

EQUINE EQUIPMENT

3.1 Blinkers / Visors

Blinkers and visors shall not be worn in a race unless the horse has passed a barrier trial or stalls test wearing the relevant piece of equipment to the satisfaction of the Stewards, or has raced in that equipment overseas prior to being imported into Hong Kong.

It is not required for horses to barrier trial again if the trainer wishes to interchange blinkers with visors or pacifiers with cowls. However, an application is still required to be submitted to the Stewards by the prescribed time, in accordance with the regulations. Trainers who can provide written evidence that a horse has raced overseas with blinkers, visors or pacifiers with cowls may make application for the horse to be exempted from these equipment tests.

Blinkers will not be approved which are less than half cup size (see below). A visor must conform to the requirements for blinkers provided that at least 6mm but no more than 50% of the cup may be removed.

Blinkers / visors must be worn under the bridle and secured by velcro straps, buckles or interlocking clips.

Blinkers and visors must be removed as soon as practicable after the race during the hot weather months (May to September).

Full cup blinkers



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Half cup blinkers



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Blinkers / visors with only one cowl may be used without further official testing. Unless under the specific direction of the Stewards, there is no requirement to notify as to what side the cowl will be fitted.

Blinker with One Cowl



Visors



Visor with One Cowl



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