

The Hind Boot Rule

ESNZ Jumping rules Art 257.3 & Annex 9 - Hind Boot rule for 2019 – 2020

This rule is being phased in as per FEI rules and is paramount to horse welfare.

1. Art 257 2.6.1 - Young Horses 4, 5, 6 and 7 year old competitions.

- All hind boots must have a maximum interior length of 16cms, width of fastener must be a least 5cm.
- The inside protection must be smooth (flat). Only non-elastic velcro fasteners are permitted. No hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used.



As of 1st August 2019 the following applies.

2. Art 257 2.6.1 or 257 2.6.2 Ponies, Amateur, Pro-Amateur, Young Rider and Junior Rider competitions. *(This rule will apply to all competitions in the 2020/2021 season)*



Option 1:

Boots as Described in Art 257 2 6.1 above for young horses.

Option 2:

Boots that have a protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

- The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.
- The boot must have two elastic fasteners with a minimum width of 2.5cm each. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

Stud-type fasteners: straps with holes at the end that fit over a stud;	
Hook-and-eye type fasteners: straps with a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet".	

- Fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side and may not wrap around the entire boot; no mechanism permitting the fastener to double back on itself is permitted.
- No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself.