Clarifications

Modified Cavesson – Is a noseband with no closed straps. It **CANNOT** be used with any type of bridle in Showmanship.

**BRAIDING CLARIFIED**

If you use an Arabian Show Halter your horse may **NOT** be braided no matter what type of attire you wear!

If you want to braid your horse you must put on the horse one of the following types of tack

1. Plain leather stable halter
2. Hunt Bridle (snaffle, Kimberwick, Pelham or full bridle)
3. Dressage Bridle (snaffle, Pelham or full bridle)
4. Show Hack Bridle (Snaffle or full bridle) and you must wear the corresponding attire from this list

And you must wear:

**Hunter Clothes**

- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat, breeches, hunt boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie, or
- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat jodhpurs, jodhpur knee straps (garters), paddock boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie. Usually worn by handlers 10 & Under, or
- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes or boots
- *Optional*: Gloves, jacket, tie

**Dressage Clothes**

- Helmet or top hat, dressage coat or shadbelly dark conservative color, shirt with collar or stock tie, light or white breeches, boots
- *Optional*: Gloves
**ATTIRE OF HANDLER / TACK OF HORSE**

**ARABIAN HALTER STYLE – ARABIAN SHOW HALTER**  
*What is traditional & recommended*

**Attire of Handler** — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes or boots.
- Optional: Hat, gloves, vest, sweater or jacket, tie

- Western hat, long sleeved shirt or tunic, long pants, Western boots
- Optional: Western jacket, vest, belt, tie, gloves

- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat, breeches, hunt boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie, or
- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat jodhpurs, jodhpur knee straps (garters), paddock boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie. Usually worn by handlers 10 & Under, or
- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes or boots
- Optional: Gloves, jacket, tie

- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, vest, tie, paddock or jodhpur boots
- Optional: Derby or soft hat, saddle suit, gloves.

- Formal attire may be worn when appropriate. It is usual to wear such attire after 6 p.m. or in championship classes

- Helmet or top hat, dressage coat or shadbelly dark conservative color, shirt with collar or stock tie, light or white breeches, boots
- Optional: Gloves

**Tack for Horse** — Optional: Whip/crop — appropriate to the discipline in which you are showing.

**Arabian Show Halter** — Throatlatch is mandatory

**Braiding** — Horse is **not** to be braided

**Lead Strap Methods of Attachment:**

*Leather lead strap may only be attached two ways:*

**Fig. 1:** Leather lead strap with chain that has a ring on each end with the length of chain varying depending on presentation style. Captured chain (chain with a ring on each end running through the sides of the halter and the rings and the center of the chain under the chin are all connected below to the lead).

**Fig. 2:** Leather lead strap with chain that has a ring on each end with the length of chain varying depending on presentation style. Non-captured chain (chain with a ring on each end running through the sides of the halter and the rings are connected below to the lead).
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ARABIAN HALTER STYLE – LEATHER STABLE HALTER
What is traditional & recommended

Attire of Handler — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes or boots.
- Optional: Hat, gloves, vest, sweater or jacket, tie
- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat, breeches, hunt boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie, or
- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat jodhpurs, jodhpur knee straps (garters), paddock boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie. Usually worn by handlers 10 & Under, or
- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes or boots
- Optional: Gloves, jacket, tie
- Helmet or top hat, dressage coat or shadbelly dark conservative color, shirt with collar or stock tie, light or white breeches, boots
- Optional: Gloves

Tack for Horse — Optional: Whip/crop — appropriate for the discipline in which you are showing
Leather stable halter

Braiding — If the handler is dressed in the first option above the horse is not braided. If the handler is wearing Hunter clothes or Show Hack/Dressage clothes the horse may be braided.

Lead Strap Methods of Attachment:
Leather lead strap may only be attached five ways:

Fig. 1: Leather lead attached in bottom center ring of leather stable halter. There is no chain.

Fig. 2: Leather lead strap with chain that has a ring on each end with the length of chain varying depending on presentation style. Captured chain (chain with a ring on each end running through the sides of the halter and the rings and the center of the chain under the chin are all connected below to the lead).
**ARABIAN HALTER STYLE – LEATHER STABLE HALTER**

*What is traditional & recommended*

**Fig. 3:** Leather lead strap with chain that has a ring on each end with the length of chain varying depending on presentation style. Noncaptured chain (chain with a ring on each end running through the sides of the halter and the rings are connected below to the lead).

**Fig. 4:** Leather lead with a chain, or other suitable soft material that provides a release, manufactured to it and a snap on one end. Length may vary depending on presentation style. This chain may be utilized two ways:

**Fig. 4a:** Chain under chin — Chain will run through the left side ring of the halter under the chin of horse through the right side ring of the halter and up to the right cheek ring on halter. Snap connects on right cheek ring on halter facing out. Ideally with only 6-8” of chain coming out of the left cheek ring.

**Fig. 4b:** Chain double up — Chain runs through either method described in 4a above, but because the length of chain is too long it may be run through the right cheek ring on the halter and run back down to the right side ring and attached to the right side ring with the snap facing out. This method will work, but it is preferable to not Double Up the Chain (a shorter chain is a safer presentation).
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ENGLISH/HUNTER STYLE – PLAIN LEATHER HALTER
What is traditional & recommended

Attire of Handler — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat, breeches, hunt boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie, or
- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat jodhpurs, jodhpur knee straps (garters), paddock boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie. Usually worn by handlers 10 & Under, or
- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes or boots
- Optional: Gloves, jacket, tie

Tack for Horse — Optional: Whip/crop — recommended for this discipline is less than 30”
Plain leather halter

Braiding — Horse may be braided

Lead Strap Methods of Attachment:
Leather lead strap may only be attached five ways:

Fig. 1: Leather lead attached in bottom center ring of leather stable halter. There is no chain.

Fig. 2: Leather lead strap with chain that has a ring on each end with the length of chain varying depending on presentation style. Captured chain (chain with a ring on each end running through the sides of the halter and the rings and the center of the chain under the chin are all connected below to the lead).
ENGLISH/HUNTER STYLE – PLAIN LEATHER HALTER

*What is traditional & recommended*

**Fig. 3:** Leather lead strap with chain that has a ring on each end with the length of chain varying depending on presentation style. Non-captured chain (chain with a ring on each end running through the sides of the halter and the rings are connected below to the lead).

**Fig. 4:** Leather lead with a chain, or other suitable soft material that provides a release, manufactured to it and a snap on one end. Length may vary depending on presentation style. This chain may be utilized two ways:

- **Fig. 4a:** Chain under chin — Chain will run through the left side ring of the halter under the chin of horse through the right side ring of the halter and up to the right cheek ring on halter. Snap connects on right cheek ring on halter facing out. Ideally with only 6-8” of chain coming out of the left cheek ring.

- **Fig. 4b:** Chain double up — Chain runs through either method described in 4a above, but because the length of chain is too long it may be run through the right cheek ring on the halter and run back down to the right side ring and attached to the right side ring with the snap facing out. This method will work, but it is preferable to not Double Up the Chain (a shorter chain is a safer presentation).
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Horse led by the reins:

Fig. 1

Fig. 1a

ENGLISH/HUNTER STYLE – BRIDLE – SNAFFLE OR KIMBERWICK

What is traditional & recommended

Attire of Handler — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat, breeches, hunt boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie, or
- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat jodhpurs, jodhpur knee straps (garters), padlock boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie. Usually worn by handlers 10 & Under, or
- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes or boots
- Optional: Gloves, jacket, tie

Tack for Horse — Optional: Whip/crop — recommended for this discipline is less than 30"

Hunt bridle (additional leather lead may be added when using a hunt bridle and is attached to the bit or to the cavesson/noseband)

Bridle — Snaffle or Kimberwick

Braiding — Horse may be braided

Lead strap methods of attachment or leading by reins:

Figs. 1 & 1a: Horse may be led by a lead strap or by the reins. Reins may be attached to the mane or removed from the snaffle or kimberwick. Cavesson/noseband must be intact and closed.

Equipment Eliminations:

1. Modified Cavesson is not allowed
2. Lead strap cannot be attached to only one side of the bit
3. Chain cannot run through the bit
ENGLISH/HUNTER STYLE – BRIDLE – SNAFFLE OR KIMBERWICK

What is traditional & recommended

Leather lead strap may only be attached four ways:

**Fig. 2:** Leather lead with connector attached to the snaffle. Connector is a leather piece with buckles on each side. There is no chain.

**Fig. 3:** Leather lead with connector attached to the kimberwick. Rein is attached to top slot and connector is in bottom slot with the lead attached to the connector.

**Figs. 4 & 4a:** Leather lead directly attached to complete and closed cavesson/noseband (e.g., put lead on noseband directly).

**Fig. 5:** Leather lead with chain with a closed cavesson/noseband.
ENGLISH/HUNTER STYLE – PELHAM
What is traditional & recommended

Attire of Handler — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat, breeches, hunt boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie, or
- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat jodhpurs, jodhpur knee straps (garters), paddock boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie. Usually worn by handlers 10 & Under, or
- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes or boots
- Optional: Gloves, jacket, tie

Tack for Horse — Optional: Whip/crop — recommended for this discipline is less than 30”
Leather lead may be added when using a hunt bridle and is attached to the bit or to the cavesson (noseband)

Bridle with Pelham Bit — Most traditional is to have the snaffle rein attached to the mane and lead the horse with the lower rein. Reins may be attached to the mane or removed from the Pelham. Cavesson/noseband must be intact and closed.

Braiding — Horse may be braided

Leading by the Reins:
Fig. 1: Horse led by the reins.

Equipment Eliminations:
1. No modified Cavesson
2. Lead straps cannot be used — with or without a chain
ATTIRE OF HANDLER / TACK OF HORSE

ENGLISH/HUNTER STYLE – FULL BRIDLE

*What is traditional & recommended*

**Attire of Handler** — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat, breeches, hunt boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie, or
- Hunt cap or helmet with harness, hunt coat jodhpurs, jodhpur knee straps (garters), paddock boots, hunt style shirt with collar, shirt and tie. Usually worn by handlers 10 & Under, or
- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes or boots
- Optional: Gloves, jacket, tie

**Tack for Horse** — Optional: Whip/crop — recommended for this discipline is less than 30”

Hunt bridle (additional leather lead may be added when using a hunt bridle and is attached to the bit or to the cavesson (noseband))

**Hunter Bridle** — Full bridle — reins may be attached to the mane or removed from the full bridle. Cavesson/noseband must be intact and closed. Horse may only be led by the reins. If your are leading by one set of reins it should be by the curb rein.

**Braiding** — Horse may be braided

**Leading with the Reins:**

*Fig. 1:* Horse led by the reins — led by all the reins.

**Equipment Eliminations:**

1. Modified Cavesson is not allowed
2. Lead straps cannot be used — with or without a chain
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#### Clarifications

**ENGLISH/SADDLE SEAT STYLE – DOUBLE BRIDLE**

*What is traditional & recommended*

**Attire of Handler** — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Long sleeved shirt, long pants, vest, tie, paddock or jodhpur boots
- *Optional*: Derby or soft hat, saddle suit, gloves
- Formal attire may be worn when appropriate. It is usual to wear such attire after 6 p.m. or in championship classes

**Tack for Horse** — *Optional*: Whip/crop

Saddle Seat Style Double bridle

Double bridle (snaffle and curb) — Horse may be led by the curb rein with the snaffle rein either removed or over the horse’s neck or the horse may be led by all the reins

**Braiding** — Horse is *not* braided

**Leading with the Reins:**

- **Fig. 1**: Horse led by curb rein with snaffle rein over the horse’s neck.
- **Fig. 2**: Horse led by curb rein with snaffle rein removed.
- **Fig. 3**: Horse led by all the reins.

**Equipment Eliminations:**

1. Modified Cavesson is not allowed
2. Lead straps cannot be used — with or without a chain
ENGLISH/DRESSAGE OR SHOW HACK STYLE – 
PLAIN LEATHER HALTER
What is traditional & recommended

Attire of Handler — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Helmet or top hat, dressage coat or shadbelly dark conservative color, shirt
  with collar or stock tie, light or white breeches, boots
- Optional: Gloves

Tack for Horse — Optional: Whip/crop — recommended for this discipline is not
to exceed 47.2”
Plain leather halter

Braiding — Horse may be braided

Lead Strap Methods of Attachment:
Leather lead strap may only be attached five ways:

**Fig. 1:** Leather lead attached in bottom
center ring of leather stable halter.
There is no chain.

**Fig. 2:** Leather lead strap with chain
that has a ring on each end with the
length of chain varying depending on
presentation style. Captured chain
(chain with a ring on each end running
through the sides of the halter and the
rings and the center of the chain under
the chin are all connected below to
the lead).

**Fig. 3:** Leather lead strap with chain
that has a ring on each end with the
length of chain varying depending on
presentation style. Non-captured chain
(chain with a ring on each end running
through the sides of the halter and the
rings are connected below to the lead).
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What is traditional & recommended

Fig. 4: Leather lead with a chain, or other suitable soft material that provides a release, manufactured to it and a snap on one end. Length may vary depending on presentation style. This chain may be utilized two ways:

Fig. 4a: Chain under chin — Chain will run through the left side ring of the halter under the chin of horse through the right side ring of the halter and up to the right cheek ring on halter. Snap connects on right cheek ring on halter facing out. Ideally with only 6-8” of chain coming out of the left cheek ring.

Fig. 4b: Chain double up — Chain runs through either method described in 4a above, but because the length of chain is too long it may be run through the right cheek ring on the halter and run back down to the right side ring and attached to the right side ring with the snap facing out. This method will work, but it is preferable to not double up the chain (a shorter chain is a safer presentation).
ENGLISH DRESSAGE OR SHOW HACK STYLE — SNAFFLE BIT

What is traditional & recommended

Attire of Handler — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Helmet or top hat, dressage coat or shadbelly dark conservative color, shirt with collar or stock tie, light or white breeches, boots
- Optional: Gloves

Tack for Horse — Optional: Whip/crop — recommended for this discipline is not to exceed 47.2”

Dressage or Show Hack bridle

Bridle — Snaffle — Horse may be led by a lead strap or by the reins. Reins may be attached to the mane or removed from the snaffle. Cavesson/noseband must be intact and closed.

Braiding — Horse may be braided

Lead Strap Method of Attachment or Leading by the Reins:
Figs. 1 & 2

Equipment Eliminations:

1. Modified Cavesson is not allowed
2. Lead strap cannot be attached to only one side of the bit
3. Chain cannot run through the bit
Clarifications

ENGLISH DRESSAGE OR SHOW HACK STYLE – DOUBLE BRIDLE

*What is traditional & recommended*

**Attire of Handler** — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Helmet or top hat, dressage coat or shadbelly dark conservative color, shirt with collar or stock tie, light or white breeches, boots
- *Optional:* Gloves

**Tack for Horse** — Optional: Whip/crop - recommended for this discipline is not to exceed 47.2”

Dressage or Show Hack bridle

**Bridle** — Double bridle (snaffle and curb) – Horse may be led by the curb rein and the snaffle rein must be attached to the braid or the horse may be led by all the reins

**Braiding** — Horse may be braided

**Leading by the Reins:**

*Fig. 1*

**Equipment Eliminations:**

1. Modified Cavesson is not allowed
2. Lead straps cannot be used — with or without a chain
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Fig. 1

WESTERN STYLE
What is traditional & recommended

Attire of Handler — Protective headgear may be worn without penalty

- Western hat, long sleeved shirt or tunic, long pants, Western boots
- Optional: Western jacket, vest, belt, tie, gloves

Tack for Horse — Optional: Whip/crop

Western plain leather or Western show type halter with silver (silver not to count over clean plain leather halter)

Braiding — Horse is not braided

Lead Strap Methods of Attachment:
Leather lead strap may only be attached three ways:

Fig. 1: Leather lead attached in bottom center ring of Western leather stable halter. There is no chain.

Fig. 2: Leather lead with a chain, or other suitable soft material that provides a release, manufactured to it and a snap on one end. Length may vary depending on presentation style. This chain may be utilized two ways:

Fig. 2a: Chain under chin — Chain will run through the left side ring of the halter under the chin of horse through the right side ring of the halter and up to the right cheek ring on halter. Snap connects on right cheek ring on halter facing out. Ideally with only 6-8” of chain coming out of the left cheek ring.

Fig. 2b: Chain double up — Chain runs through either method described in 2a above, but because the length of chain is too long it may be run through the right cheek ring on the halter and run back down to the right side ring and attached to the right side ring with the snap facing out. This method will work, but it is preferable to not Double Up the Chain (a shorter chain is a safer presentation).

Equipment Eliminations:
1. Lead strap/chain cannot run through the horse’s mouth or over the nose
2. Horse may not be shown in a bridle
3. Horse may not be shown in a hackamore or bosal

Fig. 2

Fig. 2a

Fig. 2b