

## 12.2. Shoulder shims:



Shims provide extra support for a prominent wither and fill the “tree point hollows” either side of it.



*Shims support the front of the saddle to give lift over the wither and can also be used to help balance the rider by raising the front of the saddle and placing weight back over seatbones.*



*To fit shims:*

*Tack up your horse as you would normally with a saddle cloth and saddle, then before girthing up, ease up the front of the saddle in order to slide the shim into place between the saddle and the saddle cloth.*



*Shims can also be used in conjunction with a DSP to give extra support, when they should be fitted on the underside of the DSP, next to the horse.*

*They can also be placed inside the DSP cover by opening the Velcro back seam.*



Shims can be velcroed directly onto the saddlecloth which will help ensure correct placement

Although the material is tough and long lasting, if the shims are being moved frequently, the soft leather covered option will protect and make the foam more durable.