

3.4 Hood and Ear Plugs

A hood must be of wetsuit material or vinyl and must be secured by velcro straps, buckles or interlocking clips. Ear Plugs shall not be carried by horses wearing a hood.



Only ear plugs of a design approved by the Stewards and the Department of Veterinary Regulation, Welfare and Biosecurity Policy (“DVRWBP”) shall be permitted to be carried by horses in races, barrier trials or in track work. When a horse is declared to race with ear plugs, such gear must not be removed during a race and must remain in place until after the horse has been unsaddled following the race.

Trainers must notify the Duty Stipendiary Steward/Starter if a horse is carrying ear plugs in a barrier trial/stalls test irrespective of whether the horse is entered for the purpose of testing.



Ear Plugs



Parade Hood

A horse is permitted to wear a Parade Hood in the parade ring and on the way to the start but not during the race. In these circumstances the Parade Hood must be applied prior to entering the parade ring and cannot be removed until the horse arrives at the start.

A Parade Hood must be of a designed approved by the Stipendiary Steward and other than for visiting international runners, approved Parade Hood must be yellow in colour (see below). Local trainers can only source the Parade Hood from the Club's central store.

A Parade Hood is not permitted to be used on a horse which carries Ear Plugs.

In the event of a Parade Hood being registered to be removed from a horse for a subsequent race, such gear may not be permitted to be re-applied on the horse, unless by permission of the SS.

