



THE FEI “HELMET RULE” AT A GLANCE

Starting 1 January 2013, the use of a properly fastened Protective Headgear will be mandatory while riding on the show grounds (article 140.1, General Regulations).

- This rule applies in all Disciplines
- “Protective Headgear” is defined as “appropriate helmet or Headgear that is in compliance with the applicable international testing standards” (Glossary, General Regulations).
- 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, being issued to the Athlete.

In the field of play¹, the sports rules apply, and each Discipline has its own rule rules. See the below table summary for details.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR RULES FOR THE FIELD OF PLAY	
JUMPING Jumping Rules, 24th edition, 1 January 2012 Updates effective 1 January 2013	Protective headgear is mandatory. <u>Exception:</u> Senior Athletes may be allowed to remove their Headgear for ceremonial protocol in the Competition Arena only. (art. 256.1.4).
EVENTING Rules for Eventing, 24rd Edition effective 1 January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jumping and Cross-country tests: wearing a properly fastened Protective Headgear complying with the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), or Australian/New Zealand tested standards, is compulsory for anyone jumping an obstacle (art. 537.1.1)- At the Dressage test, the Dressage rules apply. (art. 537.2.1 and 537.2.2)

¹ The term “field of play” is used here for ease of reading and covers the competition arena venue and adjacent warm-up areas, as well as riding from one to the other and from the stables for the purposes of competing (article 140.1 General Regulations).



PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR RULES FOR THE FIELD OF PLAY

<p>DRESSAGE Dressage Rules, 24th edition, effective 1st January 2011, Updates effective 1 January 2013</p>	<p>Protective headgear is mandatory. <u>Exception:</u> Athletes 18 years and older, riding Horses seven (7) years and older may wear a top hat/bowler instead of Protective Headgear at the actual Competition and the warming-up directly prior to the Competition (with no break before the Competition), which includes 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. A Protective Headgear formed as a top hat may be used in the same situations as a standard top hat. (art. 427.1)</p>
<p>PARA DRESSAGE Rules for Para-Equestrian Dressage Events 3rd Edition, including modifications for 1 January 2013</p>	<p>Protective headgear is mandatory (art. 8427.1.3)</p>
<p>ENDURANCE Rules for Endurance Events, 8th Edition, effective 1 January 2013</p>	<p>Protective headgear is mandatory (art. 809.1).</p>
<p>DRIVING/PARA EQUESTRIAN DRIVING Rules for Driving Events, 10th Edition, effective 1 January 2009, updates effective 1 January 2013</p>	<p>Protective Headgear is mandatory. <u>Exception:</u> Adults in Sections other than E (art. 917.6.2).</p>
<p>REINING Rules for Reining Events, 4th Edition, 1st January 2012, updates effective 1 January 2013</p>	<p>Protective Headgear is not mandatory: Athletes may wear either a western hat or a safety helmet (art. 303.1).</p>
<p>VAULTING Rules for Vaulting Events, 8th Edition, 1st January 2012, updates effective 1 January 2013</p>	<p>Protective Headgear is not mandatory.</p>