



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	
<p>JUMPING Jumping Rules, 24th edition, 1 January 2012 Updates effective 1 January 2013</p>	<p>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).</p>
<p>EVENTING Rules for Eventing, 24rd Edition effective 1 January 2013</p>	<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children competitions: Protective Headgear is mandatory - Senior competitions: Protective Headgear is mandatory only in Section E of the Marathon Phase (art. 917.6.2).
<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>