



PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENTS AT FEI EVENTS

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PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR RULE N°1:

The use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear is mandatory while riding on the show grounds
(article 140.1, General Regulations)

Athletes failing to comply after being notified to do so by an Official are sanctioned with a Yellow Warning Card.



This rule applies in all Disciplines.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR RULE N°2: The Disciplines rules apply when riding...

1. In the competition arena, adjacent warm-up areas, and from one to the other; and
2. From the stables for the purpose of competing.



JUMPING

Jumping Rules, 25th edition, 1 January 2014, updates effective 1 January 2015

Athlete / Competition category	Protective Headgear requirement	Relevant article	Additional provisions
All but Senior *	A properly fastened protective headgear with a three point retention harness at all times when mounted.	Art. 256.1.4	<p style="text-align: center;">Sanction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the discretion of the Ground Jury, Athletes who are improperly dressed may be refused permission to take part in the Competition. • An athlete who jumps or attempts to jump an obstacle with a retention harness incorrectly fastened may be eliminated.
Senior *	May (at their own risk) remove their headgear while accepting prizes, during the playing of the National anthem and any other ceremonial protocol.	Art. 256.1.4	

* Art. 124 GRs: "Athletes may take part in FEI Senior Competitions and Championships from the beginning of the year they reach the age of (eighteen) 18 [...]".

DRESSAGE

Dressage Rules, 25h edition, effective 1st January 2015

Athlete / Competition category	Protective Headgear requirements	Relevant article	Additional provisions
All	At all times when mounted	Art. 427	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanction: prohibition from further riding until the protective headgear is properly in place. • Protective headgear is recommended for the persons presenting the horse in a horse inspection.
Athletes aged 19 years and older riding horses aged 7 years and older	May remove their protective headgear when competing, warming-up directly prior to the Competition, riding between the stable and the warm-up area , riding of the competing horse in the warm up area, and riding back to the stable.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An athlete is considered to be 19 years old from the beginning of the calendar year (1st of January) in which he reaches the age of 19.

EVENTING

Rules for Eventing, 24th Edition effective 1 January 2015

Athlete / Competition category	Protective Headgear requirement	Relevant article	Additional provisions
All - Jumping & Cross-Country tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of a properly fastened protective headgear is mandatory. Senior Athletes may be allowed to remove their Headgear while accepting prizes or during the national anthem. It is recommended that they do not remove their headgear during the lap of honor. 	Art. 538.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protective headgear must comply with any of the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), Australian/New Zealand tested standards. Failure to wear protective headgear where and when required after being notified to do so by an Official shall result in a Yellow Warning Card
All - Dressage test	The Dressage Rules apply.	538.2.1	

ENDURANCE

Rules for Endurance Events, 9th Edition, effective 1 January 2014

Athlete / Competition category	Protective Headgear requirements	Relevant article	Additional provisions
All persons	Protective headgear, of a recognised equestrian/endurance standard and securely fastened, is compulsory at all Endurance events when mounted.	Art. 809.1	-

PARA DRESSAGE

Para-Equestrian Dressage Rules, 3rd Edition, effective 1st January 2011, including modifications for 1 January 2015

Athlete / Competition category	Protective Headgear requirements	Relevant article	Additional provisions
All persons	At all times when mounted.	Art. 8427.1.3	Sanction: no further riding until Protective Headgear is properly in place.

DRIVING/PARA DRIVING

FEI Driving Rules and Para-Equestrian Driving Rules, 11th Edition, effective 1 January 2014

Athlete / Competition category	Protective Headgear requirements	Relevant article	Additional provisions
Senior * - Dressage and Cones phases	No requirement	Art. 928.1	-
Senior * - Marathon phase	Athletes and Grooms must wear securely fastened Protective headgear.	Art. 928.2.2.2	Sanction: elimination
Children/Juniors *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At all times whilst on Carriage. • Strongly recommended during Horse Inspections. 	Art. 928.3.1	

* as defined in article 912

REINING

Rules for Reining Events, 4th Edition, 1st January 2012, updates effective 1 January 2015

Athlete / Competition category	Protective Headgear requirements	Relevant article	Additional provisions
Athletes aged above 18	Athletes may wear either a western hat or a safety helmet.	Art. 303.1	
Athletes aged under 18	Athletes under the age of 18 years old must wear a protective headgear at all times while riding.	Art. 303.2	

VAULTING

Vaulting Rules, 9th Edition, effective 1 January 2015

Athlete / Competition category	Protective Headgear requirements	Relevant article	Additional provisions
All	When riding	Art. 719.5, 727.2	Sanction: Yellow Warning Card.
Vaulters	No requirement when vaulting	-	-

Questions?

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