

2.10 Boots and Bandages

Only bandages of a design that comply with the requirements of the Stewards and the DVRWBP (as detailed in the Club's Equipment Register) and obtained through the Club's Central Store may be used in races, barrier trials and in training. Trainers must ensure that bandages fitted to horse's legs are securely fastened for both racing and training as detailed below:-

Bandage wraps (known as polo bandages) with velcro adhesive straps – May be used in trackwork and barrier trials only. Special care must be taken to ensure the velcro adhesive is in good working condition, which includes regular inspections. Two separate applications of electrical type tape (top and bottom of the bandage) of no less than 3 rounds, in contrasting colour to the bandage, must be applied to secure the bandage, with one application of the electrical type tape being directly over the velcro adhesive strap. Wet weather conditions may increase the risk of polo bandages being loosened or slipping and therefore their use during wet weather should be avoided whenever possible.

Adhesive bandages (Elastoplast) – May be used in trackwork, barrier trials and races. These bandages must always be stitched in contrasting coloured thread for the full length of the bandage. The use of electrical type tape over the end of the bandage is permitted but does not replace the requirement for the bandage to be stitched.

Self-Adhesive Bandages (Vetrap/Coflex) - May be used in trackwork, barrier trials and races. Two separate applications of electrical type tape of no less than 3 rounds, in contrasting colour to the bandage, must be applied to secure the bandage, with at least one application of the electrical type tape being directly over the end of the bandage.



Self-Adhesive Bandages (Vetrap/Coflex)



Bandage wraps (Polo bandages)

Protective Boots

Shin, tendon, bumper, scalping, brushing and hock boots are approved to be worn during training only. All protective boots must be of a design approved by the Stewards and the DVRWBP. They must be of good quality, light and secured by buckles. Velcro boots may also be used provided they are fastened by electrical tape. Boots are not to be secured by any other interlocking materials, press-studs, or by other means. Protective boots may be worn over the top of self-adhesive or adhesive bandages.

