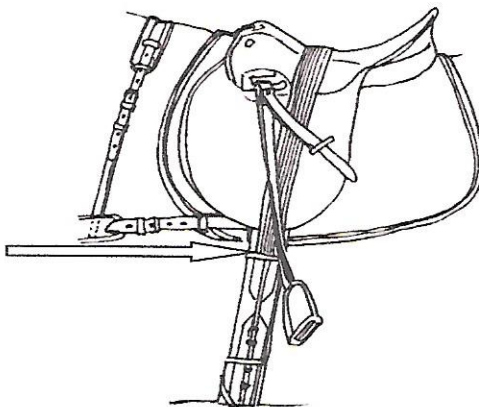


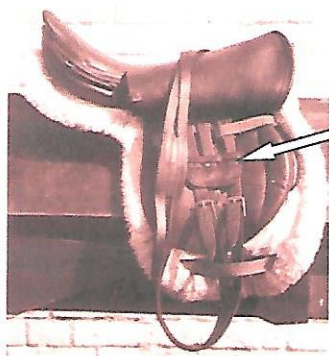
SURCINGLES

- **Surcingles are compulsory on a saddle with a single buckle girth**
- Surcingles are permitted in all activities and must be correctly fitted.
- Surcingles must be buckled on the left hand (near) side of the horse/pony
- Surcingles must not be tighter than the girth
- Surcingles must not impede any part of the stirrup leather



BUCKLE GUARDS

- The use of Buckle Guards is optional but is strongly recommended for girths that buckle under the saddle flaps.
- Their purpose is to protect the saddle flap from the buckles of the girth which can rub holes in the saddle flap.
- It is less expensive to buy Buckle Guards than it is to replace a saddle flap!



The Buckle Guard on this saddle needs to be pulled down over the girth buckles to be effective

The Numnah is correctly attached to the saddle.

SADDLE CLOTHS/NUMNAHS

- Saddle Cloths/Numnahs must be clean, larger than the saddle, and pulled up into the gullet of the saddle with no wrinkles. They should be positioned so that the weight of the saddle does not come onto a fold or on to the binding
- Correctly fitted risers and gel pads are permitted
- It is better not to wear more than one Saddle Cloth or Numnah as this increases the tendency to slip and moves the rider further from contact with the horse
- Saddle Cloth/Numnah loops to be used or removed
- Saddle Cloths/Numnahs must be in Club primary colour (contrast edging permitted), or white, for Efficiency Certificates
- Saddle Cloths/Numnahs must be in Club or Zone (as applicable) primary colour (contrast edging permitted), or white, for Competition, Presentations, Demonstrations etc.
- Club/Zone logo permitted. Maximum size for Logo to be 7cms x 7cms.
- All team members must have the same Saddle Cloths/Numnahs
- *A Saddle Cloth's or Numnah's purpose is to absorb sweat, not to pad up an ill fitting saddle.*

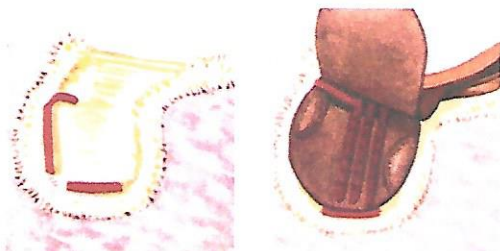
1. SADDLE CLOTHS

A Saddle Cloth is a rectangular shaped pad usually made of cotton, felt, wool, sheepskin, synthetic fleece or fabric.

2. NUMNAHS

A Numnah is a shaped pad usually made of sheepskin, synthetic fleece, cotton, or wool.

It must be approx 2.5cm (1") larger than the saddle all round.



The top loop is fitted over one of the girth straps to hold it in position. The girth fastens through the lower loop for greater security.



The Numnah must be pulled well up into the front arch of the saddle to avoid pressure on the withers.

Buckle Guard needed to protect saddle flap from the girth buckles