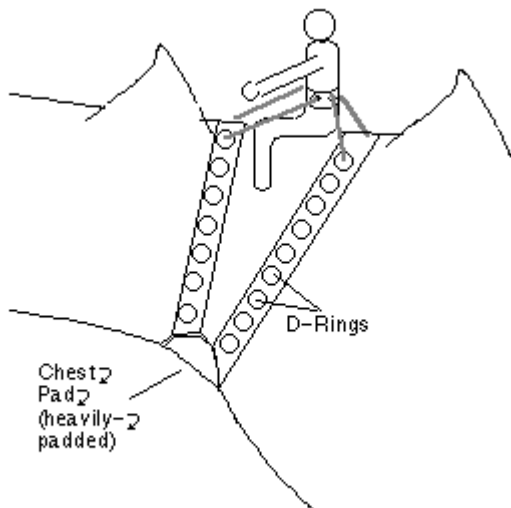

Overview of Riding Straps

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Riding straps are supple, padded, and yet strong leather straps that are placed around the dragon's neck. They are positioned between the last neck ridge and the first back ridge. The dragonrider wears a wide leather belt that has D-rings on it. A thinner, but strong leather strap is clipped to a D-ring on the belt with the other end of the strap being clipped to a D-ring on the riding strap.

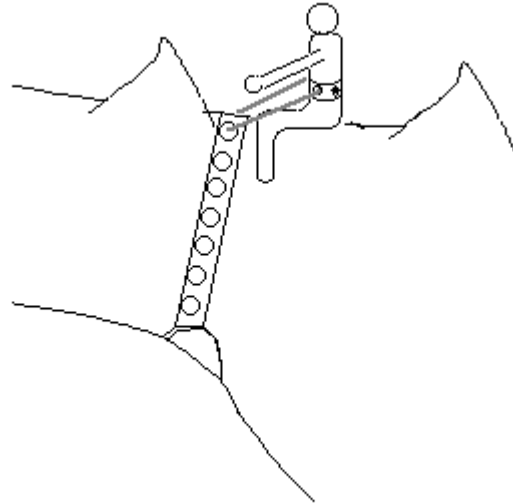
Fighting Straps

Because of the sudden changes in direction and speed required for fighting Thread, the fighting straps consist of two leather straps. The dragonrider uses four of the smaller straps to secure himself to the riding straps.



If more people are riding on the dragon, they too wear the wide leather belts and secure themselves to the other D-rings using the thinner straps.

Weyrling Straps



The first riding straps created by a weyrling is made up of only one strap. That is because the weyrling will not be fighting Thread and so the strength of two straps isn't needed. The single strap riding straps are also much easier for a weyrling to make and are more comfortable on the dragonet (who is not used to have straps around his or her neck). The weyrling secures herself to the riding straps using only two of the smaller straps (more straps won't be required as the dragon will not be performing any fancy maneuvers at this stage).