

# 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 at 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.