

Current approved safety standards for helmets

As per the EA General Regulations, Article 122.2: Dress and Salute, the following will apply:

Except where Sport Rules allows otherwise, riders and drivers competing in an EA competition, must wear an approved helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times. The same is recommended when riding a horse at any time.

Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard **AS/NZS 3838** (2006 onwards) *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- New Australian standard **ARB HS 2012** *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- Current American standard **ASTM F1163** (2004a or 04a onwards) *provided they are SEI marked.*
- Current American standard **SNELL E2001**.
- Current British standard **PAS 015** (1998 or 2011) *provided they are BSI Kitemarked.*
- Interim European Standard **VG1** (01.040: 2014-12) *with or without BSI Kitemark.*
- **VG1** (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark (remains until 31 December 2026). From 1 January 2027, VG1 must be accompanied by a quality testing label (Safety Mark). eg BSI kitemark or InspecC
- **EN1384:2023** with a quality testing label (Safety Mark) eg BSI kitemark or InspecC



BSI Kitemarked: *(the BSI Kitemarked logo can look different depending on the year of manufacturing of your helmet. This is only given as an EXAMPLE)*

SAI Global marked: 

SEI marked: 

NOTES :

- Helmet Manufacturers generally recommend replacing your helmet every 5 years or so.
- If you have a hard-blow impact accident while wearing your helmet, it is recommended to immediately replace it for a new model. There may be damage to the helmet that is not visible to the naked eye.
- It is the rider's responsibility to wear the approved standard.