The South African Pony Club

SADDLERY ACHIEVEMENT BADGE

GUIDELINES:

To be able to name parts of and to put on a saddle and a snaffle bridle. To know about the care and cleaning of tack.
To be able to identify common bits: Eggbutt / Loose ring snaffle, Pelham, French link, Dr Bristol, Kimblewick.

Recommended Reading:

The Manual of Horsemanship – Chapter 26, Pages 271 to 293

KEYPOINTS:

Identification of parts of a snaffle bridle, e.g. throat lash, nose band, brow band.
Identification of parts of the saddle, e.g. pommel, cantle, flaps, stirrup leathers, stirrup-irons.
Discuss the importance of cleaning tack: avoidance of galls and rubs, less likely to snap, prevent mould.
Equipment / cleaning items needed.
Identification of bits as listed above.

TEACHING, TESTING IDEAS AND RESOURCES:

Practical sessions can encourage members to identify tack and to show how they would clean them.
Practical sessions when identifying bits can be used to introduce additional information, such as which bits are acceptable in Pony Club competitions. (See Discipline Rule Books)

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