ride a horse in a race, equipped with blinkers and/or pacifiers for the first time must be obtained prior to declaring the Apprentice.

(d) Blinkers and/or pacifiers must be correctly fitted under the horse's bridle and must be attached with buckles instead of Velcro.

(e) Permission to discontinue the use of blinkers and/or pacifiers on a horse, in a race, must be obtained from the Stewards.

1.3.2 Unless there are exceptional circumstances, permission to race in blinkers or pacifiers on the weekend of a meeting when the said horse has raced without them on the previous weekend will not be granted.

**Specifications:** Blinkers must permit a full forward view with the cup size being a minimum of four (4) centimetres in width and not exceeding six (6) centimetres in width, Visor Blinker must conform to the requirements for Blinkers provided that no more than 50% of the cup may be removed. Blinkers or Visor Blinkers must not be cut back in anyway to reduce their original width



# PACIFIERS

## Approval for use:

Refer to previous page.

## Specifications:

Pacifiers must be a strong mesh that will resume normal shape after compression.

## Proper application:

Pacifiers must be worn under the bridle.



*Blinker Pacifier*



# WINKERS

## Specifications:

Winkers must be lambs' wool and not exceed 270mm in length and be of a reasonable thickness to allow adequate forward and peripheral vision.

## Proper application:

Winkers must be attached to the cheek strap of the bridle.



# EAR MUFFS



## Specifications:

Ear Muffs must be of wetsuit material, vinyl or cloth and must be attached by a buckle or interlocking clip.



## SHADOW ROLLS

### Specifications:

Shadow rolls must be made of lambs' wool and must be of a reasonable thickness to allow adequate vision. Must not project more than 4 centimetres from the nasal bone when fixed.

### Proper application:

Must be positioned no further up the nasal bone than half way between nostrils and eyes.



## CROSS OVER NOSEBANDS AND NOSEBANDS

### Approval for use:

Cross-over, Hanoverian and Kyneton nosebands are approved for use.

### Dropped nosebands:

Dropped nosebands are **NOT PERMITTED** to be used in any race, trial or track work.



Cross Over



Kyneton



Hanoverian



## COMBINATION OF HEAD GEAR

All items may be used in conjunction with ear muffs.



*Blinker/Pacifier/Nose Roll Combination*



*Blinker/Pacifier Combination*



*Winker/Nose Roll Combination*



## COMBINATION OF HEAD GEAR



*Blinker/Nose Roll Combination*



*Blinker/Nose Roll Combination*

## BITS & PIECES



*Bit Lifter*



*Cheekers*



*Irish Martingale Rings*



*Bubble Cheeker, must be of a design approved by the Stewards and have no sharp edges.*



## TAIL CHAINS



### Specifications:

A tail chain must consist of 4 to 5 chain links of a size and weight approved by the Stewards.

### Proper application:

A tail chain must be fitted to the butt of the tail by rubber band, leather strap or elastoplast.

## TONGUE TIES AND TONGUE CLIPS



### Specifications:

Tongue ties must be either nylon-stocking, leather strap, rubber band or any other material which are approved by the Stewards or Veterinary Surgeon. Tongue ties must be at least 15mm in width.

### Proper application:

All tongue ties are to be looped around the tongue and either attached to the bit or secured around the jaw. Tongue ties must be clearly visible at all times.

### Tongue clips:

Tongue clips must be rubber and attached to the bit. Tongue clips with strap are also permitted.



# BOOTS



## Specifications:

Shin boots, tendon boots, bumper boots, scalping boots, brushing boots and hock boots are approved for use. They must be of good quality, light for racing purposes, and be secured with buckles or Velcro provided it is fastened with electrical tape. Not by any other interlocking materials, press studs, or by other means. All boots with Velcro straps must be approved by stewards prior to being used.

## Use of boots with bandages:

Boots may be worn over the top of self adhesive or adhesive bandages but not over the top of other bandages.



## Rubber Ring



# BANDAGES

Bandages must be fastened to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Stewards or Veterinary Surgeon.





## REINS AND BRIDLES

The Stewards may, at their discretion, forbid the use of any design type or manufacture of reins or bridles for use in races, trials or track work, provided that:

### Reins

- (a) reins may not be made of leather;
- (b) reins must have rubber grips;
- (c) reins must be looped, not buckled for attachment to the bit.

### Bridles

- (a) be secured by buckles not by any other interlocking material;
- (b) brow band and throat strap to be attached.



## BROW BAND (LAMBSWOOL)

### Specifications:

The brow band (lambswool) when fitted must be of a reasonable thickness to allow adequate vision.

### Proper application:

The brow band must be stitched to the brow band of the bridle.



## CORNELL COLLAR

- (1) Trainers must submit to the Stipendiary Stewards a letter from the Veterinary Department stating that the use of Cornell Collar is justified and appropriate on the given horse.
- (2) The horse must Barrier Trial to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Stewards wearing the Cornell Collar, with prior notice being to the Stewards of the intention to trial in the gear.
- (3) After fitting the Cornell Collar, the horse must be examined by the Veterinary Department before and after the Declaration time.
- (4) For permission to be granted for the horse to race in Cornell Collar, a gear change form must be submitted at Declaration time.
- (5) On every Raceday, after the Cornell Collar, it must be inspected by the Veterinary Department prior to racing.



- (6) Any adjustment to the Cornell Collar after the horse has arrived at the start may only be carried out by the Official Veterinary Surgeon and then only with the express permission of the Stipendiary Stewards.
- (7) A further gear change must be made should be Trainer seek to remove the gear.

## BARRIER BLANKET

### **Permission to use Barrier Blanket, Blindfold, Stallion Chain and Barrier Extension:**

A request for permission to use the above-mentioned gear should be made to the Stipendiary Stewards prior to declarations.



## BITS

Approval for use: The following bits are approved for racing under the provisions of MRA Regulation 1.2:

- (a) Steel ring or D-type snaffle or straight bar.
- (b) Rubber-covered bits which show evidence of reinforcement with steel through the centre.
- (c) Ring bits, either fixed or movable with ring-type attachment.

Permission for the use of any other bit not listed, must be made prior to declarations for the race such bit is sought to be used.



# APPROVED STANDARD BITS



Racing Dee Bit



Racing Dee Bit with rubber covered snaffle mouth



Racing Dee Bit with small Dee mouth



Racing Dee Bit with inside loops



Racing Dee Bit with slow twist mouth



Loose Ring Snaffle



Thin Mouth Ring Snaffle



Thick Hollow Ring



Loose Ring Snaffle with rubber covered Snaffle mouth



Thick Hollow Ring

## APPROVED STANDARD BITS



Eggbutt Snaffle with french mouth



Loose Ring Eggbutt



Slow Twist Eggbutt with flat rings



Dressage Eggbutt with french mouth

# APPROVED STANDARD BITS



Dexter Ring Racing



Triabit



Half Spoon Ring Dexter



Dexter Ring Racing with rubber covered snaffle mouth



JR Lugging Bit



Brad Lugging Bit



AC Lugging Bit



Racing Dee Bit with soft rubber Mullen mouth, must be reinforced with steel through centre



## APPROVED STANDARD BITS



Mullen Mouth Eggbutt with large flat ring mouth



Mullen Mouth Eggbutt with small round rings



Half Spoon Snaffle



Controller Bit



Loose Ring Mullen Snaffle



Lightweight Loose Ring Mullen Snaffle



Apple Mouth Round Ring Eggbutt with flexible mouth



Apple Mouth Racing Dee Bit with flexible mouth

## APPROVED SPECIAL BITS



Butterfly Bit



Dexter Ring Racing with tongue control



Tongue Control Bit



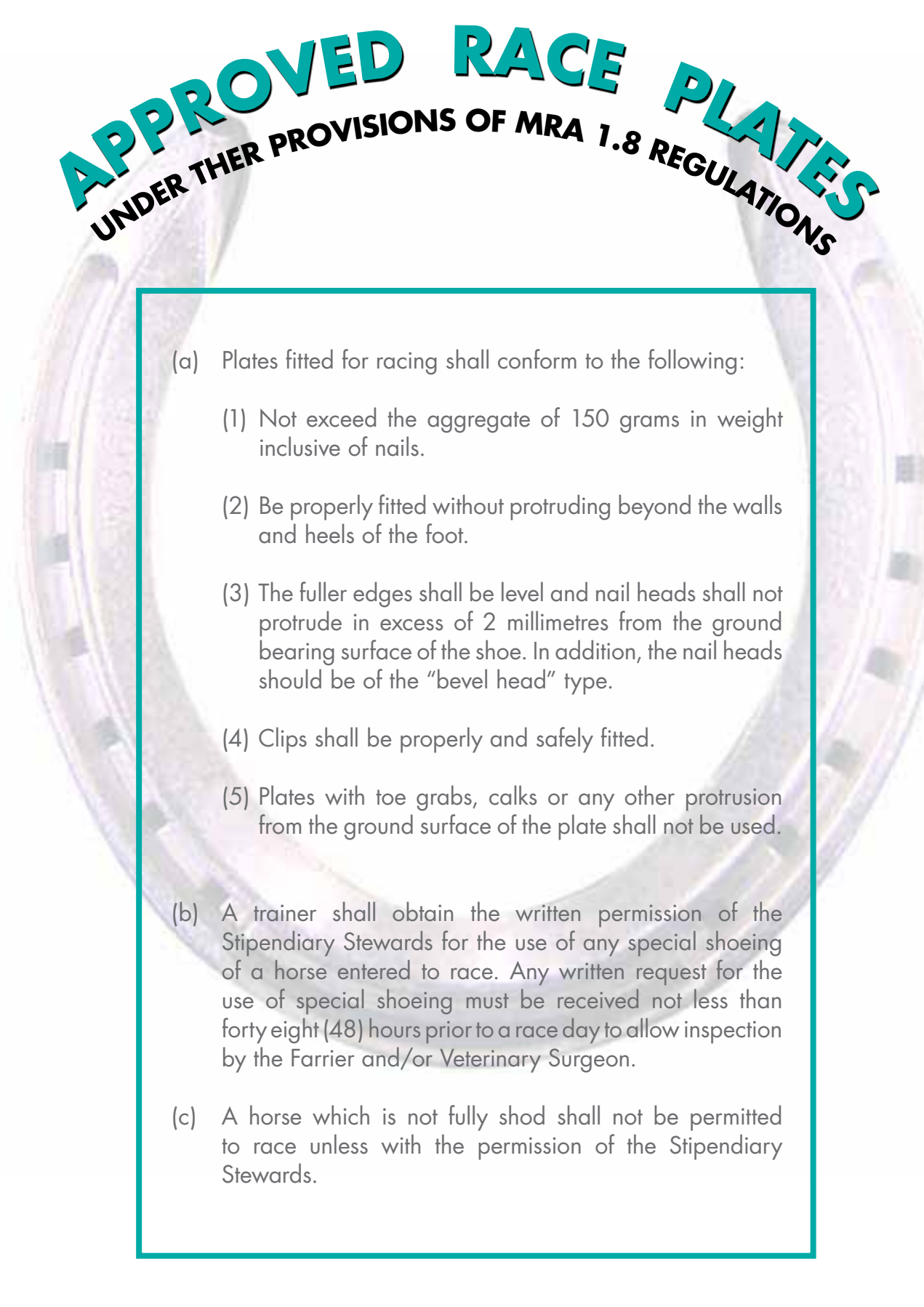
Victor Racing Bit



Norton Bit

# APPROVED RACE PLATES

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF MRA 1.8 REGULATIONS

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- (a) Plates fitted for racing shall conform to the following:
    - (1) Not exceed the aggregate of 150 grams in weight inclusive of nails.
    - (2) Be properly fitted without protruding beyond the walls and heels of the foot.
    - (3) The fuller edges shall be level and nail heads shall not protrude in excess of 2 millimetres from the ground bearing surface of the shoe. In addition, the nail heads should be of the "bevel head" type.
    - (4) Clips shall be properly and safely fitted.
    - (5) Plates with toe grabs, calks or any other protrusion from the ground surface of the plate shall not be used.
  - (b) A trainer shall obtain the written permission of the Stipendiary Stewards for the use of any special shoeing of a horse entered to race. Any written request for the use of special shoeing must be received not less than forty eight (48) hours prior to a race day to allow inspection by the Farrier and/or Veterinary Surgeon.
  - (c) A horse which is not fully shod shall not be permitted to race unless with the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards.