



BETA GUIDE TO HAT and BODY PROTECTOR RULE CHANGES 2016

This is a summary of the rules pertaining primarily to the allowable standards for key disciplines and riding organisations. For the sake of brevity and to avoid repetition, the full version of each rule is not detailed but can be obtained from the discipline itself or BETA in many cases.

Hats marked solely with (BS) EN1384 hats are only allowed in 2016 by the following:

The Showing Council members, including BSPS
Riding for the Disabled
British Dressage
Endurance GB (at least until the end of 2016 or until a new standard is introduced)
Trec GB (until 1 October 2016)
British Horseracing Authority: (BS) 1384 (2012 version only)
UK Polocrosse Association

HAT RULES

In general across the board a protective hat is required for all mounted activity, whether competing or not in all of the below, unless stated otherwise (eg. in certain BD and BE classes)

BRITISH DRESSAGE

Protective headwear must meet one of the following standards:

PAS 1998 & 2011 with Kitemark
VG1 with Kitemark
ASTM F1163 04a onwards with SEI mark
SNELL E2001
AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards.

(BS) EN1384 may be worn until 31st December 2016 but not thereafter.

Top hats or uniform caps are permitted as an exception to this rule only for Advanced to Grand Prix classes (including FEI Young Rider level) but only for the warm up directly prior to the competition (which may include riding from horse box park/stable to warm up arena) and competition test.

In the case of rule queries contact: Sandra Hill, Sport development officer
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BRITISH EVENTING

Protective Headwear, as listed below, must be worn by Competitors at all times when mounted in BE80(T), BE90, BE100 and BE100 Plus classes.

When jumping, including warming up, all Competitors must wear 'Protective Headwear' i.e. a hat which meets one of the following standards:

PAS 1998 & 2011 with Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark
VG1 with Kitemark or Inspec IC Mark
ASTM F1163 04a onwards with SEI mark
SNELL E2001
AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards with SAI Global Mark.

'Protective Headwear' must have been checked by an official to make sure that it is labelled with one of the above standards and then marked with a visible current BE 'hat tag'. The tag in 2016 is red.

For the Cross Country phase, only a "Jockey Skull" may be worn, this must have no peak, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front and should have an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used if required.

In the case of rule queries, contact either

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BRITISH HORSERACING AUTHORITY

Permitted standards in 2016 – (BS)EN 1384 2012 & PAS015 2011

BRITISH RIDING CLUB/ BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY

Rules apply to British Riding Clubs activity and competition, BHS registered Riding Schools and exams.

Standards accepted for use in 2016 are:

PAS 1998 & 2011 with Kitemark

VG1 with Kitemark

ASTM F1163 04a onwards with SEI mark

SNELL E2001

AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards.

'Protective Headwear' must have been checked by an official to make sure that it is labelled with one of the above standards and then marked with a visible current BRC hat tag. The tag in 2016 is orange.

For Cross Country phase, only a "Jockey Skull" may be worn, this must have no peak, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front and should have an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used if required.

Hats which bear EN1384 or BSEN1384 along with another standard from the above list, will be tagged. For example, BSEN1384 & PAS015 (1998 or 2011) along with the Kitemark, would be acceptable, but not BSEN1384 on its own.

In case of queries about hat rules contact Sarah Phillips, British Horse Society: Tel: 02476 840518

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BRITISH SHOWJUMPING

Protective headwear must meet one of the following standards:

PAS 1998 & 2011 with Kitemark

VG1 with Kitemark

ASTM F1163 04a onwards with SEI mark

SNELL E2001

AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards.

In the case of rule queries contact: Justine Naylor, National Director of Sport, Tel: 07584 706457 or 02476 698805. E: Justine.Naylor@britishshowjumping.co.uk

ENDURANCE GB

The (BS) EN1384 will continue to be accepted at least until the end of 2016, or until the new standard is available.

In addition hats to the following standards will also be allowed:

PAS 1998 & 2011 with Kitemark
VG1 with Kitemark
ASTM F1163 2004a with SEI mark
SNELL E2001
AS/NZS 3838 2006 with SAI mark

THE PONY CLUB

Protective headwear must meet one of the following standards:

PAS 1998 & 2011 with Kitemark
VG1 with Kitemark
ASTM F1163 2004a with SEI mark
SNELL E2001
AS/NZS 3838 1998, 2003 or 2006
NOCSAE certificate (Polo only)

Hats tagged with the white Pony Club or red BE tag are accepted in 2016.

For cross-country riding (over fences 0.80m high and above), including Eventing, Tetrathlon and Horse Trials and also Pony Racing and Mounted Games (whether it be tests, rallies, competition or training) a jockey skull as detailed in the BE rules must be worn.

In the case of rule queries contact: Stephanie Brazier, Health, Safety and Safeguarding Secretary:
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RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Until the end of 2016 the (BS) EN1384 will continue to be accepted.

From 1 January 2017 the following standards will be accepted:

PAS 1998 & 2011 with Kitemark
ASTM F1163 2004a with SEI mark
Snell 2001
VG1

In the case of queries contact Fiona Harris, Coaching Co-ordinator.
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SHOWING COUNCIL

Hats with the BS/EN1384 standard will continue to be permitted for use in affiliated showing competitions throughout 2016 for those bodies which are Members of The Showing Council. For full list of Member Bodies please see The Showing Council website www.theshowingcouncil.co.uk

The Showing Council Member Bodies will be removing the BS/EN1384 from the list of recommended standards from the 1st January 2017.

NB: The Showing Council Member Bodies are allowing the BS/EN1384 standard to be worn until at least January 2017, however this may be extended depending on the publication of the new harmonised European standard, the date for which has yet to be confirmed. Equally, should a new European standard be agreed prior to 1st January 2017, The Showing Council Member Bodies reserve the right to update their Rules accordingly.

For further information contact David Ingle, Chairman of the Showing Council,
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UK POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION

Protective headwear must meet one of the following standards:

(BS) EN1384 with Kitemark – 2016 only

PAS 1998 & 2011 with Kitemark

VG1 with Kitemark

ASTM F1163 2004a with SEI mark

SNELL E2001

AS/NZS 3838 1998, 2003 or 2006

NOCSAE certificate (Polo only)

Commonly seen symbols on hats:



PAS1998
Kitemarked



PAS2011
Kitemarked



VG1
IC MARK



VG1
Kitemark



SNELL 2001 label



ASTM F1163
SEI Mark



AS/NZS 3838
SAI Mark

BODY PROTECTORS

The rules remain largely the same throughout 2016 with one major exception, that being the Pony Club who have made a relatively major revision.

British Eventing- retain their rule requiring BETA 2000 or 2009 Level 3 body protectors. When an airvest is worn it must be worn with a relevant standard body protector. BE is considering deleting the BETA 2000 standard from their rule. The timing is yet to be decided and will potentially depend on the timing of the revision to the EN13158/BETA standards which is in draft but not expected to be finalised before the end of 2017. BE are likely to advise riders later this year that from 2018 garments labelled with BETA 2000 Level 3 will no longer be accepted.

The Pony Club – The Pony Club does not make the use of body protectors compulsory, except for all Cross Country riding and Pony Racing whether it be training or competing. **Body Protectors used for Cross Country and Pony Racing must meet BETA 2009 Level 3 standard (purple label) henceforth (ie 2016 onwards).**